

THE PREMIER COLLECTION
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The Premier Collection was an outgrowth of the early focus of *Sporting Classics* magazine. At the outset the books were chosen by an Advisory Committee of four individuals associated with the magazine. Later, when the magazine ran into financial trouble when John Culler was publisher, the venture capitalists behind Premier Press “pulled” the operation. This was sometime in late 1989 or 1990. From that point on for a time I chose the books, wrote most of the forewords, or when that was not the case selected the person who did write them. Ultimately, in 1995, John Culler and his son, Wade, managed to get the series back. At that point my involvement came to an end. They also began using slightly lower quality materials and the new material at the outset of the book, an important feature of every volume up to this point, disappeared. This was almost certainly a cost-saving measure. I feel fairly certain that the 50 titles listed below are all that were published, but given the fact I had no involvement in the final years of the series I cannot state definitively that such is the case.

As the list which appears below reveals, it soon becomes obvious that there was not a great deal of consistency in the number of volumes published annually. The original goal had been four reprints per annum, but financial problems in the form of unpaid printers and binders intervened. Also, it should be noted that in virtually all cases fewer, often far fewer, than the stated 3,000 books of the specified limited edition were printed. In some of the later years the print run might not have been more than half or even a third of that number. This is the case despite some numbers which are much higher, because subscribers to the series got the same number each time. Thus, an individual who started with #2711, for example, would always get that number even if far fewer actual volumes were printed.

Here is a listing, alphabetically and with limitation numbers provided, of the volumes in the series I have for sale. Also, for reference, this is followed by a complete chronological listing of all the books in the Premier Collection.

1. Russell Annabel, *Tales of a Big Game Guide*. Xxvi, 218 pages. New foreword by Ellen Enzler-Herring. Numbered copy of 3000. \$85.
2. Major Nevill Alexander Drummond Armstrong, *After Big Game in the Upper Yukon*. [xii], 287 pages. Illustrated, index. New Foreword by Jared Lobdell. Numbered
3. Havilah Babcock, *My Health Is Better in November*. 1984. xxviii, 298 pages. Illustrated. New Foreword by Lloyd Davis. Numbered copy of 3000. \$75.
4. Horatio Bigelow, *Gunnerman's Gold*. Xxviii, 128 pages. Illustrated. Introduction by Jim Casada, Foreword by Nash Buckingham. Numbered copy of 3000. \$75.
5. Nash Buckingham, *Blood Lines*. [xxx], 227 pages. Illustrated. New Introduction by Jim Casada. Numbered copy of 3000. \$75.
6. Nash Buckingham, *De Shootinest Gent'man*. 1984. [xx], 240 pages. Illustrated. New Introduction by Jim Casada. Numbered copy of 3000. \$75.

7. Nash Buckingham, *Ole Miss*. 1986. Xxix, 242 pages. Illustrated (includes new frontispiece of Buckingham). Introduction by Jim Casada, Foreword by Paul Curtis. Numbered copy of 3000. \$75.
8. Roland Clark, *Gunner's Dawn*. 1983. [xii], 125 pages. Illustrated. New Foreword by Paul Rundell. Numbered copy of 3000. \$70.
9. Roland Clark, *Stray Shots and Pot Luck*. 1985. xvi. 122, xxii, 92 pages. Illustrated. New Foreword by Ernest Hickok. Two books in one. Numbered copy of 3000. \$75.
10. Eugene Connett (Editor), *American Big Game Fishing*. 1986. xxxviii, 292 pages. Illustrated. New Introduction by Jim Casada. Folio size. Numbered copy of 3000 available. \$75.
11. Eugene Connett, *Fishing a Trout Stream*. 1990. Xviii, 138 pages. Illustrated. New Foreword by Paul Schullery. Numbered copy of 3000. \$75.
12. Eugene Connett, *Random Casts*. 1987. xxviii, 196 pages. Illustrated. New Foreword by Jim Casada. Numbered copy of 3000. \$60.
13. Eugene Connett (Editor), *Wildfowling the Mississippi Flyway*. Folio size. Numbered copy of 3000. [x], 387 pages. Illustrated, index. New Foreword by Charles Woodard. \$75.
14. James H. Cook, *Fifty Years on the Old Frontier*. Xx, 291 pages. Illustrated, index. Numbered copy of 3000. No new material. \$75.
15. S. T. Daves, *Caribou Shooting in Newfoundland*. 212 pages. Illustrated. Map. No new material. Numbered copy of 3000. \$75.
16. Edmund W. Davis, *Woodcock Shooting*. Xxvi, 124 pages. Introduction by George Bird Evans. Numbered copy of 3000. \$75.
17. Henry Edwards Davis, *The American Wild Turkey*. Xii, 328 pages. Illustrated. New Foreword by Harry Middleton. \$250 (thanks to being extremely rare in the original and widely recognized as THE book on the wild turkey, this volume brings a premium price).
18. A.W. Dimock, *Wall Street and the Wilds*. 1993. Xix, 476 pages. Illustrated. New Introduction by Jim Casada. Numbered copy of 3000. \$75.
19. Van Campen Heilner, *A Book on Duck Shooting*. 1992. [v], 540 pages. Illustrated. New Introduction by Jim Casada. Numbered copy of 3000 copies. \$60.
20. T. R. Hubback, *To Far Western Alaska for Big Game*. Xiv, 234 pages. Illustrated, index, folding map in rear pocket. New Introduction by Jim Casada. Numbered copy of 3000. \$85.
21. Preston Jennings, *A Book of Trout Flies*. Xxvi, 190 pages. Illustrated, index. New Foreword by Paul Schullery. Numbered copy of 3000. \$70.
22. Henry W. Lanier, *A. B. Frost, The American Sportsman's Artist*. 1985. xxiv, 148 pages. Illustrated (includes portfolio of color plates). New Foreword by Charles Woodward. Numbered copy of 3000. \$70.

23. E. A. McIlhenny, *The Wild Turkey and Its Hunting*. xxviii, 208 pages. Illustrated. New Foreword by John Randolph. Numbered copy of 3000. In great demand because it is the first book on turkey hunting ever printed. \$100.
24. Charles Phair, *Atlantic Salmon Fishing*. 1985. xxvi, 219 pages. Illustrated. Folio size. Numbered copy of 3000. New Introduction by Joe Wilcox. \$75.
25. Theodore Roosevelt, *Hunting Trips of a Ranchman*. Xxxviii, 347 pages. Illustrated. New Foreword by John D. Fair. Numbered copy of 3000. \$75.
26. Theodore Roosevelt, *The Wilderness Hunter*. 1987. xxxvi, 468 pages. Illustrated. New Foreword by Jim Casada. Numbered copy of 3000. \$75.
27. Archibald Rutledge, *An American Hunter*. 1991. xviii, 461 pages. Illustrated (by Lynn Bogue Hunt). New Foreword by Jim Casada. Numbered copy of 3000. \$80.
28. Fred Selous, *Recent Hunting Trips in British North America*. 1987. xl, 419 pages. Illustrated. New Foreword by Charles Wechsler. Numbered copy of 3000. \$75.
29. Charles Sheldon, *The Wilderness of Denali*. Xvii, 412 pages. Illustrated, index. New Introduction by Philip D. Thomas. Numbered copy of 3000. \$75. 28.
30. Charles Sheldon, *The Wilderness of the Upper Yukon*. 1988. Xxxvii, 389 pages. Illustrated. New Foreword by Jim Casada. Numbered copy of 3000. Former owner's book plate and blind stamp present in one copy \$60; another copy \$75.
31. Harold Sheldon, *Tranquility*. Xx, 216 pages. Illustrated. Foreword by Nash Buckingham. New Introduction by Jared Lobdell. Numbered copy of 3000. \$75.
32. Burton Spiller, *Firelight*. Xiv, 197 pages. Illustrated. New Foreword by E. M. Saniga. \$75.
33. Burton Spiller, *Grouse Feathers*. 1986. xviii, 207 pages. Illustrated. New Foreword by George Bird Evans. Copies #664 and 920 of 3000 available. \$70.
34. Henry Van Dyke, *The Still-Hunter*. Xvi, 390 pages. Illustrated. New Foreword by Rob Wegner. Numbered copy of 3000. \$75.
35. Howard T. Walden, *Upstream & Down*. 1985. Xxx, 367 pages. Illustrated. New Foreword by Paul Schullery. Numbered copy of 3000. \$75.
36. G. O. Young, *Alaskan-Yukon Trophies Won and Lost*. [xiv], 273 pages. Illustrated. New Foreword by Jim Casada. Numbered copy of 3000. \$75.

**BOOKS IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE,
WITH CONTRIBUTOR OF NEW MATERIAL LISTED**

1983

1. Roland Clark, *Gunner's Dawn* (Foreword by Paul Rundell)

1984

2. Havilah Babcock, *My Health Is Better in November* (Foreword by Lloyd Davis).
3. Nash Buckingham, *De Shootinest Gent'man* (Introduction by James A. Casada)
4. Eugene Connett, *Wildfowling the Mississippi Flyway* (Foreword by Charles L. Woodard)
5. Preston Jennings, *A Book of Trout Flies* (Foreword by Paul Schullery)

1985

6. Russell Annabel, *Tales of a Big Game Guide* (Foreword by Ellen Enzler-Herring)
7. Roland Clark, *Stray Shots and Pot Luck* (Foreword by Ernest S. Hickcock)
8. Eugene Connett, *Upland Game Bird Shooting* (Foreword by George Bird Evans)
9. Henry W. Lanier, *A. B. Frost* (Foreword by Charles Woodard)
10. Charles Phair, *Atlantic Salmon Fishing* (Foreword by Joseph Wilcox)
11. Burton Spiller, *Firelight* (Foreword by E. M. Saniga)
12. Howard Walden, II, *Upstream & Down* (Foreword by Paul Schullery)

1986

13. Nash Buckingham, *Ole Miss'* (Introduction by Jim Casada)
14. Eugene Connett, *American Big Game Fishing* (Foreword by Jim Casada)
15. Edmund Davis, *Woodcock Shooting* (Foreword by George Bird Evans)
16. E. A. McIlhenny, *The Wild Turkey and Its Hunting* (Foreword by John Randolph)
17. Burton Spiller, *Grouse Feathers* (Foreword by George Bird Evans)

1987

18. Eugene Connett, *Random Casts* (Foreword by Jim Casada)
19. Theodore Roosevelt, *The Wilderness Hunter* (Foreword by Jim Casada)
20. Frederick C. Selous, *Recent Hunting Trips in British North America* (Introduction by Charles A. Wechsler)
21. Charles Sheldon, *The Wilderness of the Upper Yukon* (Foreword by Jim Casada)

1988

22. Nash Buckingham, *Blood Lines* (Introduction by Jim Casada)
23. Henry Edwards Davis, *The American Wild Turkey* (Introduction by John Randolph)
24. Theodore Van Dyke, *The Still Hunter* (Introduction by Rob Wegner)

1990

25. Horatio Bigelow, *Gunnerman's Gold* (Foreword by Jim Casada)
26. Eugene Connett, *Fishing a Trout Stream* (Foreword by Paul Schullery)

27. Theodore Roosevelt, *Hunting Trips of a Ranchman* (Foreword by John D. Fair)

1991

28. Archibald Rutledge, *An American Hunter* (Foreword by Rob Wegner)

1992

29. Joe Brooks, *Bass Bug Fishing* and *Bermuda Fishing*—two books combined (Foreword by Jim Casada)

30. Van Campen Heilner, *A Book on Duck Shooting* (Introduction by Jim Casada)

31. G. O. Young, *Alaskan Trophies Won and Lost* (Foreword by Jim Casada)

32. Harold P. Sheldon, *Tranquility Revisited* (Foreword by Jim Casada)

1993

33. Archibald Rutledge, *Hunter's Choice* (Foreword by Jim Casada)

34. A.W. Dimock, *Wall Street and the Wilds* (Foreword by Jim Casada)

35. Charles Sheldon, *The Wilderness of Denali* (Introduction by Jim Casada)

36. Burton Spiller, *Thoroughbred* (Foreword by Jim Casada)

1994

37. T. R. Hubback, *To Far Western Alaska for Big Game* (Introduction by Jim Casada)

38. Archibald Rutledge, *Plantation Game Trails* (Foreword by Philip Drennon Thomas)

39. Charles Sheldon, *The Wilderness of Denali*.

1995

40. Nevill Alexander Drummond Armstrong, *After Big Game in the Upper Yukon* (Foreword by Jared Lobdell)

41. Lord Dunraven, *Canadian Nights* (Foreword by Phillip Drennon Thomas)

42. George Bird Grinnell, *American Game Bird Shooting*.

43. Harold Sheldon, *Tranquility*.

1996

44. Paul Leland Haworth, *On the Headwaters of the Peace River* (no new material)

45. David Moore Lindsay, *Camp-Fire Reminiscences* (no new material)

46. Casper Whitney, *On Snow Shoes to the Barren Ground* (no new material)

1997

47. Harold McCracken, *Alaska Bear Trails* (no new Introduction)

48. James H. Cook, *Fifty Years on the Old Frontier* (no new Introduction)

49. S. T. Davis, *Caribou Shooting in Newfoundland* (no new Introduction)

50. Agnes Herbert and A Shikari, *Two Dianas in Alaska* (no new Introduction)