

# CHRISTIE'S

## Valuable Books & Printed Manuscripts

London, 12 June 2013, Sale 1176

[All sold prices include buyer's premium]

101 lots sold  
136 lots offered

**Total: £3,197,025 / \$4,987,359 / €3,740,519**  
\$1.56= £1 / €1.17 =£1

74% sold by lot  
87% sold by value

Lot	Description	Estimate (£)	Price Realised	Buyer
82	VERGILIUS MARO, PUBLIUS (70-19 B.C.). <i>Opera (Bucolica, Georgica, Aeneid, with argumenta)</i> . Venice: Vindelinus de Spira, 1470.	500,000 - 800,000	£1,181,875 \$1,843,725 €1,382,794	US Trade
31	Richard Rolle (d.1349), <i>De Emendatione Vitae</i> ; Walter Hilton (d.1396), translated by Thomas Fishlake, <i>Scala Perfectionis</i> ; and other texts, in Latin, ILLUMINATED MANUSCRIPT ON VELLUM, [London, c.1450s]	100,000 - 150,000	£121,875 \$190,125 €142,594	Anonymous
53	LENIN, Vladimir Ilyich (1870-1924). Autograph letter signed as President of the Council of People's Commissars (using both his birth name and his assumed name, 'V. Ulyanov (Lenin)') to 'Comrade members of the Russian Communist Party and comrades working in all Soviet organisms and institutions', Kremlin, Moscow, 11 November 1920	50,000 - 70,000	£121,875 \$190,125 €142,594	Anonymous
32	<i>The Book of The Fraternity of The Holy Spirit of Billerbeck</i> , in Latin, ILLUMINATED MANUSCRIPT ON VELLUM, [Germany, likely the diocese of Münster, end 15 <sup>th</sup> century]	70,000 - 100,000	£85,875 \$133,965 €100,474	European Trade
45	DONNE, John (1572-1631). Manuscript copy of his earliest extant verse collection [c.1612-14]	20,000 - 30,000	£85,875 \$133,965 €100,474	Anonymous
30	BOOK OF HOURS, use of Paris, in Latin and French, ILLUMINATED MANUSCRIPT ON VELLUM, [Paris, c.1510]	40,000 - 60,000	£67,875 \$105,885 €79,414	European Trade
100	SMITH, Adam (1723-1790). An Inquiry into the Nature and Causes of the Wealth of Nations. London: for W. Strahan and T. Cadell, 1776.	45,000 - 65,000	£67,875 \$105,885 €79,414	European Private
29	BOOK OF HOURS, use of Rouen, in Latin, ILLUMINATED MANUSCRIPT ON VELLUM, [Rouen, c.1465]	30,000 - 50,000	£49,875 \$77,805 €58,354	US Trade
52	LENIN, Vladimir Ilyich (1870-1924). Telegram addressed to [the French socialist Henri] Guilbeaux in Geneva, n.p. Bern, 11.10 a.m., 6 April 1917	20,000 - 30,000	£49,875 \$77,805 €58,354	Asian Trade
7	THE FALL OF MAN, miniature with full border on a leaf from Raoul de Presles's French translation of St Augustine, <i>De civitate Dei</i> , ILLUMINATED MANUSCRIPT ON VELLUM [Paris, c.1405]	20,000 - 30,000	£47,475 \$74,061 €55,546	UK Private

**Comment: Margaret Ford, Senior Director, Head of Department, Books and Manuscripts:** "The newly discovered Vergil has joined the exclusive club of books sold for over £1 million. Its extreme rarity, importance and beauty was appreciated and admired by international clients around the world ahead of the sale, resulting in several private collectors competing for the privilege of adding this trophy to their collection. Christie's now firmly leads the field in selling books for over £1 million. Unique manuscripts continue to be highly appealing, as shown by the top results, and these have found new homes around the world. Rare offprints by Alan Turing closed the sale, selling for a combined total of £72,125, trebling their pre-sale low estimate."

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