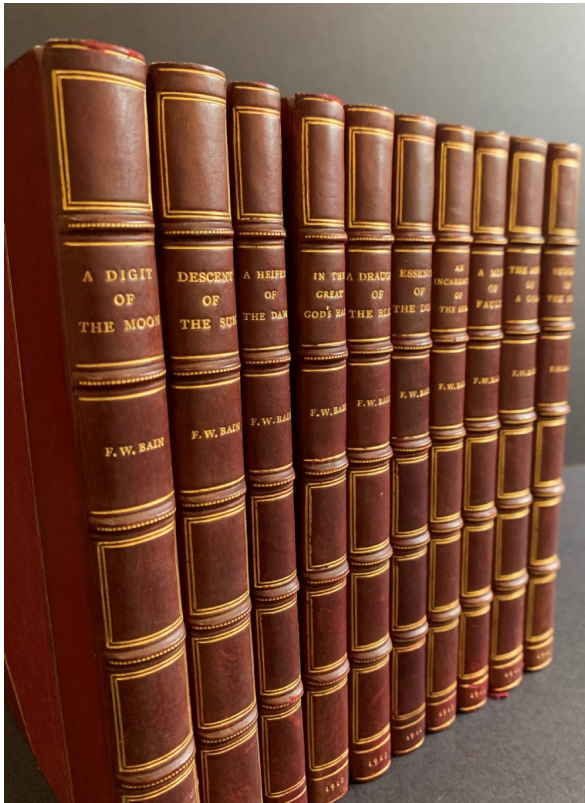


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An attractively bound set of books comprising the first 10 Indian Stories of F W Bain dated 1911-1914

Price

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Item Reference: SA922871

Date of manufacture: 1920

Dimensions

Height = 17.4 cm (6.9")

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Description

Francis William Bain (1863 – 1940) distinguished himself as a student of Classics when at Christ Church and in 1889 was elected a fellow of All Souls College. In 1892 he entered the Indian Educational Service going on to become a professor of History in the Deccan College of Poonah (Pune), in British India, until his retirement in 1919. He was a writer of fantasy stories that he claimed were translated from Sanskrit the first of which was *A Digit of the Moon* (1898), which Bain claimed was his translation of part of a Sanskrit manuscript given to him by a brahmin. In the story, the king *Sūryakānta* falls in love with the wise and beautiful princess *Anangarágá*, who will marry only the suitor who asks her a question she cannot answer. The king, with his clever friend *Rasa-kósha*, sets off to win the hand of the princess. During Bain's life, the argument raged about whether the story was truly a translation or whether Bain had written it himself. While some early reviewers took his statements at face value, many did not. A contemporary review said, in part: Though palpably a pretense, they are graceful fancies, and might as well have appeared for what they re-ally are instead o...

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