

John Cowper Powys - Ex Libris

EX LIBRIS IS ON LEFT SHELF 6 - BISSELL COLLECTION (BOTTOM SHELF)

Note:***JCP's original library was much more extensive, but many of his books were sent to Francis Powys when he began the Hastings bookstore, and the rest went to Francis on Phyllis's death. What is here is probably what Francis sold subsequently to Bissell.

Note: first keyed in October, 2000, but in most cases, only name and title. Many have long inscriptions which should be keyed in at a later date. All accounted for October, 2007

BOOKS FROM THE LIBRARY OF JOHN COWPER POWYS

ABBOTT, C COLLEER

Three Old English Elegies

Miss Bedell and other Poems

London: Chatto and Windus, 1934

Inscribed: "To Gertrude Powys from Claude Colleer Abbott. 30 Sept. 1944"

Ploughed Earth

London: Constable, 1930

Inscribed: "To John Cowper Powys from Claude Colleer Abbott. 14 Dec, 1943.

Note: Also a Christmas greeting card for 1944, one of 75 copies with a poem by CCA.

ABERCROMBIE, LASCELLES

Poems

ANDERSON, JOHN REDWOOD

Tryptich I: Approach

Tryptich II: The Fugue of Time

Tryptich III: An Ascent

English Fantasies

Pillars to Remembrance

ARNOLD, MATTHEW

Essays Literary and Critical

BELA, HAMVAS [Left Shelf 6]

Anthologia Humana

Budapest: Egyetemi Nyomda

Inscribed: 'To my Great Master John Cowper Powys. With honour and
and love Christmas 1946 Bela Hamvas'

BELA, HAMVAS [Left Shelf 6]

A Szaz Konyv

Budapest: Egyetemi Nyomda, 1945

Inscribed: 'To my Master and Father Friend Hamvas Bela. 15th
February.'

Note: this booklet contains a short appreciation of JCP and
the author has provided a translation which is loosely
inserted.

BERDYAEV, NICHOLAS [Left Shelf 6]

Freedom and the Spirit

London: Geoffrey Bles, June, 1935. 2nd edition.

Inscribed: 'JCP from GC'

The Meaning of History

London: Geoffrey Bles, 1936

Inscribed: 'John Cowper Powys'

The Destiny of Man

London: Geoffrey Bles, 1937

Inscribed: 'John Cowper Powys'

The Origin of Russian Communism

London: Geoffrey Bles, 1937

Inscribed: 'JCP from GC'

Spirit and Reality

London: Geoffrey Bles, 1939

Inscribed: 'JCP from GC'

BLAKE, FRANCIS [Left Shelf 6]

The American Prometheus

BURY, ADRIAN [Left Shelf 6]

The Tide and other Poems

Happy Flame: A Book of Sonnets

CHAUCER [Left Shelf 6]

The Clerkes Tale

CLEMENS, CYRIL [Left Shelf 6]

New York: Whittier Books, Inc, 1953

Mark Twain for Young People

Inscribed: 'To John Cowper Powys with author's lasting friendship and cordial birthday greetings Cyril Clemens, 8th October, 1953'

COLERIDGE, SAMUEL TAYLOR [Left Shelf 6]

Works: Biographia Literaria & Lay Sermons

Inscribed: (by JCP) 'J.C. Powys. The Year of Love. 1895.'

COWPER, WILLIAM [Left Shelf 6]

Poems

2 volumes

DE CASSERES, BENJAMIN [Left Shelf 6]

Exhibitionism A New Theory of Evolution

New York: 1936

Inscribed: 'To John Cowper Powys with great admiration Benjamin De Casseres.'

DREISER, THEODORE [Left Shelf 6]

Epitaph. A Poem by Theodore Dreiser

New York: Heron Press, 1929, in s/c. Illustrated by Robert Fawsett. Copy No. 15 of 200 on hand-made Van Guelder, bound in leather. Signed by the author and illustrator.

Inscribed: 'For Jack from his associate necromancer Dreiser. Xmas, 1931 God how I love you you old horse-thief.' (sic)

The Genius

New York: John Lane, 1915

Inscribed: 'Theodore Dreiser to John Cowper Powys in his cloudy realm of demons, harpies, furies and all good and evil spirits. Oct. 2nd, 1915'

Loosely inserted is a typewritten list of pages containing Lewd and Profane passages from the Report of New York and Cincinnati Vice Commissions Preceding Suppression. This list is headed by a note in Dreiser's hand: '*The Genius* has just been suppressed by the Censor. Behold the charges.'
JCP reviewed this book.

The Hand of the Potter. A Tragedy in Four Acts

New York: Boni and Liverwright, 1918

Inscribed on title page: 'For Marian & Jack - This Demonic force -from Dreiser'

Plays of the Natural and Supernatural

New York: John Lane, 1916

Inscribed: For John Cowper Powys The most fascinating of his tribe....from Theodore Dreiser, Savanagh, Ga Feb 23rd, 1916'

Dreiser, Helen [Left Shelf 6]

My Life with Dreiser

Inscribed: 'For Phyllis and Jack Powys - two great friends - a source of inspiration to all, with my appreciation & love. Helen.'

Note: Also a photo of her, loosely inserted. A letter from Dreiser to JCP May 24, 1938 has been removed and filed with Letters.

Elias, Robert H [Left Shelf 6]

Theodore Dreiser: Apostle of Nature

New York: Alfred A Knopf, 1949

Inscribed: 'For John Cowper Powys with the regard and good wishes of Robert Elias, Ithaca, N.Y.' And in JCP's hand 'given me this January by the author who inscribes his name above and with whom I corresponded as to the real nature of Dreiser's personal philosophy. But to be kept by William Gillespie as long as he wishes!'

Note: See also section 'about' which has the 3 vol Letters of Dreiser edited by Robert Elias.

Matthiessen, F.O.

Theodore Dreiser

The American Men of Letters Series,

New York,: William Sloane Associates, 1951

Note: filed next to Dreiser.

ELIOT, T S [Left Shelf 6]

East Coker

London: Faber & Faber, Sept. 1940

Inscribed: 'To John from James (James Hanley) Oct. 1940'

Little Gidding

London: Faber & Faber, 1943

Inscribed: "To John with love from James. 21.1.43"

ELWIN, MALCOLM [Left Shelf 6]

The Little Hangman

London: Macdonald, 1953

Inscribed: "For John & Phyllis, a little light reading these frosty nights. When such a gale blows as that at Damage Sands on the night which saw the last of Annie Slann. With affectionate greetings from Malcolm who still has to read two chapters of the proof of *In Spite of* by J.C.P. this 9th day of February 1953 at N? Sands"

Lord Byron's Wife

London: Macdonald 1962

Inscribed: "From one Powys enthusiast to another,
E.E.Bissell with kind regards from Malcolm Elwin"

Noted: Letter inserted from Malcolm Elwin dated 10 August
1973 to E.E.Bissell

FARNUM, GEORGE R [Left Shelf 6]

Vivisection. A Dark Blot on Civilisation

Boston, Mass.: New England Anti-Vivisection Society,
1947

Inscribed: "To John Cowper Powys with the high
esteem and compliments of George R. Farnum"

Letter enclosed from the author.

FICKE, ARTHUR DAVISON [Left Shelf 6]

Selected Poems

New York: George H. Doran Company 1926

Inscribed: "To John Cowper Powys with love and terror
from his friend Arthur Davison Ficke"

Note: Contains a poem 'King of Salamanders: To John Cowper
Powys', p.175

The Road to the Mountain. A Lyrical Pageant in Three Acts

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Inscribed: "For John Cowper Powys with much love A.D.F."

The Secret and other Poems

New York: Doubleday, Doran, 1936

Inscribed: "To my dear dear friend John Cowper Powys from
his old crony Arthur Davison Ficke"

Tumultuous Shore

New York: Alfred A Knopf, 1942

Inscribed: "For my dear Jack (and blessings on his frosty ?form)
from his ancient crony Arthur

March 1942 NYC"

Dust cover enclosed

FOX, ALBERTINE [Left Shelf 6]

The Structure of a Scream

Mexico: Artes Graficas, 1951

Inscribed: "To John Cowper Powys from Albertine Fox
Sept. '51"

GARDNER, E J (ed.) [Left Shelf 6]

The Dialogues of St Gregory the Great

London: Philip Lee Warner 1911

Inscribed: "Margaret from Jack Xmas 1916"
Also rubber stamp address: Warre House,
Burpham, Arundel.

GARNETT, RICHARD [Left Shelf 6]

Emerson

(Four title pages and others at the front have been cut out leaving no information about publisher. The spine bears the words "Great Writers", so this must have been published in that series by Walter Scott, London post 1887)
Inscribed: "J.C.Powys"

HOPKINS, KENNETH [Left Shelf 6]

Love and Elizabeth

London: Sylvan Press, 1944

Inscribed: "? ? ? – with much love, or at least a good deal of affection, or anyhow a fair esteem, or (not to put too fine a point on it), sufficient respect from Kenneth Hopkins"

HOUGHTON, CLAUDE [Left Shelf 6]

The Enigma of Conrad Stone

London: Collins 1952

Inscribed: "For John Cowper Powys. Fraternally and in admiration, Claude Houghton December 1951"

At the End of a Road

London: Hutchinson, 1953

Inscribed: "For John Cowper Powys, Fraternally and Gratefully. Claude Houghton Setpember 7th 1953"

HUIZINGA, J [Left Shelf 6]

Erasmus of Rotterdam

London: Phaidon Press, 1952

Inscribed: "From John Cowper Powys, For Frederick Charles Dowlett to commemorate the feeling we have now discovered for certain celebrities and against certain celebrities. November 6th 1958"

JAMES, WILLIAM [Left Shelf 6]

A Pluralistic Universe

London: Longmans Green 1909

Inscribed: "J.C.Powys"

JONES, GWYN [Left Shelf 6]

Four Icelandic Sagas

New York: Princetown Univ. Press, 1935

Inscribed: "John Cowper Powys. With profound admiration and all good wishes from Gwyn Jones. July 1939"

KERENYI, KARL [Left Shelf 6]
The Gods of the Greeks
London: Thames and Hudson, 1951
Inscribed: "John Cowper Powys
My Chief Authority in Atlanta"

KIME, W PENN, JR. [Left Shelf 6]
The Bright Circle
New York: Exposition Press, 1951
Inscribed: "January 26, 1951 To my old friend,
John, whose unique and indescribable magnetism
I have long felt. It was your words of
encouragement which prompted me to write
this little tale. W. Penn Kime, Jr."

JOHN COWPER POWYS [Left Shelf 6]
A Könyv Kritikája
(*Trans.The Pleasures of Literature*): Introduction
Budapest: Egyetemi Nyomda, 1945

KRYMOV, VLADIMIR [Left Shelf 6]
The Impenitent Midge
London: The Bodley Head, 1953
Inscribed: "To dear John Powys from the author
nearly blind 6 Oct 53. Don't operate! the left eye."
Note: JCP mentioned p.94

LLOYD, J E [Left Shelf 6]
Owen Glendower
Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1931
Inscribed: "John Cowper Powys"
*Also one sheet of foolscap paper, lined, with a
12 line (3 stanza) poem in Welsh by J Redwood
Anderson dated 23 ain Awst 1941 Ty'm y
Cornel in JRA's hand. Poem is titled "Annwyl
i ? yw Cymrn. Missing

MASTERS, EDGAR LEE [Left Shelf 6]
Spoon River Anthology
New York: The Macmillan Company, 1915
Inscribed: "For John Cowper Powys with
admiration and friendship Edgar Lee Masters
January 27th 1916."
Also two typescript sheets of poetry "Now
all my hope" signed John Redwood
Anderson for his dear friend John Cowper
Powys Corwen 11 September 1948.

Also a few dried leaves between pages.

Gettysburg Manila Acoma

New York: Horace Liveright, 1930

Inscribed: "To John Cowper Powys with the admiration & affection of his friend Edgar Lee Masters June 28 1930"

Godbey. A Dramatic Poem

New York: Dodd, Mead & Company 1931

Inscribed: Edgar Lee Masters

The Serpent in the Wilderness

New York: Sheldon Dick 1933

Inscribed: "To John Cowper Powys from his friend Edgar Lee Masters May 15 1933".

Also pages from *The American Mercury* Vol.XXVII Number 106 pages 129-139 dated October 1932 with poem Beethoven's Ninth Symphony and the King Cobra by Edgar Lee Masters.

Poems of the People

New York; D. Appleton-Century Company 1936

Inscribed: John Cowper Powys

The New World

New York: D. Appleton-Century Company 1937

Inscribed: "To John Cowper Powys with the great affection of Edgar Lee Masters September 20 1937"

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NICHOLS, ROSS [Left Shelf 6]

Seasons at War

London: Forge Press 1947

Inscribed: "To John Cowper Powys from Ross Nichols"

PATER, WALTER [Left Shelf 6]

Appreciations with an Essay on Style

London: Macmillan 1911

Inscribed: John Cowper Powys

Imaginary Portraits

London: Macmillan 1910
Inscribed: John Cowper Powys

Marius The Epicurean Vols I & II
London: Macmillan 1911
Inscribed: John Cowper Powys

Plato and Platonism
London: Macmillan 1910
Inscribed: John Cowper Powys

Essays From The 'Guardian'
London: Macmillan 1910
Inscribed: John Cowper Powys

Miscellaneous Studies
London: Macmillan 1913
Inscribed: John Cowper Powys
Also ex libris label Frank Crowshaw?

Greek Studies: A Series of Essays
London: Macmillan 1910
Inscribed: John Cowper Powys
Note: 8 vols only (should be 10)

Persian Miniatures; A Picture Book
(Author/compiler not stated)
New York: Metropolitan Museum of Art 1944
Inscribed in pencil: "Theodore with love from May
- remembering our readings of the Arabian Nights
at Studland."

PHILPOTTS, ADELAIDE [Left Shelf 6]
Stubborn Earth
London: Rich & Cowan 1951
Inscribed: "To friend and great writer, John
from little writer Adelaide with love from her
and Rhisiartt?"

PLATTARD, JEAN [Left Shelf 6]
The Life of Francois Rabelais
London: George Routledge & Sons 1930
Note: This copy was used by JCP when writing his book
Rabelais. Some notes, in ink, on flyleaf in his hand.

RICHARDSON, DOROTHY [Left Shelf 6]
Dawn's Left Hand
London: Duckworth 1931
Note: Postscript comment by JCP printed at end

of text.

ROSSETTI, W MICHAEL [Left Shelf 6]

Keats

London: Walter Scott 1887

Inscribed: J C Powys

RUSKIN, JOHN [Left Shelf 6]

Aratra Pentelici

Orpington & London: George Allen 1890

Inscribed in red: John Cowper Powys and below
in black in JCP's hand: "Harry Lyon with Love"

SEYMOUR, WILLIAM KEAN [Left Shelf 6]

Collected Poems

London: Robert Hale Ltd 1946

Inscribed: "For my new friend John Cowper Powys, a
Master in this distracted century – who can read time like
a book. With affectionate memories of a sunlit afternoon
at Corwen, from William Kean Seymour Ewhurst 2nd
September 1953"

The Secret Kingdom

London: Herbert Jenkins 1954

Inscribed: "For John & Phyllis, a book at bed time
With love from William Kean Seymour 17th
September 1954"

SHARP, WILLIAM [Left Shelf 6]

The Life of Heinrich Heine

London: Walter Scott 1888

Inscribed: J.C. Powys

STEVENSON, R A M [Left Shelf 6]

Velasquez

Note:***This was given to Gertrude and has been put in her ex-libris.

STEWART, DOUGLAS [Left Shelf 6]

The Fire on the Snow and The Golden Lover

Sydney: London 1944

Inscribed: "For John Cowper Powys with kind regards
Douglas Stewart"

TITZELL, JOSIAH [Left Shelf 6]

Galanty Show. A Book of Verse.

New York: Doubleday, Doran & Co Inc., 1941

Inscribed: "For John Cowper Powys - whose poems I used
to renew regularly from the New York Public Library -
in all humility and fear and trembling - Josiah Titzell"

WARD, RICHARD HERON [Left Shelf 6]

Poems in Pamphlet

Published copyright by R H Ward, 1952

Inscribed: "John Cowper Powys - with the author's affectionate regards."

A Gallery of Mirrors

London: Victor Gollancz, 1956

Note: uncorrected proof copy.

WHITEHEAD, A N [Left Shelf 6]

Adventures of Ideas

Cambridge at the University Press, 1942

Inscribed: "To my darling John & Phyllis in gratitude & love from Elizabeth*. The unique Autumn of 1943."

(*Myers)

WILSON, ANGUS [Left Shelf 6]

Hemlock and After

London: Secker and Warburg, 1952

Inscribed: "To John Cowper Powys, my first novel as a tribute to an author from whom I have learnt so much, Angus Wilson, July 4th, 1952."

WRIGHT, THOMAS [Left Shelf 6]

The Town of Cowper

London: Sampson Low, Marston, and Company
1893

Inscribed: "To John Cowper Powys in July of 1937 from Kenneth Hopkins."

Note: Also quote from Ll. Powys: "With what consummate skill Cowper can make us see those country roads about Olney, which to him had become so familiar! Ll.P"

YEATS, W B [Left Shelf 6]

Poems

London: T Fisher Unwin, 1895

Inscribed: "John Cowper Powys"

At the back a poem in Latin, 5 stanzas each 4 lines & what appear to be the drafting notes of this poem. Also a bookseller's note with what appears to be a quotation of JCP's opinion of this book and the story of how, where & when he found it in North's of Brighton.

