

Protecting Human Rights in Ukraine



Charity brochure

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In December 2022 Rob Behrens travelled to Ukraine to speak on Human Rights Day, at a Conference deep underground at the invitation of the Ukrainian Parliamentary Commissioner for Human Rights (Ombudsman Dmytro Lubinets), and the Ukrainian Presidency.

Whilst in Ukraine, Rob also took the opportunity to meet the Parliamentary Speaker and to visit the Ombudsman's office and staff. The visit showed first-hand the devastation resulting from the illegal Russian invasion of Ukraine, including the destruction of two regional offices of the Ukrainian Ombudsman by Russian bombing.

After this visit, we agreed that it was important for the Ombudsman Association (OA) to support Commissioner Lubinets and his staff, through charitable donations, to continue to carry out the vital work they do in protecting human rights in Ukraine. In April 2023, Rob launched a fundraising appeal on JustGiving. Since then, OA members have run several successful fundraising activities, including staff quizzes, bake sales, charity sweepstakes, and a charity football match. One colleague at PHSO, Karl Banister, will also be running a marathon. Others have kindly donated directly. Collectively, and so far, these efforts have helped us raise over £2,000.

A huge thank you to all the generous people who have donated to the auction (including but not confined to): Olga Paschuk Evans and Kids and Art for Ukraine, the boys and staff at Burnage Academy Manchester, Ekim Consulting Limited, Manchester City Football Club, Deborah Behrens, Cindy Butts and MCC, Simon Wyatt, James Walker and JamDoughnut, Jimmy White, Kevin Grix, the Sheriff of the City of London, and Doug Precey.

For those who do not manage to secure one of the wonderful auction items, please consider giving a monetary donation via the JustGiving page to support the Ukrainian Parliamentary Commissioner for Human Rights.



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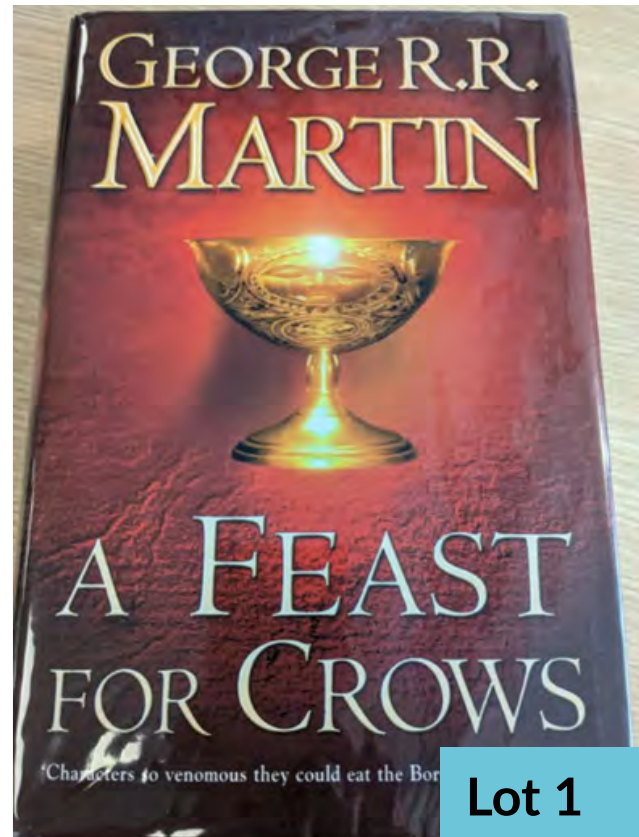
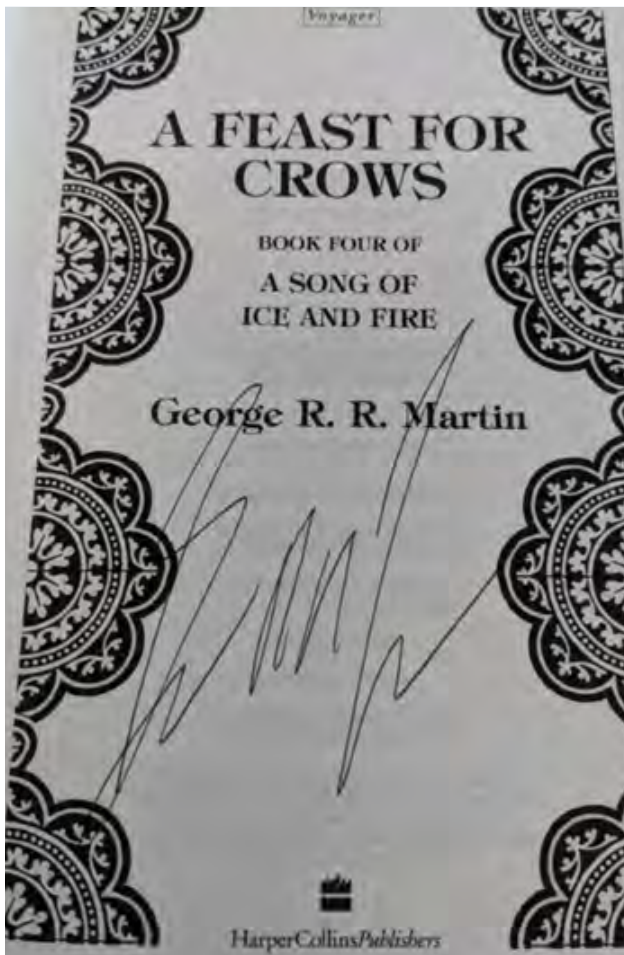
'A Feast for Crows' by George R R Martin

Signed first edition of 'A Feast for Crows' of Game of Thrones by George R R Martin.

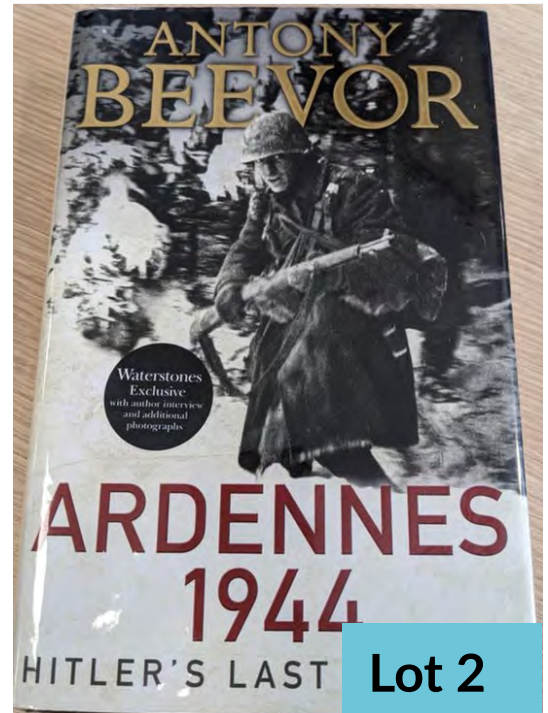
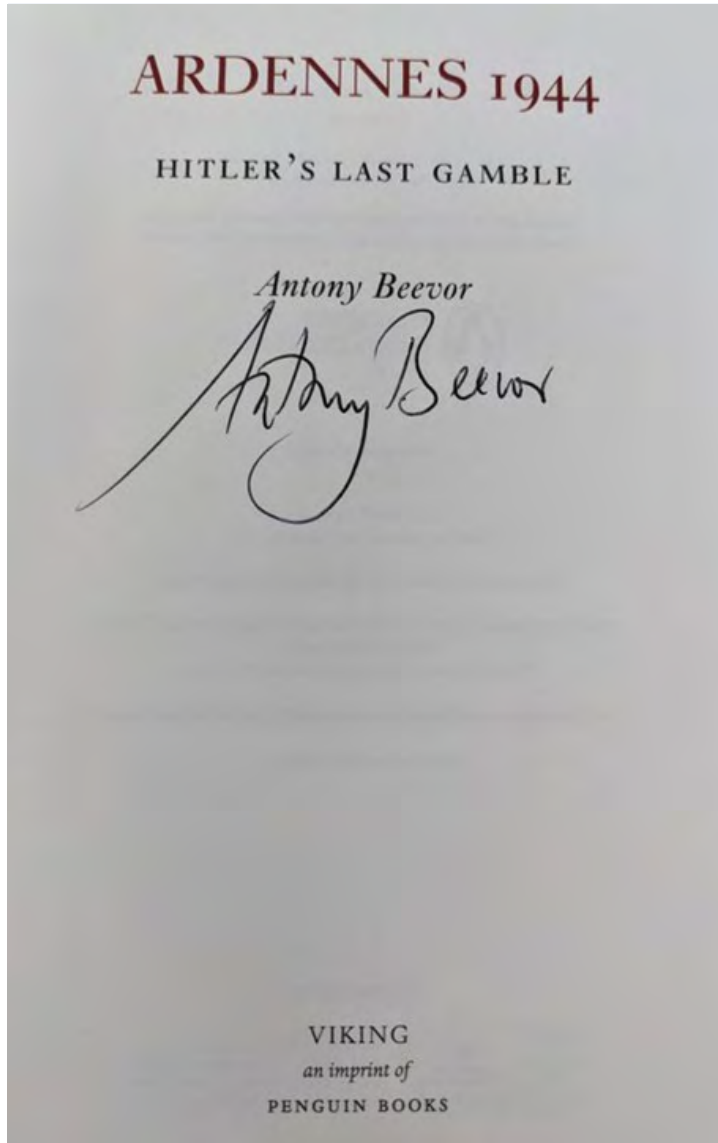
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Reserve price: £70

Donated by Ekim Consulting Limited.



'Ardennes 1944' by Antony Beevor



Signed first edition of 'Ardennes 1944' by Antony Beevor.

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Reserve price: £50

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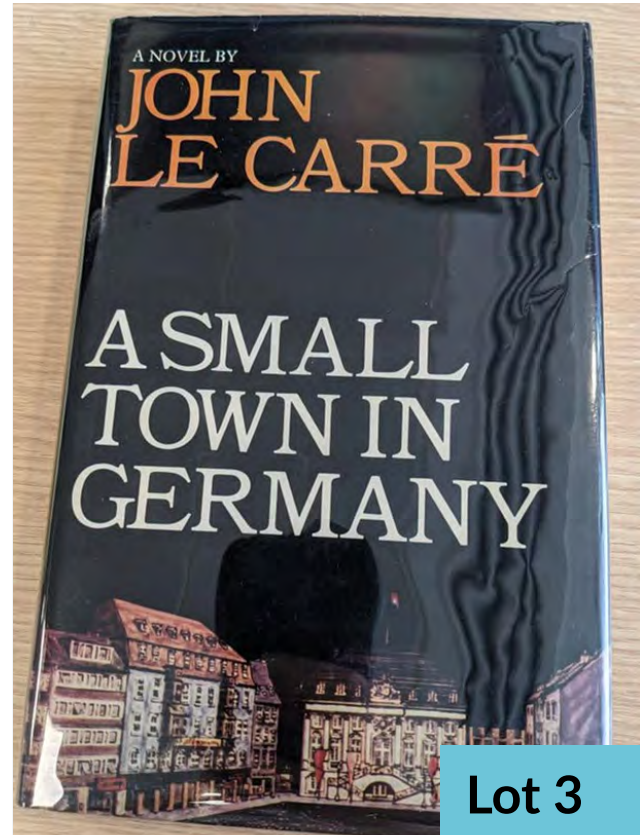
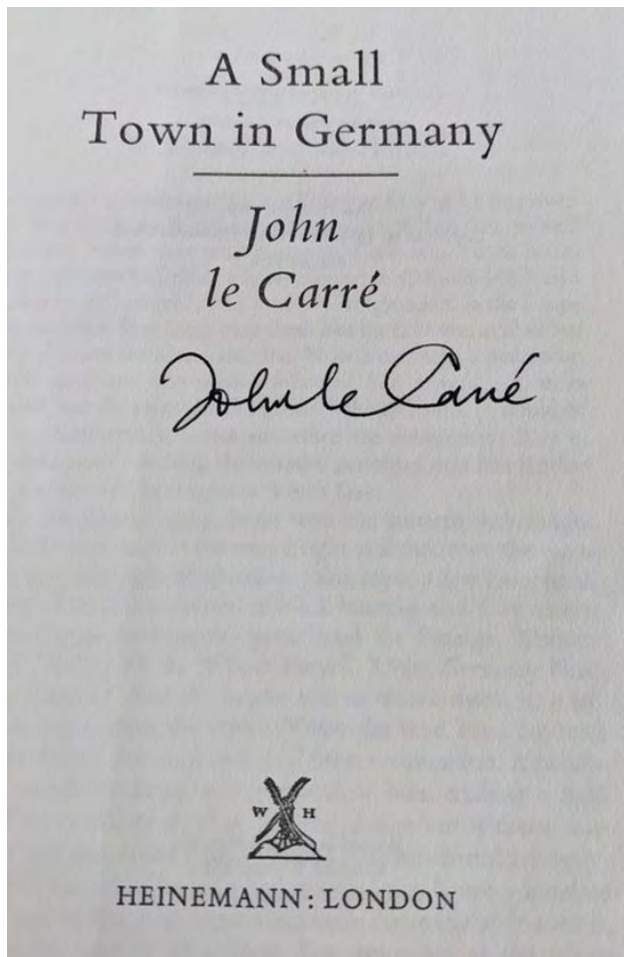
'A Small Town in Germany' by John le Carré

Signed first edition of 'A Small Town in Germany' by John le Carré.

Estimated value: £500-£1,000

Reserve price: £500

Donated by Ekim Consulting Limited.



Manchester City shirt signed by Jack Grealish



Manchester City shirt
signed by Jack Grealish.

Estimated value:

£300-£400

Reserve price: £300

Donated by
Manchester City
Football Club.

Lot 4

Teddy Bear from the Speaker of the House of Commons, Sir Lindsay Hoyle

Reserve price: £25



Personal caricature portrait



Simon's website www.swyattart.co.uk

Value: £75

Reserve price: £70

Donated by Simon Wyatt.

Simon is happy to use a photograph to produce the caricature.

Simon is a Stan Lee Award Winning Artist: (POW Entertainment's Cataclysmic Comic Art Contest) and his Creator owned original Graphic Novel Series 'Unbelievable' is Published by AAM/Markosia Publishing (Extreme Imprint).

He has also produced various artwork for Orang Utan Comics during the last 10 years including: 'Danick and The Dragon' – (Eleventh Hour #2 , Eleventh Hour Collector's Edition & the Eagle Award Nominated – Eleventh Hour Vol. 1) and full colour art for: 'Valhalla – Hall of Heroes' (FTL #3 / FTL Year 1 TPB).

Signed and framed George Clooney Batman photo



Signed and framed George Clooney Batman photo.

Estimated value: £75-£150

Reserve price: £75

Donated by Simon Wyatt.

Lot 7

Jimmy White signed snooker cue



Jimmy White signed snooker cue.

Estimated value: £75-£150

Reserve price: £75

Donated by Kevin Grix. Photo is not the original and the design may vary.

Cricket bat signed by the England team



Cricket bat signed by the England team for the England vs India LV=Insurance Test Series 2021.

Reserve price: £200

Donated by Cindy Butts.



Lot 9

Two paintings of flowers

Two paintings of flowers by Ukrainian children.

Lot 10



Reserve price: £100

Lot 10.1



Reserve price: £75

Charitable Exhibition of Artworks from Ukrainian children, “Unbroken Ukraine”, as part of the project “Kids and Art for Ukraine” started in the summer of 2022 in response to the war on Ukraine - to offer psychological and therapeutic relief from the brutal reality of the war they found themselves in. The project is supported by the EBRD’s Community Initiative programme and all donations are matched on a 1:2 basis.

All paintings were created during the war by Ukrainian children from the art schools in 24 regions of Ukraine, and as of today we have already involved 410 young artists and provided support to 28 educational centers and art schools.

Now we are working to involve more children and educational centers, bring an additional 200 paintings and find partners and other venues to continue the art exhibition, and meet the target of GBP 50,000 (currently 71% collected) to provide more humanitarian help.

£100 retail voucher



Lot 11

Value: £100
Reserve price: £75

This can be spent at over 150 brands, including M&S, Deliveroo, Apple, Selfridges, and Waterstones. Donated by James Walker.

Bermuda pen and stylus



Bermuda pen and stylus, donated by Michael A. DeSilva, Ombudsman for Bermuda

Value: £85.

Reserve price: £75

The pen and stylus are handmade in Bermuda by finish-carpenter Alex Moniz. They are made with Bermuda cedar (*Juniperus bermudiana*) which is a species that is endemic to the island. The wood was traditionally used in shipbuilding during Bermuda's settlement in the 1600s, and continues to be used today in residential interior woodwork, furniture and artworks.

Afternoon tea for two



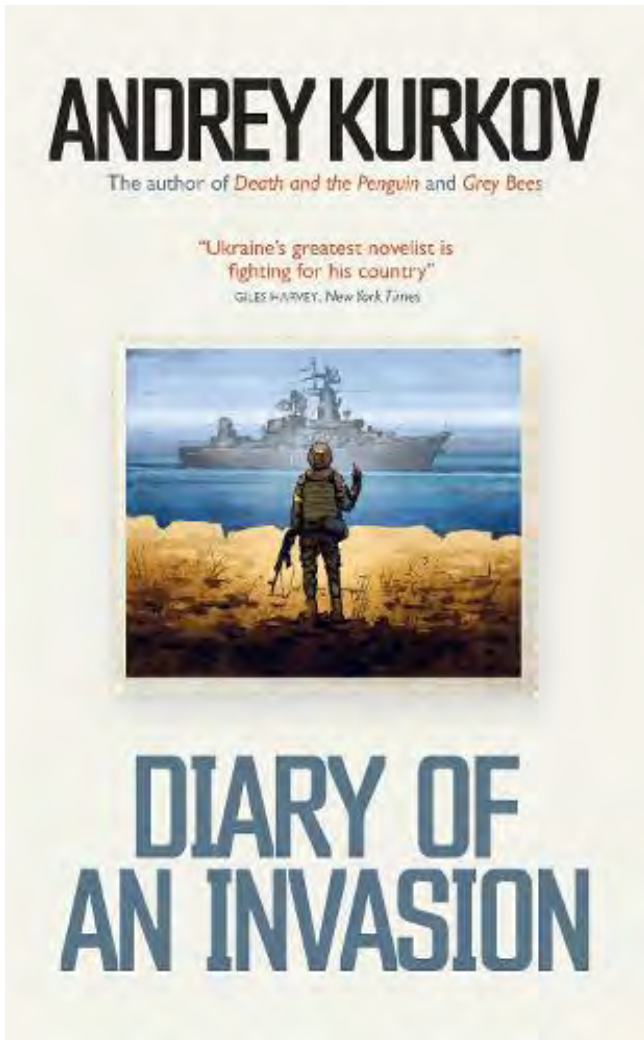
Lot 13

Afternoon tea for two at the Hyatt Regency Birmingham, donated by the Hyatt Regency.

Value: £62

Reserve price: £50

Signed copy of 'Diary of an Invasion' by Andrey Kurkov



Signed copy of 'Diary of an Invasion' by Andrey Kurkov, donated by Richard Blakeway, Housing Ombudsman.

Value: £30

Reserve price: £20

Lot 14

Day at the Oval



Day at the Oval, donated by Richard Blakeway, Housing Ombudsman.

Reserve price: £40

Taken as a guest of Richard Blakeway to a County game (on a day to be agreed), either during the 2023 or 2024 season.

Exclusive use of Members' facilities, including access to the Mickey Stewart Members' Pavilion, Lock & Laker Balcony and the Peter May Garden. Access to the historic Long Room, with portraits of Surrey and England legends, and the Honours Boards for both the Men's and Women's game. And a chance to visit the Club Museum, home to the world's oldest attributed cricket bat.

A champagne lunch at the Old Bailey



A champagne lunch at the Old Bailey, hosted by the Sheriff of the City of London

Reserve price: £75

As a personal guest of the Sheriff of the City of London, join the Old Bailey judges for a three-course lunch at the Old Bailey. After lunch, take a tour of this historic building and have the chance to view proceedings at the world's most famous and prestigious criminal court. (Date by mutual agreement, must be taken before end of September 2023).

Burnage Academy paintings

Burnage Academy is a local school in Manchester that the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman has close links with. In the last year, PHSO staff have visited the school to talk about their work, welcomed Burnage Academy to visit their office for a visit, and are currently hosting multiple students for work experience. The paintings below were produced by several of Burnage Academy's Year 7 students for the auction.

Reserve price: £50 (per painting)



Lot 17



Lot 17.1



Lot 17.2



Lot 17.3



Lot 17.4



Lot 17.5



Lot 17.6



Lot 17.7



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