

# CHRISTIE'S

## *Yates, Thompson and Bright: A Family of Bibliophiles*

London, Wednesday, 16 July 2014, Sale 1584

[All sold prices include buyer's premium]

315 lots sold      **Total: £5,159,725 / \$8,838,609 / €6,506,413**      84% sold by lot  
374 lots offered      \$1.713 = £1 / €1.261 = £1      97% sold by value

Lot	Description	Estimate (£)	Price Realised	Buyer
11	Missal, Use of Udine, Illuminated Manuscript on Vellum, [Vienna, c.1430-35]	500,000 - 800,000	£1,082,500 \$1,854,323 €1,365,033	Private European Collector
17	Leonardo Bruni (C.1370-1444), in the French translation of Jean Lebègue (1368-1457), <i>Histoire De La Première Guerre Punique</i> , Illuminated Manuscript on Vellum, [Paris, C.1450]	150,000 - 250,000	£386,500 \$662,075 €487,377	US Trade
69	Hans Bol, (artist; 1534-1593); the complete series of thirteen original drawings for the emblemata evangelica, together with the plates engraved by Adriaen Collaert	250,000 - 350,000	£338,500 \$579,851 €426,849	European Foundation
19	Juvenal (fl. Late 1st - early 2nd century), <i>Satyræ</i> , with gloss, in latin, Illuminated Manuscript on Vellum, [Tours, c.1472]	70,000 - 100,000	£242,500 \$415,403 €305,793	Private Collector
20	Solinus, Caius Iulius (fl. 3 <sup>rd</sup> century), <i>Collectanea rerum memorabilium</i> , in Latin, Illuminated Manuscript on Vellum, [Naples, c.1475].	150,000 - 250,000	£218,500 \$374,291 €275,529	US Trade
12	Anonymous (fl. 1414), <i>The Mirror of Recluses</i> , in Middle English with a little Latin, Decorated Manuscript on Paper [England, perhaps London, c.1414-22]	50,000 - 80,000	£182,500 \$312,623 €230,133	Private UK Collector
277	John Dee (1527-1608). General and Rare Memorials Pertayning to the Perfect Arte of Navigation, London John Daye, 1577	20,000 - 25,000	£134,500 \$230,398 €169,604	UK Trade
6	Breviary, Use of Sarum, in Latin, Illuminated Manuscript on Vellum, [Western England, Perhaps Devon, C.1310-20]	80,000 - 120,000	£122,500 \$209,843 €154,473	UK Trade
213	Francesco Colonna (1433-1527).] <i>Hypnerotomachia Poliphili</i> , First edition of the most celebrated illustrated printed book of the Italian renaissance, finely bound by Bedford in a Grolier-style binding, December 1499.	50,000 - 80,000	£110,500 \$189,286 €139,340	UK Trade
2	BIBLE, with Prologues and Interpretations of Hebrew Names, in Latin, ILLUMINATED MANUSCRIPT ON VELLUM [France, probably Paris, mid-13th century]	30,000 - 40,000	£110,500 \$189,286 €139,340	Private US Collector

**Margaret Ford, International Head of Books and Manuscripts and Thomas Venning, Head of Books and Manuscripts, London**, commented: "This was one of the great British lost libraries ever to have been offered for sale at auction and has re-established the reputation of this family among our great book collectors. The selling percentages are a reflection of the important re-discoveries made among the manuscripts and the desirability of the many editions offered which are of the greatest rarity. There was significant bidding and buying from clients joining the sale online which, together with those joining on the telephones and in the room, drove the final total to double the pre-sale estimate. The top lot, a Missal commissioned for Louis of Teck, is a fabulous manuscript and deserves its place as the most valuable manuscript sold in London this season after strong, competitive bidding. It is not only a ravishing, beautiful example of Viennese court art but a work of historical interest and significance. This sale brings to a close a remarkable season for the International Book Department at Christie's which began in New York in January with the Rothschild Prayerbook re-establishing its own world record as the most valuable illuminated manuscript ever sold at auction when it sold for \$13.3million."

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**Next Sale:** Books & Manuscripts – New York, Thursday 9 October 2014

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