

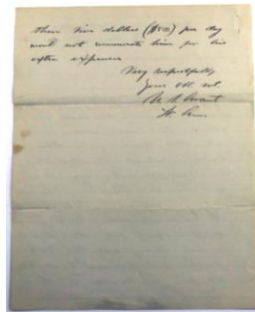
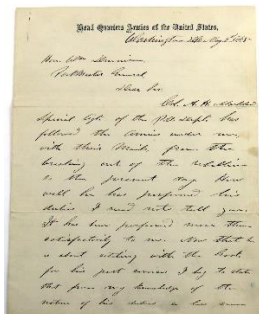
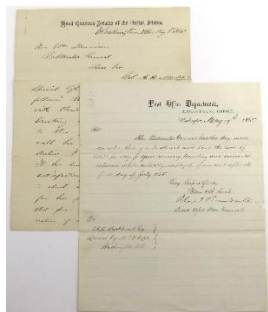


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## PRESIDENTS



*Very Respectfully  
Your obt. servt.  
U. S. Grant  
H. L.*

Grant, Ulysses S. **ALS Signed.** Washington, D.C.: May 9, 1865. Hand written by "U.S. Grant / Lt. Gen" on the last day of The Civil War in accordance with Pres. Andrew Johnson's Declaration, exactly one month after the surrender at Appomattox. 7.75" x 10" folded 4p. with printed title "Head Quarters Armies of the United States." Three pin holes in top left corner, two 1/2" separations at the left of two folds one professionally restored, several light spots but otherwise a fine piece of written American history.

Included is a response dated May 14th 1865 in precise hand. 7.75" x 10" lined paper, printed at the top "Post Office Department / Appointment Office / Washington." Response also has two holes at top left within an imprint of official seal, finely preserved document. Both documents side-by-side would make a very professional framed display.

In wrapping up his administrative responsibilities from the War, Grant solicits Hon. William Dennison, Postmaster General with a petition to pay his Special Agent, Col. A. H. Markland \$5.00 a day for his deserved contributions. Included is a reply letter from the First Asst. P.M. General, Alexander W. Randall settling a sum of \$4.00 per day.

Grant first met Markland during his teenage years when both were attending Maysville Seminary, reconnecting in 1861 when Markland arrived in Cairo as a special agent of the Post Office Department to weed out disloyal employees. Grant placed Markland in charge of delivering mail to his army. He continued as special agent of the Post Office for the rest of the Civil War, earning the honorary title of colonel and the gratitude of many officers, especially Grant and William T. Sherman, who appreciated the effect on soldier morale of prompt mail delivery [attribution noted]. Fine condition. **\$3,750**

*"Col. A. H. Markland, Special Agt. of the P.O. Dept., has followed the Armies under me, with their Mails, from the breaking out of the rebellion to the present day. How well he has performed his duties I need not tell you. It has been performed more than satisfactorily to me. Now that he is about settling with the Govt. for his past service, I beg to state that from my knowledge of the nature of his duties a less sum than Five dollars (\$5.00) per day would not remunerate him for his extra expenses. Very Respectfully / Your Obt. Svt. / U. S. Grant / Lt. Gen"*

*"The Postmaster General has this day made an order that you be allowed and paid the sum of \$4.00 per day for your necessary traveling and incidental expenses while actually employed, from and after the first day of July 1865. Very Respectively Your Obt. Serv't / Alex. W. Randall / First Asst P.M. General."*  
Markland's address is appended.





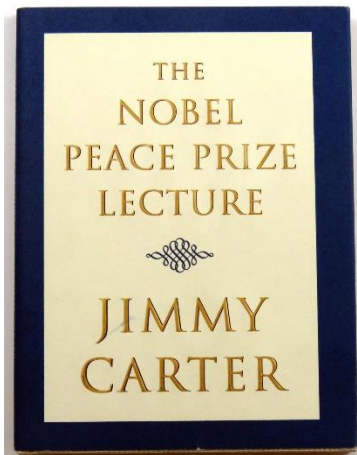
Johnson, Andrew. **Naval Appointment**. October 29, 1866. SIGNED "Andrew Johnson" as President. 15" x 16.5" on parchment. Countersigned by Secretary of the Navy, Gideon Welles, Registered by Disbursing Clerk, William P. Moran. Scalloped bottom with orange seal, folded into sixths with tiny wear through at one of the creases, toning and age discoloration mostly to the rear of document. Tape on orange seal. A very attractive document deserving to be framed for presentation. Document appoints David N. Bell to Ensign in the U.S. Navy. Bell served on the last U.S. Navy side wheel steam powered frigate 'U.S.S. Powhatan.'

Calligraphic note on rear, "R. Admiral / xx U.S. Squadron / So. Pacific / Callao Bay / March 5th 1867." After the war, in

October 1865, the Powhatan sailed from Boston, escorting monitor USS Monadnock to California via Cape Horn. She arrived at San Francisco on 22 June 1866. Powhatan was the flagship of the South Pacific Squadron 1866–1869, commanded by Rear Admiral John A. Dahlgren from 12 December 1866 to 14 July 1868. In March 1866 she was sent to Valparaíso to protect U.S. interests during the Chincha Islands War. This commissioning was likely couriered to Admiral Dahlgren c/o Callao Bay, Peru for presentation to the newly appointed Ensign Bell.

Bell was a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy in 1865 and on August 7, 1869 provided critical data for the astronomical observation of a total eclipse of the sun. Very good. **\$825**

*"If the rabble were lopped off at one end and the aristocrats at the other, all would be well with the country." - A. Johnson*



Carter, Jimmy. **The Nobel Peace Prize Lecture**; Delivered in Oslo on the 10th of December 2002. New York: Simon and Schuster, 2002. First Edition. SIGNED "J. Carter" on title page beneath his printed name. 4.75" x 6.5", pp. xii, 1-20. Printer's ink streak on cover of this just like new off the press copy. Jimmy Carter is likely to be memorialized as our greatest ex-President for the tremendous work he has done internationally both on his own and through the Carter Foundation. The Nobel committee was fully justified in their selection of this great American humanitarian with these words, "...for his decades of untiring effort to find peaceful solutions to international conflicts, to advance democracy and human rights, and to promote economic and social development." As new in fine dust jacket. Tan linen with titling on spine and gilt and author's name impressed at lower front cover. **\$165**

*"War may sometimes be a necessary evil. But no matter how necessary, it is always an evil, never a good. We will not learn how to live together in peace by killing each other's children." (p. 20)*

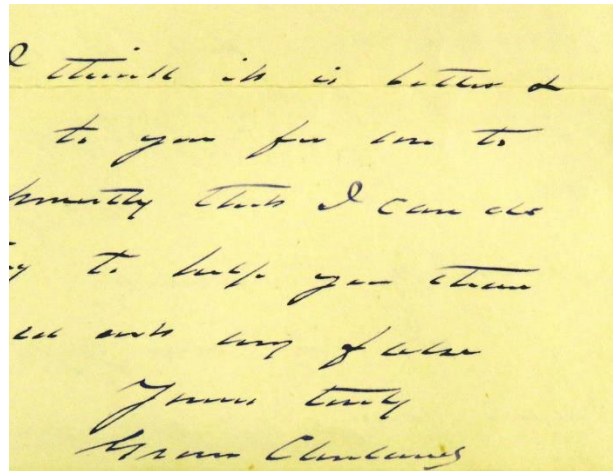
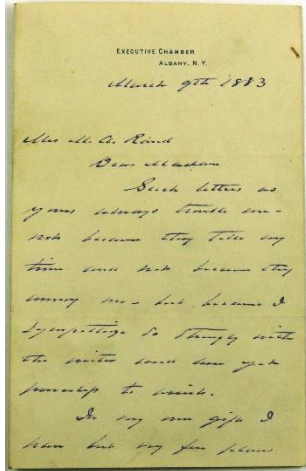


Wilson, Woodrow. **Presidential Ephemera from Wilson's Political Career.** 1912 - 1924. A variety of 12 pieces of Wilsonia from his campaign to his inauguration to his death and personal history ephemera all in condition from good to fine. They are comprised of the following: 1.] Silk inauguration ribbon. Imprinted "Civic Organizations / Inauguration of Woodrow Wilson / 1913." 2.] Two cabinet-card sized lithographic postcards with portraits of Woodrow Wilson. Manufactured by Harris & Ewing. 3.] Two graphic postcards, one photographic postcard featuring Wilson. One depicts Wilson flanked by flags, one in oval portrait in front of the Capitol, one an "ektochrome" photo of Wilson's birthplace. 4.] Carriage Police Pass to Wilson's first inauguration, signed by Richard Sylvester of the Metropolitan Police, D.C. Reverse bears printed directions and crossing times during inauguration ceremony and festivities. 5.] 11-page printed 8vo booklet titled, "I'm for Woodrow Wilson" by Thomas Edison, detailing his reasons for voting against his usual party for Wilson. 6.] Two campaign decals/stickers reading "Wilson's Wisdom Wins Without War." 7.] Ironically, a ticket to Wilson's war speech regarding World War I, dated April 3, 1917, numbered "192". 8.] Announcement of Memorial Service for Wilson. Dated December 15, 1924. (attribution noted) **\$575**

Largest Document (Memorial Service Announcement) is 10.25" x 6.5". All pieces have varying degrees of age toning, light soiling, creasing, margin defects, or pencil notation. Good to Fine.

*"We are but one of the champions of the rights of mankind. We shall be satisfied when these rights have been made secure." (Wilson Postcard)*

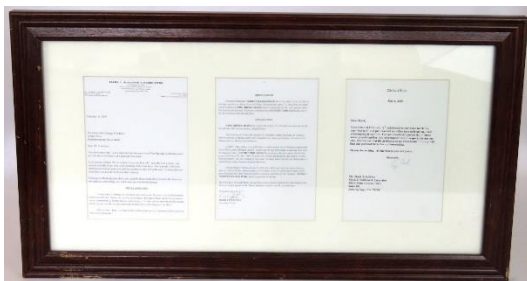




Cleveland, Grover. **ALS**; Personal Letter of Sincere Empathy. Albany, NY: March 9th 1883. In the personal written hand of Cleveland's flat and forward leaning cursive, 2 page bifold stationery with printed headline "Executive Chamber / Albany, N. Y." Written while only 2 months into his term as Governor of New York, Cleveland responds to a constituent, apparently about state jobs for women. 5" x 8", folded landscape, and fold in thirds creases for mailing. Back page has reverse fade and a small rub, but not all the way through. Written on two pages with two left blank. Fine condition and relevant content showing his compassion for his constituents. Two years later he would be in the White House.

Stephen Grover Cleveland (1837 - 1908) rose through the political system as Sheriff, Mayor of Buffalo, Governor of New York and then the only President to be elected to two nonconsecutive terms to the Oval Office. He was only Governor for 2 years, hence written correspondence from that time are even less common than when 8 years as President. **\$1,275**

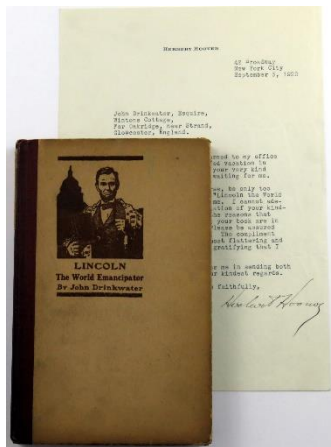
*"March 9th 1883 / Mrs M. A. Rand / Dear Madam / Such letters as yours always trouble me - not because they take my time, and not because they bother me - but because I sympathize so strongly with the writer...to assist. Giving back from us is a necessity consistent with the Executive Chamber. None of these was such as a Lady could fill. For the rest I am not much of a politician and if I were I have no influence with the powers now in charge of the federal government work. I think it is better...to say honestly that I can do nothing to help you or to give you any false hope. Yours Truly / Grover Cleveland"*



Bush, George H. W. [John Quincy Adams, Robert Todd Lincoln]. **Correspondence To / From George H.W. Bush**. SIGNED "George Bush" facsimile of a reply by the former President in response to a two page letter from Mark J. Sullivan, a criminal trial attorney from California. The

3 pages are framed in a 22" x 12" along with photos of John Quincy Adams and Robert Todd Lincoln. Mr. Sullivan poses to Pres. Bush a piece of unique presidential historical trivia which involves him and the other two political luminaries of which he does not believe that the former President is aware of on his own. Indeed Bush's reply is that the archivists at his Presidential Library will be intrigued. All six pieces are matted in a wall worthy frame with scattered scratches along some edges. Unique item other than the original in the Houston Presidential Library. Excellent gift for a Presidential or History buff. **\$625**

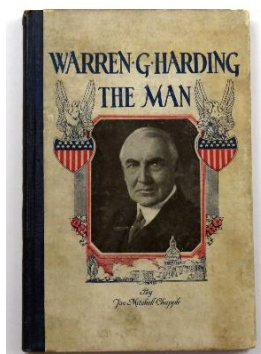
*"Living today is a former U.S. President...none of those three political figures...Who are they?"*



Hoover, Herbert and Drinkwater, John. **Typed Letter Signed with a copy of Lincoln The World Emancipator.** September 3, 1920. Typed Letter SIGNED, "Herbert Hoover", 1p., New York City, September 20, 1920, written on personal letterhead to playwright John Drinkwater, then residing in Gloucester, England. The future President graciously accepts Drinkwater's request to dedicate his new book, "Lincoln the World Emancipator," to Hoover. In 1920 Hoover was living in NYC after having failed early in a run for the Republican nomination. He endorsed Warren Harding, despite well founded misgivings, and was rewarded with an appointment as Secretary of Commerce. Excellent condition.

Included with this letter is a Good copy of the book referred to in the letter: Drinkwater, John, "Lincoln The World Emancipator", New York, Houghton Mifflin Company, 1920, First Edition. 4.75" x 7.5", [3] 5-118. Inside clean, a bit loose, corner wear through on tan paper over boards with 1/4 cloth binding and rubbed paper label on spine. **\$750**

*"The compliment that you have paid me is most flattering and at the same time the most gratifying that I have ever received." - H. Hoover*



Chapple, Joe Mitchell. **Warren G. Harding - The Man.** Boston: Chapple Publishing Company, 1920. First Edition. INSCRIBED "For my friend / Mr. George K. Smith / With Sincere Regards / Joe Mitchell Chapple / Oct 6 1920", 4.75" x 7.5", [6] 7-94. Geo. K. Smith, JR personalized bookplate on fep opposite inscription. Frontispiece of a stern looking Harding by Edmonston, Wash. D.C. with 8 p. of illustrations.

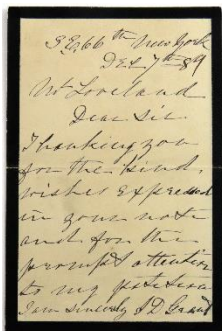
Chapple was a Washington insider who wrote for the National Magazine. This book was intended to support Harding's run for the Presidency in

1920. Good + in not present dust jacket. Light toning at inside front seam, light colored paper over boards is a victim of dirt and wear along the edges, small indentation near spine. Paper over board with 1/8th blue cloth spine, photo of Harding on the cover surrounded by pictorial theme of D.C., with titling in blue. **\$85**

*"Warren Harding's life represents merited reward for honest toil. His wealth is not counted in millions. He has not accumulated money other than through the slow and sterling process of business. Every penny of his money has come through clean and square dealing with fellow-men" (p. 81)*



## FIRST LADIES

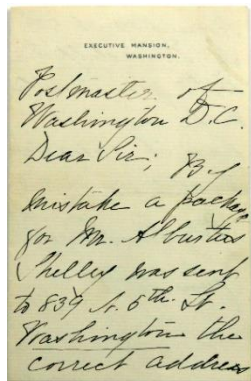


Grant, Julia D. **Autograph Letter Signed**. December 7, 1889. ALS handwritten in full. 9" x 7.75" note paper folded in half for writing, folded again for sending. Excellent firm writing in black ink. Pages bordered in black, likely as a show of mourning for her brother, Col. John Cromwell Dent who had died on January 1, 1889. Verso has the word 'petition' in blue pencil and discoloration around and below the verso fold.

Julia Boggs Dent Grant (January 26, 1826 - December 14, 1902) was the 18th First Lady of the United States and wife of Ulysses S. Grant. They were married in August 1848 and had four children together. In her later years, when she was in D. C., she became the doyen and mentor to First Ladies Cleveland, Harrison and Roosevelt. Fine. **\$1,350**

*"S. E. 66th / New York / Dec 7th 89 / Mr. Loveland / Dear Sir Thanking you for the kind wishes expressed in your note and for the prompt attention to my petition. I am sincerely J D Grant"*

*William A. H. Loveland was a Railroad Baron, Lt. Gov. of Colorado, and Evangelical leader. Given President Grant's role in the Transcontinental Railroad, it would not be uncertain that there was a social or lobbyist interaction between them.*

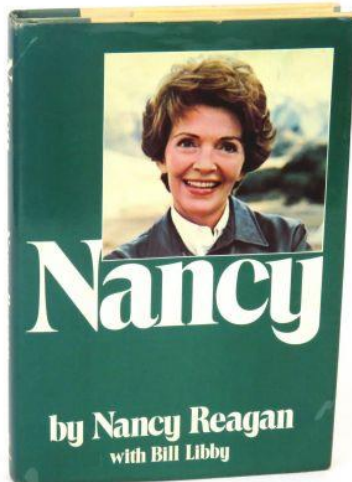


Harrison, Caroline (1832 - 1892). **Rare ALS as First Lady**. Executive Mansion: June 18th. Rare Autograph Letter Signed "Mrs. Benjamin Harrison" as First Lady, two pages, 3.75" x 6", front and verso. Penning a 5.5" long signature, it concludes on the integral leaf. "Executive Mansion, Washington." stationery, June 18 [1891]. To the "Postmaster of Washington D.C." Henry Sherwood was Postmaster of Washington, D.C., having been appointed by President Harrison in September 1890. Light discoloration on the fold but otherwise a very fine copy in firm hand.

Items signed by First Lady Caroline Scott Harrison are particularly rare as she did not survive her husband's entire term. In 1891 she contracted tuberculosis and spent much time in her room at rest and at mountain air retreats. She died in the White House on October 25, 1892, two weeks before the election. Fine. **\$1,350**

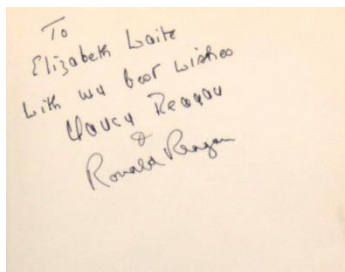
By her hand, "Postmaster of Washington D.C. Dear Sir: By mistake a package for Mr. Alburtus [sic] Shelley was sent to 839 N. 5th St. Washington the correct address being 839 N. 5th St. Philadelphia. Will you kindly make inquiry & have it forwarded & oblige. Mrs. Benjamin Harrison. June 18th."

On May 17, 1891, 19-year-old violinist Albertus Shelley was invited by the First Lady to perform at the White House. Present were the President and Mrs. Harrison, several members of the Cabinet, and other distinguished guests. Rev. Abraham James Fretz wrote in "A Brief History of Bishop Henry Funck..." (Elkhart, Indiana: Mennonite Publishing Co., 1899), which included short biographies of descendants of Funck who had come to America in 1719, that "Mrs. Harrison presented Shelley with a diamond scarf pin." Fretz does not say when the pin was given to Shelley. It is possible that the diamond pin was mailed by Mrs. Harrison to Shelley a few weeks later in the package that mistakenly was sent to an address in Washington instead of the same address in Philadelphia. (attribution)



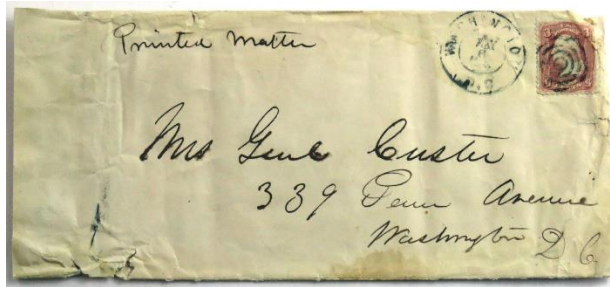
Reagan, Nancy (with Bill Libby). **Nancy**. New York: William Morrow and Company, Inc., 1980. First Edition. INSCRIBED "To Elizabeth Waite / With my best wishes/ Nancy Reagan" as well as SIGNED "& Ronald Reagan" on FFE. 6.5" x 9.5" pp. [8] 9-219. In preparation for her husband's pursuit of the presidency, the love of Ronald Reagan's life, his wife, confirms that she is more than just a pretty face. She is a thoughtful and trusted confidante for the man who would be king. Excellent copy save for three staple holes in FFE indicating something more personal or instructions were once attached. Fine in fine dust jacket. **\$1,350**

"Ronnie and I went together for about a year, but I think I knew from the moment I opened the door on our first date that this was the man for me." (p122)





## CONTENDERS

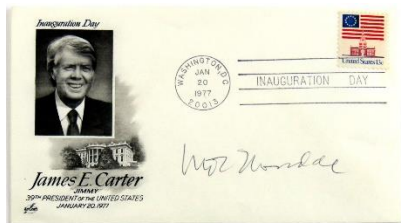


Custer, Gen. George Armstrong. **Mailing Envelope Incorporating "Genl Custer"**. Washington DC: May 6 [1864]. Firmly addressed, personal communication from Gen. Custer to his wife Elizabeth. 3.5" x 8" envelope still sealed, slit at both ends, tear at bottom left, 1/2" stain at bottom, expert archival reinforced to tear on verso. Custer's own hand includes;

"Mrs. General Custer / 339 Penn Avenue / Washington D. C." and "Printed Matter" at top left. Includes 3-cent George Washington Stamp canceled by a D.C. postmark dated May 6. While the year is not visible in the post-mark as they were married in February '64 and the War was over and they were living together again in the Spring of '65. Fine. **\$1,875**

*As told in her book, "The Boy General." Elizabeth "Libbie" Bacon and George Custer were married on February 9, 1864. Custer's leave of absence was cut short by urgent recalls from the Army of the Potomac. Libbie begged hard not to be left behind and initially took up residence at the extreme flank of the Army in a Virginia farmhouse, finishing up her honeymoon alone. As U.S. Grant took command of the Army of the Potomac and prepared for the Overland campaign, Custer's 5th Michigan Cavalry was assigned under General Philip Sheridan.*

*According to the book, "The Custer Story; The Life and Intimate Letters of General George A. Custer and His Wife Elizabeth" edited by Marguerite Merinton, Custer wrote to Elizabeth on May 4th, 1864 from Camp Libbie, Virginia; "This is probably the last letter you will get before the coming fight. The entire army moves to-night, and begins crossing the Rapidan at Germania and lower fords. Communication with Washington will probably be abandoned for several days, but do not borrow trouble. No, dearest girl, of course I am not ashamed of you...How could I be? for having declined to ride my horse? Before I received your letter, I was chiding myself...but "She" knows me too well to think me careless for her safety." (p. 95) This is likely Custer's addressed envelope from that correspondence. He wrote it on the 4th, it went to Washington via courier on the 5th and was post marked on the 6th.*



[Carter, James E.] Walter Mondale. **Inauguration Day Stamped and Postmarked Signed Envelope**. Washington DC: Jan 20, 1977. SIGNED "Walter Mondale" on Commemorative Envelope which includes a photograph of a beaming President Jimmy Carter above an illustration of the White House. Mondale signed in the address space beneath the postmark including the declaration "Inauguration Day." Fine condition, fun piece of collectible ephemera for a variety of reasons. Fine. **\$75**

*"Running for President is physically, emotionally, mentally and spiritually the most demanding single undertaking I can envisage unless it's World War III." - Walter Mondale*

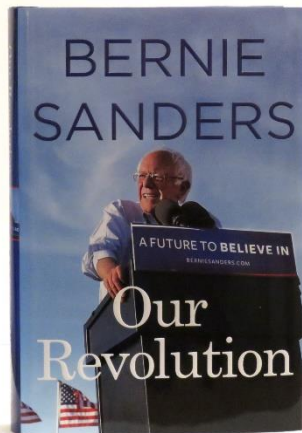


Dewey, Thomas. **Autographed Photo and Secretarial ALS.** SIGNED "Thomas E Dewey," 8" x 10" Sepia Photograph, 1948 by Greystone Studio, N.Y. This was the same year that Dewey was the Republican candidate for U.S. President. Also the same year that the Chicago Tribune printed 150,000 copies of the headlined edition, "DEWEY DEFEATS TRUMAN." Faint 1" crease at top left, some rippling along the right edge of this most enduring photos of the man who almost was.

Included is a letter from Lillian G. Rosse, Dewey's Executive Secretary dated August 22, 1950 addressed to Mr. Sanford G. Oringer, an accomplished civic leader, award winning community leader, on State of New York stationery.

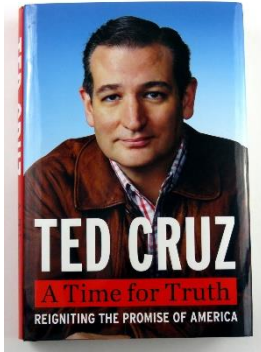
As one of New York's most accomplished modern Governors, Thomas Dewey (1902 - 1971) crafted the Republican Party into a progressive direction. Perhaps more famous than running and losing for president twice is the reputation of Dewey as being the man who put Lucky Luciano behind bars. Fine. **\$125**

*"No man should be in public office who can't make more money in private life." T. Dewey*



Sanders, Bernie. **Our Revolution;** A Future To Believe In. New York: Thomas Dunne Books, November 2016. First Edition. SIGNED "Bernie Sanders" on blank title page. 6' x 9.25", [6] 2-450 with 16 pages of color photographs. The challenger to front runner Hillary Clinton in the 2016 Democratic Presidential Primaries almost pulled off an upset with his populace ideas of challenging the greed and irresponsibility of corporate America and the 1 percent. A little known independent Senator from a small New England state energized the populace to create a political revolution of ideas. The election may be over, but the movement continues. As new in as new dust jacket. Dark blue paper over boards with titling impressed in silver on the spine. **\$135**

*"Brothers and Sister: Now is NOT the time for thinking small. Now is NOT the time for the same old same old establishment politics and Inside the Beltway ideas. Now IS the time for millions of American families to come together, to revitalize American democracy, to end the collapse of the American middle class, and to make certain that our children and grandchildren are able to enjoy a quality of life that brings them health, prosperity, security and joy - and that once again makes the United States the leader in the world fight for economic and social justice, for environmental sanity, and for a world of peace." (P. 118)*



Cruz, Ted. **A Time for Truth**; Reigniting the Promise of America. New York: Harper Collins, 2015. Stated First Edition. SIGNED "Ted Cruz" on title page. 6" x 9" vii-xxvii [1] 2-368 with 16 pages of color photographs. Book has traveled from bookseller shelf to signing table back to owner with no visible wear or reading.

Ted Cruz is the 34th Senator from the Republic of Texas. He campaigned heavily as a Republican conservative candidate for President in the 2016 election and was the last candidate to withdraw prior to nomination of the eventual nominee. As new in as new dust jacket. Red paper over board with 1/2 black paper spine and titling in gilt. **\$75**

*"In my tiny 'hideaway' office wedged into a dome in the Capitol Building, Senator Mike Lee and I bowed our heads, read from the Book of Psalms, and asked for the Lord's guidance. I then walked to the floor of the U.S. Senate and announced, "I intend to speak in support of defunding Obamacare until I am no longer able to stand." (p. 261)*

Very good investment - he can still be president someday!



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