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London, 15 July 2015, Sale #10455

[All sold prices include buyer's premium]

134 lots sold		Total: £5,892,000 / \$9,220,980 / €8,360,748		74% sold by lot
182 lots offered		£1 = \$1.565 / £1 = €1.419		87% sold by value
Lot	Description	Estimate (£)	Price Realized	Buyer
20	The 'GOSPELS OF QUEEN THEUTBERGA' in Latin, ILLUMINATED MANUSCRIPT ON VELLUM [Lotharingia, perhaps Metz, c.825-850 (before 835?)].	1,000,000-1,500,000	£1,986,500 \$3,108,873 €2,818,844	Metropolitan Museum of Art
49	NOBEL PEACE PRIZE MEDAL awarded in 1909 to Auguste Beernaert (1829-1912) for his work at the Permanent Court of Arbitration. 23 carat gold, 66mm diameter.	30,000-50,000	£422,500 \$661,213 €599,528	Private
179	NEWTON, Sir Isaac (1643-1727). <i>Philosophiae naturalis principia mathematica</i> . Edited by Edmond Halley (1656-1743).	100,000-150,000	£278,500 \$435,853 €395,192	Private American
24	MAGNA CARTA AND STATUTES, LAW TRACTS, AND REGISTER OF WRITS, in Latin and Anglo-Norman French, DECORATED MANUSCRIPT ON VELLUM [England, perhaps London, c.1300].	50,000-80,000	£170,500 \$266,833 €241,940	Private
106	FRITH, Francis (1822-1898). <i>Egypt, Sinai, and Jerusalem: A Series of Twenty Photographic Views</i> . Text by Sophia Poole and Reginald Stuart Poole. London, Glasgow and Edinburgh: William Mackenzie [c.1858-1860].	80,000-120,000	£152,500 \$238,663 €216,398	UK Trade
47	A SILVER-GILT MOUNTED ARAB JAMBIYA DAGGER, presented to T.E. Lawrence after his triumph at Aqaba by Sherif Nasir. Ornately-tooled hilt and scabbard, curved blade. 30cm long.	60,000-90,000	£122,500 \$191,713 €173,828	Anonymous
167	PIRANESI, Giovanni Battista (1720-1778). [<i>Opera</i> , an extensive composite set in contemporary editions.] Rome: G.B. Piranesi [and others], 1756-before 1778.	60,000-90,000	£110,500 \$172,933 €156,800	Bernard Shapero Rare Books Ltd
26	BOOK OF HOURS, use of Metz, in Latin and French, ILLUMINATED MANUSCRIPT ON VELLUM, [eastern France, probably Metz or Troyes, c.1465-70].	80,000-120,000	£104,500 \$163,543 €148,286	Sims Reed Ltd
176	DARWIN, Charles Robert (1809-1882). <i>On the Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection</i> . London: John Murray, 1859.	50,000-80,000	£92,500 \$144,763 €131,258	Private American
30	PLUTARCH, <i>Life of Camillus</i> , in the Latin translation of OGNIBENE DA LONIGO for GIANFRANCESCO GONZAGA (c.1395-1444), ILLUMINATED MANUSCRIPT ON VELLUM [northern Italy, probably Mantua, c.1470s].	25,000-35,000	£80,500 \$125,983 €114,230	Private

Margaret Ford, International Head of Books and Manuscripts, and Thomas Venning, Head of Books and Manuscripts, London: "A millennium of books in a single sale brought a room full of international buyers to bid on the exceptional 9th-century manuscript *Gospels of Queen Theutberga* to Darwin's 'On the Origin of Species'. The strong bidding for Lawrence of Arabia's dagger was a fitting, if coincidental, memorial to Omar Sharif days after his death. This auction brings to an end a highly successful season of sales of Books and Manuscripts at Christie's, characterised by strong sell-through rates and record prices across all categories."

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