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Three books in one volume, folio (405 x 245mm). Pagination: [x], 1-276pp.; (1-3), 4-8 (“Some Designs for Buildings both Public and Private by James Leoni, Architect”). Signatures: a5(of 6?), B-Z2, AA-ZZ2, Aaa-Zzz2, Aaaa2, A-B2. Engraved full-page frontispiece of the muses signed by “B. Picart 1726” for Book I plus 74 interspersed plates of arcs, geometry, perspective, pulleys, bridges, vaults, portals, plans, capitals and other architectural and fine arts design and teaching (3 folding). After B2, bound in are 1-27 numbered plates of architecture (20 folding or double-page and 16-19 bound out of order, as common). Chapter head vignettes and decorated woodcut initials and tail-pieces. Later calf; (front cover, frontispiece, and first page of preface loose but present, intermittent browning, some leaves loose but present, repair on a6 and on plate 6 near rear).

This is the famous 1755 Leoni English edition of Alberti’s work. First published in 1726 by Thomas Edlin, this is work was so well-received that two editions were reissued by the middle of the 18th century. This is the third edition, which was the only edition to print the English translation without the original Italian of Cosimo Bartoli. This was also the standard English version of Alberti, often reprinted. James Leoni (born Giacomo) was a Venetian architect who made his name and place in England by 1714. He was a member of Lord Burlington’s architectural circle, which was the dominant one in England in the first half of the 18th century. The Burlingtonians had a great impact on eighteenth century architectural work as the main proponents of Palladianism in English architecture. As this work establishes, James Leoni was also a devotee of the work of Leon Battista Alberti and through him sought to reintroduce the glories of ancient architecture to Renaissance readers. Leoni, as practicing architect, was familiar with the latest advances of his time in mathematics, engineering, and aesthetic theory. Bernard Picart (1672–1733) was a highly esteemed artist and one of the most prolific French engravers of the time. In his career, Picart produced a mass of material encompassing several canon architectural works and forming a visual landscape which grew to define European sensibility.

$1,750
Aviler, Augustin-Charles d’(1653-1701); Mariette, Pierre-Jean (engr., 1694-1774).
Cours d’architecture qui comprend les Ordres de Vignole, avec des commentaries, Les Figures & les Descriptions de ses plus beaux Bâtiments & de ceux de Michel-Ange, des instructions et des préceptes, & plusieurs nouveaux Desseins concernans la distribution & la Décoration...

4to (272 x 206mm). [lvi], 447pp. 163 full-page, folding and in-text copper-engraved plates, most numbered. Near contemporary French calf, gilt spine; (some marginal staining, not affecting text, titled lightly browned; some plates with creases, otherwise excellent).

Augustin-Charles d’Aviler, French architect, wrote a treatise with commentary on the Italian architects Giacomo Barozzi da Vignola (1507-1573) and Michelangelo Buonarrotti (1475-1564) that was first published in 1691. Aviler’s explanations were considered so satisfactory that they have been adopted in all the best French dictionaries subsequently published. The improved edition of Aviler’s treatise was first published by Pierre-Jean Mariette in 1738, with the publisher’s fine engraved plates, and a biographical notice of Aviler. To enlarge Aviler’s work, Mariette classified building structure and codified architectural drawing practice. The engravings in Mariette’s editions improved this popular study of architecture, which was reprinted several times in the 18th century. Mariette was born to a long-established and highly successful family of engravers, book publishers and printsellers. He later became a collector of and dealer in old master prints, a renowned connoisseur, especially of prints and drawings, and a chronicler of the careers of French Italian and Flemish artists. Mariette’s architectural engravings in the Rococo style are large full plates that are beautifully printed; they are intrinsically linked to this cornerstone work. A classic Enlightenment-era copy rarely found in near contemporary binding.

$2,000
Barozzi, Giacomo; [Vignola (1507-1573)].
Le Due Regole della Prospettiva Pratica...
Bologna: Gioseffo Longhi, 1682.

Folio (332x228mm). [10], 145pp., [7]. Engraved additional title by Cherubino Alberti, woodcut decoration on title-p., woodcut initials, woodcut and engraved diagrams and geometric illustrations (some full-page) demonstrating perspective, woodcut device on final verso. In Italian. Edited with commentary by Ignazio Danti. Contemporary vellum over modern pasteboard, ms. title to spine; (text block loose in binding, title frayed and with bookseller’s stamps, moderately browned, some slight dampstains, marginal worming toward end, few paper repairs).

Vignola was one of the great Italian architects of the 16th century Mannerist style. Of his two published works, “ProspettivaPratica” was Vignola’s second treatise and was published ten years after his death by Ignazio Danti, professor in mathematics at Bologna. In it, Vignola argues for a naturalistic justification of linear perspective by explaining the anatomy and physiology of the human eye. He favored one-point perspective rather than two-point methods such as the bifocal construction. With many fine engravings by Vignola was working on the copper plates at the time of his death. Danti further illustrated the text with woodcuts. This combination of woodcut and copper-engraved illustrations was maintained in the following Rome editions — of 1611 and 1644 — but abandoned in the Bologna edition of 1682, which contains only woodcuts. The clarity and ease of use of Vignola’s treatise caused it to become popular in succeeding centuries the most published book in architectural history. An important landmark of Renaissance architectural theory and illustration. An increasingly scarce work. Cicognara 810; Fowler 386; Riccardi, 88.

$1,200
Contemporary half calf and paper over boards; folio (395x238mm); pp. [4] (half-title p., title-page printed in red and black, with engraved illustration), 60, plus 44 plates (some folding); collates complete. Text in Latin. Front board detached; boards and spine scuffed, and chipped along the edges. Just a little marginal worming to first few leaves; text block somewhat tanned; some light foxing, mostly confined to first and last few leaves. A nice, clean candidate for rebinding.

Latin edition of a rare survey of Roman antiquities. Memorable recordings of the tomb of Cecilia Metella, the mausoleum of Hadrian, the Trajan and Antonine columns, as well as a countless number of details, decorations and carvings from various Roman monuments. Pietro Santi Bartoli (1635-1700) was an Italian engraver, draughtsman and painter. Giovanni Pietro Bellori (1613-1696) was an Italian painter and antiquarian but more famously, a prominent biographer of artists of the 17th century.

$1,400
Half purple morocco and marbled paper, gilt-stamped lettering and ornament in spine compartments (5 raised bands); parts 1 and 2 bound together, folio (315x475mm); part 1 contains 19 plates, and part 2 contains 50; several plates misnumbered, but all are present. Complete. Text in Italian and French. Binding a bit scuffed, but nice and tight. Some light foxing, but contents are overall bright and clean.

Giuseppe Cacialli (Florence, 1770-1828) was an Italian architect who worked for the Grand Duchess Baciocchi, sister of Napoleon, on the two projects in this book — new wings for the Villa Poggia Imperiale and the Palazzo Pitti.

$2,500

Portfolio, marbled paper over boards backed in red cloth, gilt-stamped lettering on spine, 3 tie closures; folio; contains loose, folded leaves (33pp. text) and 80 lithograph plates; complete and as issued. N.d., library records suggest circa 1890. Spine tips lightly frayed; boards a little rubbed and scuffed. First few (text) leaves are a bit dusty; a little very faint toning to edges of text block; but overall bright and clean. Plates, in particular, are lovely, suitable for display.

$2,750
De Ville [Deville], Antoine. Les Fortifications du Chevalier. Lyon: chez Irenee Barlet, 1629.

Modern morocco, gilt-stamped lettering in red leather spine label (6 raised bands); folio (236 x 3674 mm); pp. [12], 441, [11], with engraved extra title, frontispiece, and 53 plates, many double-page, of forts and strongholds. First and last few leaves a little wrinkled or very lightly chipped along the edges; one index leaf hastily repaired with tape along top edge; some unobtrusive foxing and marginalia. Plate 28 bound at the front. An excellent copy, in a handsome binding.

Military engineer Antoine Deville or De Ville (1596-1656) owed his fame to this volume, which he began in 1628, while participating in the siege of La Rochelle. While it introduced or polished different elements of the art of war – for example, fortification with basions – Deville’s masterpiece did not strive to innovate. Rather, Les Fortifications serves as a compendium of different systems of fortifications, offering numerous examples. He states in his introduction that “although the meats were delicious, not all found them to their liking,” so he explores a diversity of solutions to diverse situations. A tremendous accomplishment, engraved by Deville himself, Les Fortifications was re-issued five times during the 17th century, in 1636 and 1666 in Paris, in 1640 in Lyons and finally in 1672 and 1675 in Amsterdam. The subsequent editions of the book contained no changes save the name of the publisher and the date of the publication in the frontispiece.

$2,500
Sixteen issues of
Wendingen,
Maandblad voor Bouwen en Sieren van Architectura et Amicitia,
a strikingly designed publication by the Amsterdam art society,
Architectura et Amicitia,
edited by Dutch architect Hendricus Theodorus Wijdeveld.

Priced individually or sold as a collection (please inquire). All are in stitched full-color wraps, square folio, with b/w illustrations and ads throughout. Condition is generally VG or better, with some light wrinkling and/or edgewear. They are:

{ 8 } Blaauw, C. J. (ed.). Wendingen. Maandblad voor bouwen en sieren van Architectura et Amicitia. Dit is nummer 8 van de 8ste serie (1927) en gewijd aan zweedsche kunstnijverheid. Amsterdam: Santpoort, 1927. $75


{ 11 } Feininger, Lyonel; Wijdeveld, H. Th.; Verkruysen, H. C. Wendingen. Maandblad voor Bouwen en Sieren van Architectura et Amicitia. Dit is nummer 7 van de 10de serie (1929) en gewijd aan schilderwerk van Lyonel Feininger. Met behoud van de Bestaande Typografie naar ontwerp van H. Th. Wijdeveld is dit nummer samengesteld door H. C. Verkruysen. De inleiding is geschreven door Dr. Redslob. Het omslag is ontworpen en op steen geteekend door Tine Baanders. Amsterdam, 1929. $100


{ 17 } Wijdeveld, H. Th.; Bijvoet, B.; Duiker, J. Wendingen, No. 12, dit nummer is gewijd aan het project van de architecten B. Bijvoet en J. Duiker tezandvoort voor het nieuwerijksacademie-gebouw te Amsterdam. Amsterdam, 1921.

$100


$150


$150


$450


$250
{ 22 } Wright, Frank Lloyd; Wijdeveld, H. Th. Wendingen. The Life-Work of the American Architect Frank Lloyd Wright. [Aflevering VI. Dit is het 8ste nummer van de 7de series, 1926]. Holland: C. A. Mees Santpoort, 1925.

$375


$125
Erasmus, Georg Caspar; [Hoffmann, Johann].
Seulen-Buch, Oder Gründlicher Bericht Von den Fünf Ordnungen der Architectur-Kunst, wie solche von Marco Vitruvio, Jacobo Barrozzio, Hanns Blumen, etc. und andern vornehmen berühmten Baumeistern und zusammen getragen und in gewisse Abtheilungen verabfasset worden ...
Durch Eine Liebhaber der Edlen Architectur-Kunst an den Tag gegeben und mit mehren Kupffern und Zierathen vermehrt.
Nurnberg: Hoffmann, [c. 1688].

Modern black morocco, gilt-stamped lettering in red leather spine label, gilt detail stamped direct on spine; 4to; pp. [3]-52, plus 46 plates (11 of which are folding, and heavily restored; 1 of which is laid-in). First title-page printed in red and black, and with 3 additional lavishly engraved half-title pages). Binding is very fine, indeed, but condition of text block varies -- many folding plates restored, full-page plates sometimes a bit browned, sometimes a bit fragile, and sometimes remarkably nice and bright. A nice copy overall, offering images of ornate columns, window frames, cornices, ceilings, and more. Sold as is.

$2,500

Modern binding, marbled paper over boards, backed in crimson morocco, gilt-stamped lettering in black leather spine label; oblong folio (approx. 23 x 16 inches). Complete, containing all four parts, bound together in one volume: Part 1, 33 plates (including title-p.); Part 2, 18 plates (including title-p.), Part 3, 29 plates (including title-p.); Part 4 (28 plates, including title-p.); 108 copper-engraved plates total. A little browning and small spot of soiling to first title-page and first plate, otherwise a remarkably bright, clean copy. There were a number of editions of this work issued during the 18th century, all undated -- this one likely from the early 19th century, with numbered plates. A breath-taking volume, documenting Rome's fountains, streets, gardens, and more. Near Fine.

$7,500

Elephant folio (500 x 340mm). Collation complete: 120 plates of French Architecture and plans, including the Arc de Triomphe, Place de la Concorde, and other famous Academy projects. With woodcut vignette of cornucopia and muse on title-page, table “generale” listing architectural designs, and copper engraved title-page listing academy members. Three-quarter calf-backed over tree-design boards; (scattered marginal foxing). Late 19th-century armorial bookplate of Hoffmann (Josef Franz Maria Hoffmann) on front pastedown. Hoffmann (1870-1956) was an influential Austrian architect who won the Rome Prize in 1895. Known for his contributions to the arts and crafts movement, Hoffmann also designed rooms for the Paris Expositions Universelle in 1900.

Second series of this magnificent collection of the 1806 Projets d'Architecture, 120 fine French Academy competition plates by Allais, Detournelle and Vaudoyer, which followed a previous publication of Prieur (c. 1787-1801), originally issued in 20 cahiers. As these Grands Prix engravings show, Academy neoclassicists revived eclectic motifs from antiquity with their prominent use of obelisks, pyramids, and blank walls in their design. “Egyptianizing” forms were becoming part of the landscape of Parisian architecture and were used to achieve a solemn appearance; this style was fascinating to young Academics who still wanted to maintain regal tradition. Notably, the Grands Prix drawings contain the Chapelle Sepulchrale by la Barre which demonstrated many of these Egyptian design elements including, Pantheon-domes, pyramids, sphinxes, and sarcophagi. This fine production of accomplished watercolors was primarily meant for the education of young Academics in this successful architectural style. Many plates include the scale, given in French toises or metres. It continued the Collection des Prix (1787-1801) and was continued as the Grands Prix d'Architecture in 1818.

Modern binding. Marbled paper over boards, backed in speckled calf, gilt-stamped lettering in second spine compartment (6 raised bands); folio (365x228mm); with engraved title-p., 22 plates. Binding is fine. Text block is very near fine, just a little dusty and age-toned.

Post (1608–1669) was court architect to the House of Orange. Scarce. OCLC locates only 3 copies.

$900
HÖRMANN, Joseph Julius von. 
Triumphus novem saeculorum 
Imperii Romano-Germanici 
Leopoldo Magno...
Anno saeculari & Jubilaeo 1700. 
Vienna: widow of Matthaus 
Cosmerovius, 1700.

2o (402 x 292 mm). Engraved 
frontispiece and 9 engraved plates by 
J.U. KRAUS, C. ENGELBRECHT 
and J.A. PFEFFEL, after PETRUS 
SCHUBART VON EHRENBERG 
(minor marginal worming at end). 
Contemporary calf (rebacked, light 
wear to corners).

Commemorating the 900th 
anniversary of the Holy Roman 
Empire, with the depiction of 9 
triumphal arches. A more common 
second edition was published in 1725. 
Backer-Sommervogel, I:1569; Berlin 
3624 (second edition).

$2,500
Datri, Pietro.
Li Monumenti Più Celebri di Roma Antica e Moderna, Disegnati dal Vero ed Incisi dai Migliori Artisti.

Original pictorial wraps; oblong 4to (275x420 mm); with copper-engraved title-page and 54 views of Rome, printed on the recto only. Backstrip perished; minor creasing; title-page a bit toned; last leaves dog-eared. Wide margins leave the engravings bright and clean, suitable for display. Uncommon -- OCLC locates just 5 copies of the 1867 edition.

$750
Architect or Engineer’s Notebook:
High-Rise Engineering.
Germany, c. 1910.

Original black cloth; 246 x 200 mm; approx. pp. 300, handwritten in black ink throughout (and demonstrating a variety of lettering styles), with very fine drawings in pencil and ink, most touched with color (either in pencil, ink, or watercolor). Even when illustrating technical details, our author captures the grain in the wood and gleaming metal hardware -- this is an intricately detailed and exceptionally beautiful treatise on all aspects of the construction of high-rise buildings, and homes.

$2,000

Ornately gilt-stamped half calf and marbled paper over boards, gilt-stamped lettering and ornament on spine; folio (505 x 340 mm); pp. 32, 35, [1], plus additional engraved title-page and 25 plates (17 double-page). Some very light rubbing along joints and edges of boards; a little light marginal foxing. A lovely copy.


$1,500

Four volumes in 2, 4to (215 x 165mm). Engraved portrait frontispiece of Andrea Palladio in first volume. Pagination: Book I: [viii], 1-128pp., one full-page diagram after p. 32 and after text 52 numbered plates of Palladian architectural facades signed by Anto. Mugnon (10 folding). Book II: [iv], 1-76pp., 51 numbered plates of Palladian architectural facades signed by Anto. Mugnon (8 folding). Book III: [iv], 1-60pp., 52 numbered plates of Palladian architectural facades signed by Anto. Mugnon (7 folding). Book IV: [iv], 1-80, 54 numbered plates of Palladian architectural facades signed by Anto. Mugnon (8 folding). Text in Italian. Modern red cloth, renewed endpapers; (spines slightly sunned, some minor marginal tape repairs to fore-edges and plates, some slight insect damage, otherwise complete and hearty volumes).

Second Italian Edition of Ottavio Bertotti Scamozzi’s introduction to Palladio’s remarkable oeuvre. Ottavio Bertotti Scamozzi was the first to collect and illustrate all of Andrea Palladio’s buildings in the eighteenth century; his monumental four-volume work was first published in Italian in 1776 and in French in 1796. This is the posthumous second Italian edition of Bertotti Scamozzi’s Palladian corpus. In it, Bertotti Scamozzi performed a survey of all the works of Palladio and analyzed them in context of the architect’s original aim and intention. Each building was represented in measured plan, elevation, and section from his well-known villas of the Veneto to his lesser-known engineering structures, such as bridges. In addition, Berotti Scamozzi took artistic license to record the buildings as they were intended to be, not necessarily as they were executed. A discerning observer, Bertotti Scamozzi characterized the works of Palladio as having an air of magnificence. His efforts greatly contributed to the knowledge and dissemination of a Palladian revival in Italy and in the colonial United States. Antonio Mugnoni, little known Vicentine engraver, worked on the prints in several architectural publications of his time, as here, and collaborated on other notorious work by Bertotti Scamozzi, as in his engravings for the Olympic theatre in Vicenza.

$1,500
Contemporary marbled paper over boards, leather backstrip, manuscript title in paper label on front board, printed paper spine label (a bit scuffed, No. 43 or 48?); oblong folio (388x284mm); 31 engraved plates depicting landscapes and great houses in France, some of them proofs-before-letters, with manuscript titles and privileges. Includes Pont-neuf, College des 4 Nations, Jardin de St. Germain en Laye, Chasteau et de la Caseade de St. Clou, La Maison de Sceaux, and others. Very scarce -- none located on OCLC, and auction records are scant. Binding worn, scuffed, bumped; but contents are very fine indeed.

Gabriel Parelle (1604-1677) was a French draftsman and printmaker of topographic views and landscapes. A pupil of Simon Vouet (who introduced the Baroque style of painting to France), Parelle specialized in classical landscapes similar to those of Francisque Millet, although more obviously decorative. He founded an etching workshop, with the assistance of his sons Nicolas and Adam assisted him. Parelle was also a pupil of famed artist Daniel Rabel, and produced several hundred engravings both from his own drawings and from those of his contemporaries.

$2,750
[PARIS 1749]. Plans et dessins Des constructions et decorations ordonées par la Ville de Paris pour les rejouissances publiques à l'occasion de la publication de la paix le 12 Février 1749. [Paris], c. 1749.

Oblong 2o (325 x 440 mm). Engraved title-page, engraved explanation of plates with pasted overslip adding a description of plate 6, and 6 engraved plates (some staining to title-page and margins of plates). Contemporary marbled paper wrappers (worn); cloth folding case. The plans and drawings illustrating the public festivities held in Paris to celebrate the TREATY OF AIX-LA-CHAPELLE on 12 February 1749. The treaty, signed on 18 October 1748, was mainly a diplomatic agreement between Britain and France, but it also marked the end of the War of Austrian Succession. Although the celebration called for fireworks at the Place de l’Hotel de Ville with numerous orchestras playing and buffets set up around the city, the affair was gloomy due to French resentment over the terms of the treaty. Berlin 3019; Vinet 524.

$2,250

Original printed wraps; 4to; 20 issues; profusely illustrated. From 1934, numbers 1-6, 9-12; 1935, 1-8, 10-11 (a double issue), 12. Covers rubbed and faintly dust-soiled, and a little wrinkled and chipped along yapp edges; text blocks a little dust-smudged and/or foxed, and, in a few cases, pulling away from wraps. Worn indeed, but an invaluable resource. A nice run of this influential Soviet architecture periodical, the design of which captures the beginnings of Constructivist aesthetics and Russian Avant-Garde.

4to (195x160mm). 58 leaves. Pagination: ii (of iv), 1-111pp. (lacking engraved title frontispiece and preliminary page with description of Schuym's scale). Signatures: "B, B-P4. Preface "To the Lovers of Architecture" signed R.M. Text of the "Mirror" and pp. 1-16, 1-40 numbered engraved plates on the orders of classical columns (Tuscan, Doric, Ionic, Roman, Corinthian) by fellow Vincentine Battista Pittoni plus bound-in 8 leaves (containing nine engravings) on capitals, arches, perspective, staircases, and mantles, plus one folding plate of a scale for measuring tangents (60 x 340mm). Pages 17-39 contain, The description and use of an ordinary joint-rule fitted with Lines for the ready finding the Lengths and Angles of Rafters and Hips, and Collar-Beams ... by John Brown. 2 (of 3?) folding plates of diagrams for folding engraved rule. For pp. 41-56: selections from Henry Wotton's Elements of Architecture, the nine plates for this work bound in after those in the "Mirror." After page 56, separately titled with same publisher is the Architecture: Or, A Compendium of the Art of Building ... by William Leyburn. One plate of diagram after p. 96. Pagination and register are continuous. Later calf; (some light edgewear, title lightly browned, binding repaired in 1943 by pencil note on rear pastedown). On verso of plate 41, a Corinthian capital, is a curious dated inscription, "Benjamin Roberts tumbled into a well at Winchcombe and was drowned, July 31st 1745. The same time Mr. Applegate's house was built." 18th-century signature on preface "Robt Hill." Bookplate of Ogden Codman, Jr. on front pastedown, inscribed with purchase information from Goodspeeds 1954. Sticker: "Loaned to the Metropolitan Museum of Art by Ogden Codman." Ogden Codman (1863-1951), was a noted New York based architect. Circa 1950 ownership inscription of James van der Pool of the Avery Architecture Library also on front pastedown.

The 40 numbered plates in the “Mirror” by 18th-century architects Brown, Wotton, and Leyburn are worn copies from the original plates of the 1669 edition. Wotton’s plates are bound after the “Mirror” plates here and are from a variety of unknown sources; equally the whole is rich in rare architectural impressions. Scamozzi was a prolific “chief-builder” in Venice. While known for executing the unfinished works of Palladio, Scamozzi also published widely on architectural theory and practice. The “Mirror” was Scamozzi’s textbook treatise and was reprinted to at least a seventh edition in 1734. Fashion for Scamozzi’s design theory was greatly boosted in Britain by architect James Gibb (1682-1754), who also made his own rules book based on Scamozzi in 1732. This important English printing of the “Mirror” was invaluable to mid-eighteenth century builders on both sides of the Atlantic and surely influenced the popularity of Palladian-style architecture in early America.

Folio (400 x 280mm). 62 leaves. Signatures: A6, A6, [50 plates]. Title printed in large roman print with printer’s device of Tournes (encircled snake) and Latin motto Quod tibi fieri non vis, alteri ne feceris. 50 full-page copper engraved plates of portals (30 rustic) (20 refined). Descriptions of plates are separately titled. French text in roman and italic. Two eight-line criblé initials at openings, and seven and six-line historiated initials. Late nineteenth-century three-quarter vellum over decorative boards, endpapers renewed; (some plates with crude marginal repairs and light browning or stains, otherwise complete and in order). Late nineteenth-century armorial bookplate of Charles Alexander, Baron de Cosson (1846-1929) to front pastedown. Baron de Cosson was born in Durham to a French family, where his interest in antiquities flourished from an early age. Cosson grew to be an eminent collector, notably of armor. This copy sold by Francis Edwards booksellers to James van der Pool of the Avery Architecture Library (Columbia) in 1952, receipts laid-in.

The “Extraordinary Book of Doors” was Sebastiano Serlio’s last book he saw through to publication; he died just three years later. The “Extraordinary Book of Doors” was written as an appendix to his major practical treatise on architecture, the Tutte l’Opere d’Architettura et Prospectiva, whose seven parts were published individually from 1537 to 1575 and later collected in a single volume, issued in 1584. This work on portals, while little-known in its day, showcased fifty examples of gates, both rustic and refined, as pieces of domestic architecture. Serlio illustrated the portals as large plates without text so as to best demonstrate their design. The “Extraordinary Book of Doors” was sometimes included as Book VI in the Architettura series, but it was always unnumbered by Serlio and was intended as a supplemental model book. The illustrations are notable as they show the first hints of the emerging Mannerist style in Italian architectural design.

$6,000

18th-century Italian calf-backed paper-covered boards, the spine in six compartments (5 raised bands), with gilt-stamped lettering in morocco spine label in the second, other compartments with gilt-stamped decoration; folio (322 x 230 mm); 5 parts in 1 volume; with 4 letterpress part titles (one printed in red and black), each within a woodcut surround, plus numerous woodcuts in text, some full-page. Binding scuffed and worn, with some chipping at spine tips, along joints and edges of boards. Lacking fol. 12 in Part I and pp. 91-94 in Part III; title to Part I cut down and with early re-margining; blank margins of some other leaves repaired with occasional loss to headlines; a few leaves with old dampstain. Inscription on the first title-p., dated 1637; 19th-century book label of J Bernard and ink signature of art historian Meyer Schapiro on front paste-down. Some early (late-16th or early-17th century) marginalia in one or more hands, including a few nicely accomplished pencil sketches (a face in profile, a merman, architectural details, an ear). An interesting, unique copy.

A later mixed edition of Serlio’s masterpiece, and one of the great triumphs of Venetian book-production in the late-16th century. Serlio first studied drawing and perspective at Pesaro before moving to Rome in 1514, where he became a follower of Bramante. Initially a painter, he studied architecture under Baldassare Peruzzi. In this, the first great architectural treatise of the Renaissance, Serlio writes of geometry, perspective, classical architecture, and more — the text beautifully complemented by wood-cut architectural plans, details, perspective schemata, and geometric figures. $3,500
SERLIO, Sebastiano (1475-1554); SCAMOZZI, Vincenzo (1552-1616). Tutte l'opera d'Architettura di Sebastiano Serlio Bolognese Doue si trattano in disegno, quelle cose, che sono piu necessaire all'Architetto ... Venice: Francesco de Franceschi Senese, 1584. First Edition.

Books 1-7 in one volume, each separately titled, folio (245 x 180mm). Pagination (frequently erroneous): 26 preliminary leaves [52]; Book I: 16 leaves of pp. 1-16; Book II: 32 leaves of title non. num, pp. 18-52; Book III: 75 leaves of title non. num., pp. 50-124; Book IV: 74 leaves of title non. num, pp. 126-200; Book V: 20 leaves of title non. num, pp. 202-219, +blank; Book VI: title non. num., 27 leaves of pp. 1-27, +blank; Book VII: 125 leaves, title non. num. [4], pp. 1-243. Signatures: a4, a4 (b4), c-e4, f6, A4, B-I8, K-P4, Q-S8, T4, II4, KK-QQ4, RR-ZZ8, AAa8, a-c8, d4,*4, A-O8, P10. Extensively illustrated with over 200 woodcuts for the seven books of Serlio (index of plates is 37 pages long and arranged alphabetically) depicting figures of domestic architecture, interiors, pavement patterns, portals, doors, facades, and other cross-sections of design. Seven titles with woodcut printer's device of oval medallions personifying Peace, inscribed PAX, holding olive branch in cartouche border, and repeated on final verso, other titles in architectural frames. 18th-century calf spine gilt in compartments with gilt title “SERLIO ARCHITETT.” marbled endpapers and edges; (some minor rubbing, internally few dampstains and intermittent browned leaves, otherwise good). Book I title inscribed with early owner “Andrea Sarracino” and a2 inscribed “AMBOSIO LVCENTI.” Dated receipt to Avery librarian James van der Pool from M. Mayers in Brooklyn, purchase of 1954.

This is the first collected edition of the seven books of Sebastiano Serlio produced by the Venetian printer Francesco de Franceschi Senese. Book Seven is dedicated to Vincenzo Scamozzi, architect, mathematician, and theorist, and the Index of the books was prepared by his father, Giovanni Domenico Scamozzi, also a Vicentine architect, who died in 1582. Vincenzo had a huge intellectual appetite and constantly sought to reference, extend, and update his architectural knowledge. Additionally, both Scamozzi architects had developed a significant interest in the ideas of Serlio whose printed works provided the best account of architecture and antiquity to date. As it was, father and son continued the posthumous publishing of Serlio's books, which had only been individually and non-sequentially produced to date. The Scamozzis were the first to gather Books 1-5 and two manuscripts (one being the “Extraordinary Book of Doors”) together and provided a preface, “A Discourse on Architecture.” Their work finally went to press with Senese in 1584, as here, and was lauded as the best reference work on classical architecture of its time. Vincenzo subsequently augmented the index and issued further editions in 1600 and 1619.

$2,750
Dual French and Latin edition of Serlio’s important sixteenth century treatise on Geometry and Perspective, Books I and II, published in Paris by Barbé in 1545. Books I and II covered the fields of knowledge once considered the purview of the painter. The books were intended for very few readers, mainly those who were able to draw and reproduce diagrams. For Geometry, architects and artists would have most benefited from the graphic experience and the profuse diagrams which would help them resolve problems in their work. The second book, Perspective, is divided into three short treatises organized as lessons. The first was devoted to the ground plan in perspective, the second to bodies in perspective, the third to “material” perspective in stage design (comic, tragic, and satirical) and is illustrated by the famous engravings on perspective, spatial contours, and distributions of the theater. Serlio’s Books I and II appeared third in the series after the “Quarto Libro” on the orders (1537) and Book III on Antiquities (1540). They were important teaching tools that Serlio developed over time and over exposure to the work of Euclid’s Elements and other master thinkers and designers of his time like Leon Battista Alberti, Piero della Francesca, Leonardo da Vinci, Jean Pèlerin and Albrecht Dürer. Jean Barbé was a Parisian printer and merchant-bookseller who is remembered for partnering with typographer Claude Garamont in 1545 – notably the same year as this edition. At the height of his short two-year career, Barbé’s work on this Serlio text was his most notorious and remains an important addition in French Renaissance printing. Barbé prepared just one more final edition of this Serlio text for the benefit of his widow and heirs, which appeared in 1547 – the same year of his death.

$4,800
Spampani, Giambattista; Antonini, Carlo.
Il Vignola Illustrato. Proposto da Giambattista Spampani e Carlo Antonini studenti d'architettura dedicato alla Santità di N. S. P. P. Clemente XIV.
Rome: Stamperia di Marco Pagliarini, 1770.

Modern binding. Paper-covered boards, backed in blind-ruled beige calf, gilt-stamped lettering in black leather spine label; folio (350x255mm); pp. [14] (including engraved frontis., vignette engraved title-p., engraved portrait), 58, xxviii, plus 51 plates (numbered I-XXXXI, [1], [9]). Spine scuffed, otherwise binding is fine. Textblock just a little bit tanned and/or dusty along the edges, otherwise very near fine.

*Finely engraved, with plates illustrating architectural elements, geometry, perspective.*

$800

Half calf and marbled paper (unadorned spine); two works bound together, folio (360x244mm); frontispiece portrait and 44 plates (Ordini); pp. [12], 145, [7], with engraved additional title-p., 8 plates, and numerous head- and tailpieces throughout (Prospettiva). Binding a bit scuffed and worn, but tight and square. A little scattered browning, foxing, dampstaining, but overall both works are nice and clean. Two plates in "Ordini" reinforced on the verso.

Folio editions of Vignola’s two important treatises, the first on the orders (first published in 1563) and the second on perspective (first published posthumously in 1583). The majority of editions were printed in smaller quarto or octavo formats. Though not in Fowler, this edition of the orders includes the portrait of Michelangelo (considered a reprint of Fowler 359). The second treatise on perspective is notable for the view of Bologna in the engraved title-page. Fowler 389. $1,800

Folio (380 x 255mm). 51 leaves. Pagination: I-XXXVI (including plates III-XXXVI), +17 non. num. plates. Full-page engraved architectural title-leaf includes the arms of Cardinal Alessandro Farnese, to whom the work is dedicated, and the half-length portrait of Vignola in aedicule facing to the viewer’s right and holding a compass, flanked by muses of geometry and math. 36 full-page copper-plate engraved plates with captions, 2 folding, depicting portals, lintels, arcades, mantles, capitals, and other parts and orders of classical architecture, including the two folding plans for the palace of the Cardinal Farnese which Vignola had been redesigning since 1558. Plates II and III are full-page engraved letters to Cardinal Farnese and Pope Pius IV respectively, and are most interesting for their typographic layout. Vellum boards, spine titled REGOLA DEL ARCHITETT. DI I. BAROZZIO 1570, 1617 and library label obscuring the rest, in custom cloth slipcase; (lightly stained rear cover, some closely trimmed margins and offsetting but images intact and are highly fine impressions). Nineteenth-century rubber stamp of the Bibliotheca Heberiana to front flyleaf. Richard Heber (1774-1833) was a ripe scholar and bibliophile with a massive personal library, sold in 1834. Mid-century ownership inscription of Prof. James van der Pool of the Avery Architecture Library (Columbia) to front pastedown.

Rare later Roman edition of Vignola’s famous Canon work on the “Five Orders of Architecture.” This copy was printed circa 1625 and is the first of two that de Rossi produced; the second appeared about ten years later. As the imprint details lack in so many of the Italian editions of the Vignola Regola, it is somewhat difficult to determine definitive dates of issue throughout the late-16th and 17th centuries. Earlier editions of this text appeared almost consecutively in Rome and Venice, with the first in 1562 and the latest in 1695. Vignola’s “Five Orders of Architecture” in all had over 250 editions; it is one of the most successful architecture textbooks ever written. The ample reprinting of this work allowed Vignola’s work to pave the way for a new theory of architecture, one based on practicability. The title contains the Vignola’s self-confident portrait, as one who famously states, “It is always necessary to know what we want our eyes to see.”

$6,500

8vo (214 x 146mm). 63pp., pls: (A.1-A.10), (B.1-B.8), (C.1-C.8), (D.1-D.8), (E.1- E.8), (F.1-F.14). Signatures: A-D8, A10, B-E8, F14. 56 full-page engraved copper-plates depicting various parts of architecture including columns, arches, friezes and diagrams for measurements. Later marbled boards, leather backstrip, marbled edges; (lacking frontispiece, occasional foxing and stains, light toning; rubbed, corners bumped).

Third Edition. First published in 1748, the work of Giovanni Ziborghi, architect of Villa Manin (1738), who compiled his observations to be the source for a new way of thinking about ornament. Jacopo Barozzi da Vignola was an architect and architectural theorist and one of the most important exponents of the Mannerist style in Italy during the Renaissance. His important studies on the orders of architecture and rules of perspective helped articulate the canon of the classical style as we know it today. Finely illustrated with several detailed figures showcasing the elements of antique architecture.

$450
Vitruvius Pollio, Marcus. *De architectura libri decem*. Amsterdam: Ludovicus Elzevier, 1649.


*Covers the elements of architecture, town planning, and fortification; building materials; temples, columns, foundations, etc.; civil and domestic buildings; plasterwork and the interior of buildings; and technical matters such as hydraulics, astronomy, sundials, machinery and military engineering. Identified by PMM as "the fundamental architectural textbook for centuries."*

$2,500
Vitruvius Pollio, Marcus.
Venetia: Francesco de' Franceschi Senese & Giovanni Chrieger Alemano Compagni, 1567.
Second edition.

Early vellum over boards, title in faint manuscript on spine (3 raised bands); 8vo (233x168mm); pp. [10], 506, with fine woodcut title-p., and more than 100 woodcut illustrations (some folding). Lacking 7 leaves (pp. 119-120, 161-162, 167-168, 177-178, 183-184, 209-210, 215-216). In VG+ or better condition, with just some light marginal foxing, some early marginlia and underlining.


$1,500

Folio (295 x 190mm). [12], I-CX, (110ff.) Signatures: AA6-BB6; A8-N8; O6. Title printed in red and black with woodcut block border depicting strewn armor and dueling knights with wreathed portrait of Cicero at top and plaques with monogram initials of Roman Emperors Fabius Maximus, Julius Caesar, and Alexander Magnus. 136 woodcut in-text illustrations depicting lives of primitive humans, the famous Vitruvian Man on p. XXII, constellations, rules for perspective, and other mathematical figures and diagrams of architecture. Woodcut historiated chapter initials throughout of repeating portraits. Translated by Benedetto Giovio (1471-1545). Edited by Francesco Lutio Durantino. 19th-century calf with decorative stamps, spine stamped in gilt TRAT DE ARCH, endpapers renewed; (loose in binding, some margins trimmed close, some light worming, at least six early cancelled inscriptions on title, leaf CX with significant excision, otherwise an crisp and clean text block with wonderful woodcut impressions). 19th-century inscription on fly-leaf “Famoza Archi-itectura.” Another 19th-century inscription on front flyleaf, “Presented to the Mercantile Library Association of New York by Philip A Reach ...Consul/ Lisbon Jan. 7 1848.” Sold in 1958 “on removal of Architecture Books from the Library” (pencil note).

Rare illustrated Durantino edition of Vitruvius printed in Venice by Zoppino in 1535. This Vitruvius work was first printed in 1521 for Como. As it gained notoriety, another edition in the vernacular Italian was prepared by Giovanni Antonio and Pietro de’ Nicolino da Sabbio in 1524. It incorporated woodcuts from a 1511 Latin edition produced by Giovanni Giocondo in Venice (Tacuino). This Zoppino printing had a newly redesigned title-leaf with an elaborate woodcut border of chivalric battle scenes between Augustus Caesar, Julius Caesar, and Alexander the Great. The 136 in-text woodcuts are an all too interesting miscellany of late-medieval life, nature, and architecture and are characteristic of Vitruvian ideals in regards to proportion, ornament, language, space, place and beauty. The famous figure of “Symmetria” (Vitruvian Man) is present on p. XXII. Both the 1524 and 1535 editions were widely read by an Italian public. Vitruvian principles deeply influenced early Renaissance artists, thinkers, and architects who believed they were rediscovering an ancient discipline which would be the foundation of their culture.

$6,000
Winkelmann [Winckelmann], Giovanni [Johann Joachim]; Fea, Carlo. 
Roma: Pagliarini, 1783-84. 
Second Italian Edition.

Contemporary half marbled calf and matching paper over boards, lettering stamped in gilt direct on spine and in black leather label; 3 volumes, 4to; with half-titles, engraved titles, 63 plates (see pagination, below), numerous illustrations in text, lacking frontispieces; pp. [4], xcvi, 451, [1], plus 20 plates; 427, [1], 16 plates (2 folding); xii, 604, 40 (Fea’s essay “Sulle Rovine di Roma”), 28 plates. Spines scuffed, a little wormed, torn at tip of Vol. I; text block nice and bright, with a little contemporary marginalia, and just some light foxing on prelims and terminals.

Brunet V, 1463; Schlosser-Magnino 676-7; Cicognara 59; Olschki, Choix 13020; Millard, Italian and Spanish Books 165; Ruppert, Winckelmann-Bibliographie (1942), 15; PMM 210; A. Schnapp, The Discovery of the Past, pp. 258-266. 

$2,000

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108. Visser, C.; Ten Bruggencate, A.; Schregardus, J. *Onze Hollandsche Molen, Bijdragen tot de Kennis en de Geschiedenis van de Windmolens in Nederland*. Amsterdam: De Spieghel, 1926. Illustrated paper over boards, backed in red cloth, lettering stamped in black on spine; 8vo; pp. 112, with tipped-on b/w illustrations. Paper covering a little chipped along the edges; spine tips and corners lightly bumped and frayed. Some foxing to first and last few leaves, but overall internally clean. $35


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