

Codex Conquest

Books

The Book Catalog represents the books available for game play.

Each country has one manuscript to start their library, which represents the unique cultural heritage of each region. The manuscripts are worth an equal amount (+++++) and function as books, as they can be retained, traded, or lost.

Books available for the book trade are listed below by their century of origin. Each century has two books for each country/region, with the exception of the Americas, which did not publish books until the 16th century when Juan Pablos established a printing press in Mexico City. Books also have their genre indicated.

Each book is given a market value, denoted by the credit sign, +. Each credit sign correlates to a book's most recent auction value as of 2016:

- Books between 1 and 10,000 USD = +
- Books between 10,000 and 50,000 USD = ++
- Books between 51,000 and 1 million USD = +++
- Books between 1 and 5 million USD = ++++
- Books above 5 million USD = +++++

Each + is one token. Books must be purchased for the number of tokens designated on the card when they are first released into the market. After a country purchases a book, the owning country sets its value; the owner can choose to maintain the book's value at the same amount it was purchased or inflate/decrease it depending on their needs.

Books may remain on the market if they are not purchased. Therefore, as the game progresses through time, books left over from previous centuries may remain available.

Auction books may be triggered by an event card. One auction is possible in each century, although a century's auction card may not be selected, allowing that century to pass without an auction. All auction books are worth + as their value in the game is not correlated to their real-world value. Auction books must be purchased in a set of four, so the minimum reserve price at auction is 4 +. Players can bid against one another for the set of auction books, raising their price. Auction books can be subdivided in a side deal after the sale is finalized to the purchasing country.

Books can be stolen or discarded. Books are stolen when a country wishes to negotiate with an owner for a book and the owning country refuses. The country seeking to negotiate can then issue an educational challenge, and steal the book if they correctly answer three of the book's five facts, listed below. (Alternative names are also listed and can be used as an additional option for a fact when applicable.) The winner of an educational challenge does not need to pay the owner for the book; for this reason, the item is considered stolen after a correct educational challenge. Books are discarded due to the dictates of CHANCE cards. After all, books are often lost to history; likewise, books in this game may be pulled from play by the whims of CHANCE.

To win, players must create as many of collections as possible by the end of the twentieth century. Complete collections are worth double at the end of the game, whereas individual books are worth only their credit value:

- National Canon: Collect six books from one country.
- Most Valuable Books: Collect four of the six most valuable books in the game (MVB).
- Specialty: Collect six books within the same genre.
- Personal Interest: Collect eight books within an interest area articulated by a player.

Whoever holds the most valuable set of collections wins.

Notes on the Catalog

National Canon

To form a national canon collection, players must collect six books from one country. The country does not need to be their own, nor does the purchase price of each book matter.

Every century's market contains two books per country, adding up to a total of 12 books potentially available for collectors interested in forming a national canon.

Most Valuable Books

The most valuable books are books with a sale price of over 5 million USD, which correlates to 5 credits in the economy of the History of the Book: The Game.

Players who wish to seek the most valuable books collecting strategy must acquire four of the six following volumes:

- *The Gutenberg Bible*, 15th century
- *The Canterbury Tales*, 15th century
- *Mr William Shakespeares Comedies, Histories, & Tragedies (First Folio)*, 17th century
- *Bay Psalm Book*, 17th century
- *Histoire de ma vie*, 18th century
- *Birds of America*, 19th century

Note that only one most valuable book collection can be accrued in the entire game.

Specialty

Specialty collections focus on one subject area. Note, however, that not all subjects have enough titles to allow a player to create a complete collection; these cards may instead be used as items to help form a national canon or a most valuable books collection or just to add to the overall value of a library.

Genres available on the market include:

- Cartography: 4
- History: 3
- Language: 1
- Philosophy: 8
- Poetry: 7
- Prose: 19
- Religion: 11
- Science: 9
- Sports: 1
- Theater: 9

MANUSCRIPTS

Annales iuvavenses, Germany, +++++

Also Known As: Annals of Salzburg

Genre: History

Year: 9th and 10th centuries

Author:

Why Important: First mention of Vienna, notes the location of the Battle of Pressburg in 907, and documents the assassination attempt of King Carloman in 878; it now exists only in fragments.

Divine Comedy, Italy, +++++

Genre: Poetry

Year: Mid 1300s

Author: Dante Alighieri

Why Important: A masterpiece of world literature and the most important work of Italian letters, the Comedy comes in three books: the *Inferno*, *Purgatorio*, and *Paradiso*.

Las Huelgas Apocalypse, Spain, +++++

Also Known As: *Revelation*

Genre: Religion

Year: 1220

Author: N/A

Why Important: Part of a 500 year series on commentaries on the Apocalypse.

The Rothschild Prayerbook, Flanders, +++++

Genre: Religion

Year: Early 1500s

Author: N/A

Why Important: The most expensive illuminated manuscript sold, it is considered a set of renaissance paintings within the pages of a book.

Lindisfarne Gospels, England, +++++

Genre: Religion

Year: Early 8th century

Author: N/A, Artist Eadfrith, Monk from Northumbria

Why Important: Extremely costly to produce, it is a treasure from the period between the Celtic and Roman church in Britain written in Latin and then annotated in Anglo-Saxon; this manuscript shows the earliest trace of the English gospels.

La Historia Universal de las Cosas de Nueva España, Americas, +++++

Also Known As: *The Universal History of the Things of New Spain, The Florentine Codex*

Genre: History

Author: Nahuatl men commissioned by Bernardino de Sahagún

Why Important: Most complete account of Aztec culture and one of the most significant accounts of non-Western culture, includes over 2,000 illustrations to discuss religion, philosophy, history, and science.

FIFTEENTH CENTURY

The Gutenberg Bible, Germany, +++++ (MVB)

Genre: Religion

Year Published: 1455

Author: NA

Why Important: First book to be printed with movable type, initiating the beginning of printed books.

Liber Chronicarum, Germany, +++

Also Known As: *Nuremberg Chronicle*

Genre: History

Year Published: 1493

Author: Hartmann Schedel

Why Important: This book is one of the first to integrate text and woodblock illustrations together.

Geographia Cosmographia, Italy, ++++

Also Known As: *Geography of the Cosmos*

Genre: Cartography

Year Published: 1477

Author: Claudius Ptolemy

Why Important: Represents second century Roman knowledge of cartography.

Epistolae ad familiares, Italy, +

Also Known As: *Familiar Letters*

Genre: Philosophy

Year Published: 1469

Author: Cicero

Why Important: First book printed in Venice, Italy.

Gramatica de la lengua castellana, Spain, +

Also Known As: *Grammar of the Castilian Language*

Genre: Language

Year Published: 1492

Author: Antonio de Nebrija

Why Important: First grammar for Castilian Spanish; presented to Queen Isabella I and King Ferdinand II.

Obres e trobes en lahors de la Verge Maria, Spain, +

Also Known As: *Works and Trials in the life of Virgin Mary*

Genre: Religion

Year Published: 1474

Author: Jordi de Centelles

Why Important: First book printed in Spain.

Gasparini Pergamensis Epistolae, France, +

Also Known As: *Gasparinus' Letters*

Genre: Prose

Year Published: 1470

Author: Gasparinus de Bergame

Why Important: First book printed in Paris, France.

Manipulus curatorum, France, +

Also Known As: *The Manual of the Curate*

Genre: Religion

Year Published: 1478

Author: Guido de Monte Rochen

Why Important: Created by the German printer who was invited to Paris to create French incunabula.

The Canterbury Tales, England, +++++ (MVB)

Genre: Poetry

Year Published: 1477

Author: Geoffrey Chaucer

Why Important: One of the most significant texts of the Western canon and printed by William Caxton.

Recuyell of the Historyes of Troye, England, ++++

Also Known As: *Recall of the History of Troy*

Genre: History

Year Published: 1475

Author: Raoul Lefevre

Why Important: First book printed in English after translation from the French and printed by William Caxton.

SIXTEENTH CENTURY

Diallage, Germany, +

Also Known As: *Dialogue, Conciliatio locorum Scripturae/Favored Speaking Scripture*

Genre: Religion

Year Published: 1525

Translator: Sebastian Franck (also known as Franck von Word)

Why Important: The German translation of the *Diallage* by Andrew Althamer, which is a diatribe against Sacramentarians and Anabaptists.

Von dem grossen Lutherischen Narren wie ihr Murner beschworen hat, Germany, +

Also Known As: *On the Great Lutheran Fool*

Genre: Religion

Year Published: 1522

Author: Thomas Murner

Why Important: This book is a virulent satire of Martin Luther.

La Celestina, Spain, +

Also Known As: *Celestina, Tragicomedia de Calisto y Melibea*

Genre: Theater

Year Published: 1500 (Toledo version)

Author: Fernando de Rojas

Why Important: This book marks the transition from medieval to Renaissance Spanish literature.

La Perfecta Casada, Spain, +

Also Known As: *The Perfect Wife*

Genre: Religion

Year Published: 1583

Author: Fray Luis de León

Why Important: This book is an interpretation of Solomon written as a conduct manual for newly married women; it became widely popular.

Commedia di Dante, Italy, ++

Also Known As: *The Divine Comedy*

Genre: Poetry

Year Published: 1506

Author: Dante Alighieri

Why Important: One of the greatest works of Western literature.

La Sofonisba, Tragedia, Di Nuovo con Somma Diligenza Corretta Ristampata, Italy, +

Also Known As: *Sofonisba*

Genre: Theater

Year Published: Listed as 1524, 1569?

Author: Gian Giorgio Trissino, also known as Giovan Giorgio Trissino

Why Important: First Italian vernacular tragedy to follow a Greek model.

Les Œuvres, France, ***

Also Known As: *The Works*

Genre: Poetry

Year Published: 1553
Author: Clément Marot
Why Important: These are the first sonnets in French.

Five books of the lives, heroic deeds, and sayings of Gargantua and his son Pantagruel, France, +
Also Known As: *Gargantua and Pantagruel*

Genre: Prose
Year Published: 1534
Author: Francois Rebelais
Why Important: Rebelais is a significant French Renaissance writer known for his use of caricature.

The English Secretarie, England, +

Genre: Philosophy
Year Published: 1586
Author: Angel Day
Why Important: This book went through 10 editions rapidly; it taught art of letter writing.

An Atlas of England and Wales, England, +++

Genre: Cartography
Year Published: 1579
Author: Christopher Saxon
Why Important: Shows Queen Elizabeth as patron of Astronomy and Geography; also includes most important and first map of the area by the father of English cartography, Christopher Saxton.

Doctrina en lengua mixteca, Americas, +

Also Known As: *Doctrine in the Mexican Language*
Genre: Religion
Year Published: 1539
Author: Juan de Zumarraga
Why Important: This is the first book published in the Americas, by Juan Pablos in Mexico City; also, the book is a bilingual text written in both Spanish and Nahuatl.

Manuale Sacramentorum secundum vsum Ecclesie mexicane, Americas, +

Also Known As: *Second Sacred Manuel for Mexican Ecclesia*
Genre: Religion
Year Published: 1560
Author: Catholic Church
Why Important: This book was the last work published by Juan Pablos in Mexico City.

SEVENTEENTH CENTURY

Carolus Stuardus, Germany, +

Genre: Theater

Year Published: 1657

Author: Andreas Gryphius (also known as Andreas Greif)

Why Important: This lyric poet and dramatist is one of the most significant German dramatic writers.

Simplicius Simplicissimus, German, +

Also Known As: *Der abenteuerliche Simplicissimus Teutsch/The life of an odd vagrant named Melchior Sternfels von Fuchshaim*

Genre: Prose

Year Published: 1668

Author: Hans Jakob Christoph von Grimmelshausen

Why Important: Inspired by true events, this novel became incredibly popular throughout Europe.

Istoria e dimostrazioni intorno alle macchie solari e loro accidenti, Italy, +++

Also Known As: *Galileo's Defense of the Copernican Theory*

Genre: Science

Year Published: 1613

Author: Galileo Galilei

Why Important: One of the most significant texts in the history of science.

Dell'elixir Vitae, Italy, ++

Also Known As: *The Elixir of Life*

Genre: Science

Year Published: 1624

Author: per Secondino Roncagliolo

Why Important: An extremely rare book on distillation and alchemy; the author tried to experiment with immortality and the elixir of life.

Don Quixote, Spain, ++++

Genre: Prose

Year Published: 1605

Author: Miguel de Cervantes

Why Important: This is the most significant novel in Spanish as well as one of the most important novels in the world.

La Cvna, Y La Sepvltvra para el conocimiento propio, Spain, +

Also Known As: *The Cradle and the Grave for the Proper Knowledge*

Genre: Religion

Year Published: 1634

Author: Francisco de Quevedo

Why Important: Quevedo wrote during the Spanish Baroque era in the conceptismo style (rapid, witty, concise).

A Fine Composite Atlas of French and Dutch Maps, France, +++

Genre: Cartography

Year Published: 1655

Author: Nicholas Sanson D'Abbeville

Why Important: French cartographers were considered the best in the sixteenth and the seventeenth century; this atlas includes a number of foreign maps, including India and the Philipians.

Le Jardin du Roy Tres Crestien Henry IV, France, +++

Also Known As: *The Garden of King Henry IV*

Genre: Science

Year Published: 1608

Author: Pierre Vallet

Why Important: Marie de Medici was the Queen of France; her love of flowers established a court tradition and this book of flowers for her set a standard for natural illustration.

Mr William Shakespeares Comedies, Histories, & Tragedies, England, +++++ (MVB)

Also Known As: *The First Folio*

Genre: Theater

Year Published: 1623

Author: William Shakespeare

Why Important: One of the most important sets of works in the Western canon from the most important author of the English language.

King James Bible, England, +++

Genre: Religion

Year Published: 1611

Author: N/A

Why Important: The English translation of the Bible for the Church of England, this version became the most common translation of the Bible as well as the most widely printed book in history.

Theatro d'el orbe de la Tierra, Americas, +++

Also Known As: *Theater of the Globe of the Earth*

Genre: Cartography

Year Published: 1602

Author: Abraham Ortelius

Why Important: Published in Antwerp, this atlas contains significant cartographic improvements in portraying South America as well as Mexico, California, and North America; additionally, it includes the landmark map "America Sive Novi Orbis Nova Descriptio" (America, or New World, Newly Described).

Bay Psalm Book, Americas, +++++ (MVB)

Genre: Religion

Year Published: 1640

Author: John Eliot, Richard Mather

Why Important: This book was the first printed in British North America; it set a record for highest amount paid for a printed book.

EIGHTEENTH CENTURY

Wissenschaftslehre, Germany, +

Also Known As: *Science of Knowledge*

Genre: Philosophy

Year Published: 1794

Author: Johann Gottlieb Fichte

Why Important: Author of the I vs. not-I philosophy, Fichte was a transcendental idealist and philosopher who built from Kant's work.

Critik der reinen Vernunft, Germany, ++

Also Known As: *Critique of Pure Reason*

Genre: Philosophy

Year Published: 1781

Author: Immanuel Kant

Why Important: One of the most important works in Western philosophy.

Teatro crítico universal, Spain, +

Also Known As: *Universal Critical Theater*

Genre: Philosophy

Year Published: 1736

Author: Fray Benito Jerónimo Feijoo y Montenegro

Why Important: Affiliated with the Age of Enlightenment and Educational Reform in Spain, Fray Benito Jerónimo Feijoo y Montenegro was a populist who wanted to eliminate superstition.

El sí de Las Niñas La Comedia Nueva o El cafe Poesías, Spain, +

Also Known As: *The Maidens' Consent*

Genre: Theater

Year Published: 1801

Author: Leandro Fernández de Moratín

Why Important: Leandro Fernández de Moratín is the most important neoclassical playwright. Unfortunately, his play was denounced under the Inquisition of Ferdinand VII.

Il servitore di due padroni, Italy, +++

Also Known As: *The Servant of Two Masters*

Genre: Theater

Year Published: 1746

Author: Carlo Goldoni

Why Important: This play highlights the practice of stock characters in commedia dell'arte.

Histoire de ma vie, Italy, +++++ (MVB)

Also Known As: *Mémoires de Jacques Casanova/The Memoirs of Jacques Casanova*, an earlier but bowdlerized (censored) edition; *Histoire de ma vie jusqu'à l'an 1797/History of my Life until the year 1797*

Genre: Prose

Year Published: 1797

Author: Giacomo Casanova

Why Important: Casanova's memoir provides what many critics consider the best discussion of eighteenth century European life.

Encyclopédie, France, +

Also Known As: *Encyclopaedia*

Genre: Science

Year Published: 1751-65

Author: Denis Diderot and Jean Le Rond d'Alembert

Why Important: This is the first Western Encyclopedia; eventually, the project incurred Pope Clement XIII's censorship.

Traite des Arbres Fruitiere, France, ++++

Also Known As: *Traits of Fruit Trees*

Genre: Science

Year Published: 1768

Author: Henri-Louis Duhamel du Monceau

Why Important: This book illustrates pruning and grafting of fruit trees; it was listed as one of the ten most expensive books of 2006 by *Fine Books Magazine*.

The First Book of Urizen, England, ++++

Also Known As: *Book of Urizen*

Genre: Poetry

Year Published: 1794

Author: William Blake

Why Important: This is William Blake's first prophetic poetry.

Pamela, or Virtue Rewarded, England, +

Genre: Prose

Year Published: 1740

Author: Samuel Richardson

Why Important: A bestseller of the period, this novel was based on conduct books and the popular genre of epistolary novels.

The Psalms of David, Americas, ++

Genre: Religion

Year Published: 1740

Author: Isaac Watts, Benjamin Franklin printer

Why Important: One of the great Renaissance men/polymaths of early America, Franklin was a printer as well as a founding father of the United States; this book was a best seller during the Great Awakening of the 1740s.

Charlotte: A Tale of Truth, Americas, +

Also Known As: *Charlotte Temple*

Genre: Prose

Year Published: 1791

Author: Susanna Rowson

Why Important: This seduction tale was one of the bestselling works of an early American author.

NINETEENTH CENTURY

Phänomenologie des Geistes, Germany, ++

Also Known As: *The Phenomenology of Spirit/The Phenomenology of Mind*

Genre: Philosophy

Year Published: 1807

Author: G.W.F. Hegel

Why Important: The most important work of Hegel, one of the most significant German philosophers.

Penthesilea, Germany, +

Also Known As: *Queen of the Amazons*

Genre: Theater

Year Published: 1808

Author: Heinrich von Kleist

Why Important: A major German literary prize was named for Kleist; Kleist subverted Romanticism and his work is a precursor to modern drama.

Pepita Jiménez, Spain, +

Genre: Prose

Year Published: 1874

Author: Juan Valera y Alcalá-Galiano

Why Important: While Galdós is seen as the most creative Spanish Realist writer, and perhaps the most significant, Juan Valera y Alcalá-Galiano is seen as the best writer (the writer's writer)/

Realidad, Spain, +

Also Known As: *Reality*

Genre: Theater

Year Published: 1892

Author: Benito Perez Galdós

Why Important: The Spanish Government wanted Galdós to win the Nobel Prize for Literature; he is seen as the most significant Spanish Realist writer.

Archivio storico italiano, Italy, +

Also Known As: *Italian Story Archive*

Genre: Prose

Year Published: 1842

Author: Giampietro Vieusseux

Why Important: Vieusseux is known as a master realist within the Italian literary tradition.

Stella d'Oriente, Italy, +

Also Known As: *Eastern Stella*

Genre: Prose

Year Published: 1890

Author: Grazia Deledda

Why Important: This novel was the first book written by the only Italian woman to win the Nobel Prize.

De la démocratie en Amérique, France, +

Also Known As: *Of Democracy in America/Democracy in America*

Genre: Philosophy
Year Published: 1835, 1840
Author: Alexis de Tocqueville
Why Important: de Tocqueville, a French ambassador, examined democracy in the Americas.

Les Liliacees, France, ++++
Also Known As: *The Lilies*
Genre: Science
Year Published: 1802
Author: Pierre-Joseph Redoute
Why Important: Redoute, one of the court artists of Marie Antoinette, is considered the greatest flower painter of all time.

On the Origin of Species, England, +++
Genre: Science
Year Published: 1859
Author: Charles Darwin
Why Important: Darwin revolutionized both science and religion with this book.

Wuthering Heights, England, +++
Genre: Prose
Year Published: 1847
Author: Emily Brontë
Why Important: The rarest of the first editions by the Brontë sisters, *Wuthering Heights* was a classic of nineteenth century British literature.

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, England, ++++
Genre: Prose
Year Published: 1865
Author: Lewis Carroll, or Charles Lutwidge Dodgson
Why Important: This book is a significant part of the children's literature canon.

Birds of America, Americas, +++++ (MVB)
Genre: Science
Year Published: 1827-1838
Author: James Audubon
Why Important: This book introduced American birds to the United Kingdom, is considered an artistic masterpiece, and portrays now-extinct birds such as the great auk and the passenger pigeon.

Rules of Basketball, Americas, ++++
Genre: Sports
Year Published: 1892
Author: James Naismith
Why Important: James Naismith established the rules of this popular sport.

TWENTIETH CENTURY

Die Blechtrommel, Germany, +++

Also Known As: *The Tin Drum*

Genre: Prose

Year Published: 1959

Author: Gunter Grass

Why Important: One of the most important books about Nazi Germany from one of the most significant German authors of the twentieth century; Grass received the Nobel Prize in 1999.

Der Sand aus den Urnen, Germany, ++

Also Known As: *The Sand from the Urns*

Genre: Poetry

Year Published: 1948

Author: Paul Celan [Paul Antschel]

Why Important: First work of poet Paul Celan, a noted Holocaust writer; Celan was multilingual, writing in German, although he was a native Romanian who lived in France.

Cantos de vida y esperanza, los cisnes y otros poemas, Spain, ++

Also Known As: *Songs of Life and Hope: The Swans and Other Poems*

Genre: Poetry

Year Published: 1905

Author: Rubén Darío

Why Important: Rubén Darío was a Nicaraguan who crossed Iberian and Latin letters, becoming the father of modernism.

Impresiones y paisajes, Spain, +

Also Known As: *Impressions and Landscapes*

Genre: Poetry

Year Published: 1918

Author: Federico García Lorca, also known as Federico del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús García Lorca

Why Important: Lorca was a major Spanish poet executed by Nationalists in the Spanish Civil War; this book was his first.

Il Gattopardo, Italy, +

Also Known As: *The Leopard*

Genre: Prose

Year Published: 1958

Author: Giuseppe Tomasi di Lampedusa

Why Important: One of the most important books in Italian literature, Lampedusa's masterpiece is cited as a major influence on later twentieth century writers.

Democrazia Futurista: Dinamismo Politico, Italy, +

Also Known As: *Future Democracy: Political Dynamism*

Year Published: 1919

Genre: Philosophy

Author: Filippo Tommaso Marinetti

Why Important: Futurism is an important avant-garde movement of Modernism; this book is its manifesto.

Le petit prince: avec dessins par l'auteur, France, +++

Also Known As: *The Little Prince*

Genre: Prose

Year Published: 1943

Author: Antoine de Saint-Exupéry

Why Important: A classic of French and children's literature.

À la recherche du temps perdu [Du côté de chez Swann], France, +++

Also Known As: *In Search of Lost Time, Swann's Way*

Genre: Prose

Year Published: 1913

Author: Marcel Proust

Why Important: One of the most significant books of French literature and the Western canon.

The Hobbit, England, +++

Genre: Prose

Year Published: 1937

Author: J.R. Tolkien

Why Important: The Hobbit is the prequel to The Lord of the Rings, a masterpiece of fantasy with medieval and Anglo-Saxon elements.

The Tales of Beedle the Bard, England, ++++

Genre: Prose

Year Published: 2008

Author: J.K. Rowling

Why Important: This book was published in a limited edition of seven books handwritten and illustrated by JK Rowling herself and then published for general public.

The Great Gatsby, Americas, +++

Genre: Prose

Year Published: 1925

Author: F. Scott Fitzgerald

Why Important: The Great Gatsby is one of the most significant works of American literature.

Gone with the Wind, Americas, +++

Genre: Prose

Year Published: 1936

Author: Margaret Mitchell

Why Important: A widely popular novel about the Civil War belonging to the historical romance genre.

AUCTION: HEBREW INCUNABULA

Pentateuch, Italy

Genre: Religion

Year Published: 1475

Author: Rashi

Why Important: The *Pentateuch* are the first five books of the Bible, sacred to both Jews and Christians. Moses is credited with writing Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy.

Arba' Turim, Italy

Genre: Religion

Year Published: 1475

Author: Rabbi Jacob ben Asher

Why Important: The first book of Jewish religious law, originally composed in manuscript in the late 13th or early 14th century.

Job, Italy

Genre: Religion

Year Published: 1477

Author: Levi ben Gershon

Why Important: Levin ben Gershon lived in the late 13th and early 14th century as a scientist, philosopher, and doctor in France. He is famous as a commentator; this book is a commentary on Job.

Nofet Zufim, Italy

Also Known As: *The Honeycomb's Flow*

Genre: Language

Year Published: 1475-1480

Author: Judah ben Jehiel Refe (Judah Messer Leon)

Why Important: Jewish Italian scholar's book on Renaissance rhetoric; also the first Hebrew book of a living author to be printed.

AUCTION: FESTIVAL BOOKS

Il Commodo comedia di Antonio Landi, Italy

Also Known As: *The Server?: Comedy of Antonio Landi*

Genre: History

Year Published: 1539

Author: Pier Francesco Giambullari

Why Important: Account of the wedding in Florence of Cosimo I de' Medici and Eleanora of Toledo.

Breve descrizione delle pomp funereale fatta nelle essquie del serenissimo D. Francesco Medici II, Italy

Also Known As: *Brief Description of the funeral of D. Francesco Medici II*

Genre: History

Year Published: 1587

Author: Giovanni Vittorio Soderini

Why Important: Account of the Funeral in Florence of Francesco I de' Medici.

Gli heroici, di Gio. Battista Pigna, a donno Alfonso da Este II, duca di Ferrara V, Italy
Also Known As: *The Heroics*, by Giovan Battista Pigna, of Don Alfonso of Este II, fifth duke of Ferrara
Genre: History
Year Published: 1561
Author: Giovan Battista Pigna
Why Important: Regarding Don Alfonso II, an Este duke, who presided over the height of Italian festivals.

La entrata che fece in Vinegia l'illustrissimo ... duca Alfonso II Estense, duca V. di Ferrara, Italy
Also Known As: Entry into Venice of Alfonso II d'Este, Duke of Ferrara
Genre: History
Year Published: 1562
Author: Natale Conti
Why Important: Describes the entry into Venice of Alfonso II, Duke of Ferrara.

AUCTION: MATHEMATICS

De Magnete, England
Also Known As: *On the Magnet*
Genre: Science
Year Published: 1600
Author: William Gilbert
Why Important: A book that first coined the word "Electricity" and a pioneering work in experimental science.

Sidereus Nuncius, Germany
Also Known As: *The Starry Messenger*
Genre: Science
Year Published: 1610
Author: Galileo Galilei
Why Important: An astronomical pamphlet that documents the results of looking through the first telescope and includes observations on topics including the surface of the moon.

Harmonices Mundi, Germany
Also Known As: *Harmony of the World*
Genre: Science
Year Published: 1619
Author: Johannes Kepler
Why Important: Here, Kepler invents the third law of planetary motion; he also spends the majority of this work discussing how planetary orbits mimic certain notes to create celestial harmony, a concept common in medieval science.

Novum Organum, England
Also Known As: *The New Instrument*
Genre: Science
Year Published: 1620
Author: Francis Bacon

Why Important: The title refers to Aristotle; the book outlines Baconian logic, which is based on reduction and inductive reasoning.

AUCTION: FRENCH REVOLUTIONARY PAMPHLETS

Bouquet qui à été présenté à Marie-Antionette, France

Also Known As: *Bouquet that was presented to Marie-Antionette*

Genre: Politics

Year Published: 1792

Author: L. Boussemart

Why Important: Regarding Marie Antionette, the final Queen of France.

Credo du Tiers-état; ou Symbole politico-moral a l'usage de tous les amis de l'état & de l'humanité, France

Also Known As: Credo of the Third Estate: The Political-Moral Symbol and Usage of the Friends of the State and of Humanity

Genre: Politics

Year Published: 1789

Author: Anonymous

Why Important: About the Third Estate, the proletariat of the French Revolution.

Epître d'un catholique, publiée par un républicain, France

Also Known As: Letters to a Catholic, Published by a Republican

Genre: Politics

Year Published: 1797

Author: Anonymous

Why Important: A Religious take on issues surrounding the French Revolution.

L'attentat de Versailles: ou La clémence de Louis XVI; tragédie, France

Also Known As: The Bombing of Versailles: Clemency of Louis XVI

Genre: Politics

Year Published: 1790

Author: Anonymous

Why Important: About the demise of Louis XVI, King of France.

AUCTION: BRITISH LITERATURE

Pride and Prejudice, England

Genre: Literature

Year Published: 1813

Author: Jane Austin

Why Important: Perhaps Jane Austin's most famous novel.

Waverly, Scotland

Genre: Literature

Year Published: 1814

Author: Walter Scott

Why Important: Walter Scott pioneered the genre of historical romance.

Frankenstein, England

Genre: Literature

Year Published: 1818

Author: Mary Shelley

Why Important: A classic of Victorian horror that explores medical ethics.

Great Expectations, England

Genre: Literature

Year Published: 1861

Author: Charles Dickens

Why Important: Dickens' penultimate novel and perhaps his most famous book.

AUCTION: ARTISTS' BOOKS

The surprise party, or, On not going, not ongoing, Americas

Genre: Artists' Book

Year Published: 1977

Author: Johanna Drucker

Why Important: Johanna Drucker is one of the most prominent theorists of artists' books as well as a practitioner of the genre.

Cat's Cradle, Americas

Genre: Artists' Book

Year Published: 2013

Author: Julie Chen

Why Important: One of the most important artists in the genre.

Chained Book on a Book, Americas

Genre: Artists' Book

Year Published: 1999

Author: Daniel Essig

Why Important: A sculptor and woodworker as well as a book artist, Essig's book contains no words. This book also represents a theme he often explores: attaching a smaller version of one book to another book.

Desdemona In Her Own Words, Americas

Genre: Artists' Book

Year Published: 2015

Author: Emily Martin

Why Important: Limited edition of 10, boxed book reinterpreting Shakespeare's Desdemona.