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[All sold prices include buyer's premium]

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Fine Printed Books and Manuscripts, including a collection of miniature books

Thursday 16 March, 10.30 am & 2pm

Total: £297,240	Lots Offered: 433	Lots Sold: 394	Sale No: 4070
\$519,278	Sold by Lot: 91%	Sold by £: 96%	\$1.747/ €1.447
€430,106			

Comment: Crispin Jackson , Department Head, Books:

The sale achieved excellent overall results with strong prices in all genres. A collection of 82 miniature book lots was 100% sold, reflecting the intense media interest in these items. Lot 47, which included the tiny 1952 miniature edition of *The Lord's Prayer*, sold for £1,320 against an estimate of £200-300. Also selling well were first editions of such popular favourites; Mrs Beeton's *'Book of Household Management'* (lot 90: £1,800), Rudyard Kipling's two *'Jungle Books'* (lot 252; £2,160), Antoine de Saint-Exupery's *'The Little Prince'* (lot 295; £960) and John Wyndham's *'The Day of the Triffids'* (lot 371; £960). A first edition of J.K. Rowling's *'Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets'* (lot 423) inscribed by Rowling sold for £1,320, an album of autograph material by Florence Nightingale, the Duke of Wellington and others (lot 374) fetched £4,080, and a *French life of the Duke of Marlborough* from the library of Napoleon sold for £4,200."

LOTS	£	\$	€	Estimate	Buyer
126	£9,000	\$15,723	€13,023	£2,500-3,500	Liber Antiques
Galileo Galilei (1562-1642) <i>Opere. Bologna: H.H. de Dozza 1656-1655</i> first edition.					
13	£5,040	\$8,805	\$7,293	£2,000-3,000	Private Collector
<i>Bibliothèque Portative de Voyageur</i> , from the miniature book collection					
94	£4,800	\$8,386	\$6,946	£2,500-3,500	Private Collector
Robert Boyle (1627-1692) <i>New Experiments physico-mechanical</i> , second edition					

For results and highlights of the Miniature Book collection, please see next page.

The Miniature Book Collection (Lots 1 – 82) Highlights:

Total: £ 50,856	Lots Offered: 82	Lots Sold: 82
\$88,845	Sold by Lot: 100%	Sold by £: 100%
€73,589		\$1.747/ €1.447

LOTS	£	\$	€	Estimate	Buyer
3	£240	\$419	€347	£300-500	Anon
<i>Atlas of the British Empire, Queen Mary's Dolls House</i>					
13	£5,040	\$8,805	\$7,293	£2,000-3,000	Private Collector
<i>Bibliothèque Portative de Voyageur</i>					
47	£1,320	\$2,306	\$1,910	£200-300	Private Collector
<i>The Lord's Prayer, thought to be the world's smallest book, Old Testament and Bible</i>					
54	£120	\$210	\$174	£200-300	Private Collector
<i>The Mite, Queen Mary's Dolls House</i>					