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When you are reading the book descriptions in the AddAll.com search results for the first time you will see some unfamiliar terms and abbreviations such as:

ffep, 4to... etc.

I have included this section as a useful guide to the meanings of these terms.

Book Dimensions

Folios:

Double Elephant ...up to 50" (inches) tall.

Atlas ...up to 25" tall.

Elephant ...up to 23" tall.

Folio ...up to 15" tall.

4to... ...up to 12" tall. aka Quarto.

8vo... ...up to 9½" tall. aka Octavo.

12mo... ...up to 7½" tall. aka Duodecimo.

16mo... ...up to 6½" tall. aka Sextodecimo.

24mo... ...up to 5½" tall. aka Trigesimo-secundo.

32mo... ...up to 5" tall. aka Trigesimo-secundo.

48mo... ...up to 4" tall.

64mo... ...up to 3" tall.

Note:

Remember the value of vintage prints tends to increase with size.

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- Board(s)..... ...The book cover(s).
- Book Plate..... ...A label bearing the owner's name & an individual design or coat of arms pasted on the inside cover of a book.
- Book Plate..... ...Refers to a full page illustration either bound or tipped in to the interior of the book.
- ep..... ...End paper.
- Etching..... ...Print produced from etched metal plate
- Ex-Library..... ...A former library book generally containing library acquisition and ownership stamped markings.
- Ex-Libris (adj)... ..."From the collection or library of"
- Ex-Libris (noun).. ...The same term can be used as a noun to describe a book plate.
- Ffep..... ..."Front free end paper".
- Foxing/foxed... ...Small brown spots on the plates in old books caused by excessive humidity, extreme temperature or the aging of the inks. Caution is required when ordering books described as foxed or with foxing as this will have a serious impact on the plate value.

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Definitions (cont.)

- Gatefold..... ...An oversized page in a book or magazine folded to the same size as the other pages but intended to be opened out for reading.
- LP..... ...Limited Print
(only printed in limited numbers).
- Mezzotint..... ...A print made from an engraved copper or steel plate.
- Pagination..... ...The sequence of numbers assigned to pages in a book.
- Photogravure.... ...An image produced from a photographic negative transferred to a metal plate and etched in.
- Plate..... ...Full page illustration.
- Tipped In..... ...A method of adding illustrated pages to a book where the page is placed in between bound pages and glued to an adjacent page.
- Recto..... ...The right hand page or the front side of a leaf. (other side of the verso)
- Verso..... ...The left hand page of a book
(reverse of a leaf)

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IOBA Book Condition Definitions

"IOBA (independent Online Booksellers Association) members should guard against using language in their book descriptions which might conceal material defects, overstate a book's condition, or mislead buyers in any other respect."

IOBA Book Condition Definitions are here for two reasons:

1. To inform buyers of various terms used for condition of Hardcover, Dust Jackets, Softcovers & Paperbacks listed by IOBA Book dealers. In this manner, IOBA members create mutual trust & respect between booksellers & clients.

AND

2. To inform Booksellers of the standardization of definitions of book descriptions, as used by the IOBA Booksellers. Booksellers are individuals and as such may have what they think is the best book description definitions. The IOBA Book Condition Definitions standards codify these condition definitions so that IOBA Booksellers have a guideline for describing their books. If IOBA booksellers do not use these guidelines they will prominently display their own definitions.

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IOBA Book Condition Definitions (cont.)

These IOBA Book Condition Definitions are used to describe both the book and the dust jacket, if applicable.

Thus the word 'book' may be replaced by 'dust jacket' in the definitions below:

AS NEW; FINE; MINT: Without faults or defects.

NEAR FINE: a book approaching FINE (or AS NEW or MINT) but has a couple very minor defects or faults (must be noted).

NOTE: From here on, there may be "+ (Plus)" or "- (Minus)" in a grade, which will mean that it is above the grade noted but not quite to the next higher grade for "+", and that it is below the grade noted but not quite to the next lower grade for "-".

*i. e., Very Good + (or Plus)/Very Good - (or Minus)
"The book is better than Very Good & dust jacket grade is less than Very Good".*

VERY GOOD: A book showing some signs of wear. Any defects or faults must be noted.

GOOD: The average used book that is totally complete (as issued) and intact. Any defects must be noted.

FAIR: A worn book that has complete text pages (including those with maps or plates) but may lack endpapers, half-title page, etc. Any defects or faults must be noted.

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IOBA Book Condition Definitions (cont.)

POOR or READING COPY: A book that is sufficiently worn that its only merit is the complete text, which must be legible. Any missing maps or plates must be noted. May be soiled, scuffed, stained, or spotted, and may have loose joints, hinges, pages, etc.

IOBA Book Faults

EX-LIBRARY: Must always be designated as such no matter the condition of the book.

BOOK CLUB: Must always be noted as such no matter the condition of the book.

BINDING COPY: A book in which the text block & illustrations are complete but the binding is lacking or in such poor condition that it is beyond realistic restoration efforts.

REMAINDER MARKS, BOOKPLATES, PREVIOUS OWNER'S NAME:

These are faults and must always be noted if they apply.