

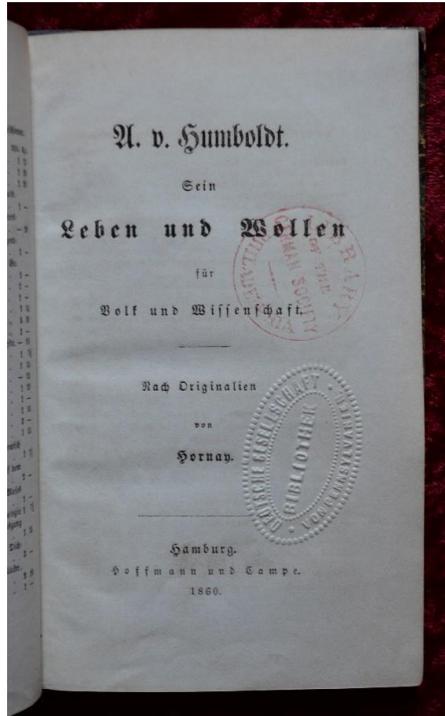
German Society of Pennsylvania Adopt-a-Rare-Book Program

Spring, 2019 Catalogue



A Distinctive Collection of Adoptable Books in Honor
of the 250th Anniversary of the Birth of
Alexander von Humboldt

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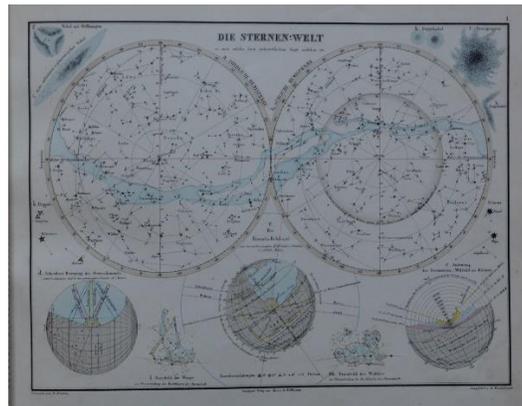
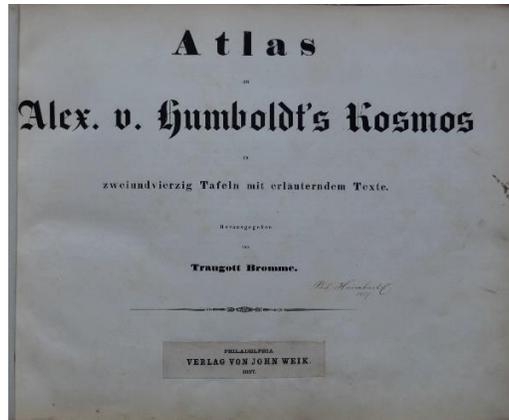


A.V. Humboldt. Sein Leben und Wollen für Volk und Wissenschaft. Nach Originalien von Hornay. Hamburg: Hoffmann und Campe. 1860.

\$100

This little book recounts Humboldt's achievements. It is part of a tradition of making Humboldt's accomplishments more engaging for the general reader and thus the subject of cultural pride. The volume's spine has cracked and is in need of repair.

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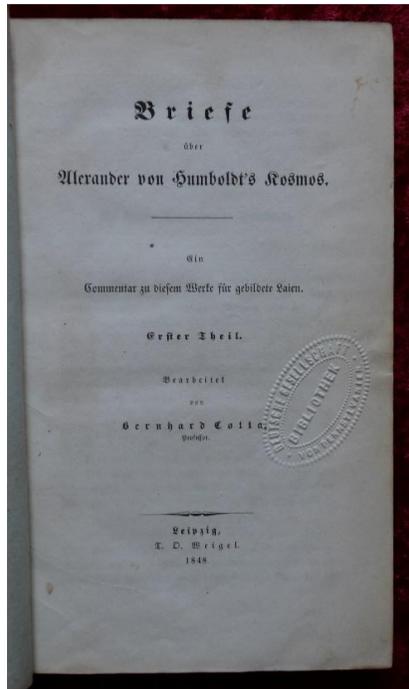


Traugott Bromme, ed., *Atlas zu Alex. v. Humboldt's Kosmos in zweiundvierzig Tafeln mit erläuterndem Texte*. Philadelphia: Verlag von John Weik, 1857.

\$125

This version of the Bromme Humboldt atlas also needs spine repair. It has a Philadelphia imprint! Your donation will pay to have the binding strengthened and made safe for use.

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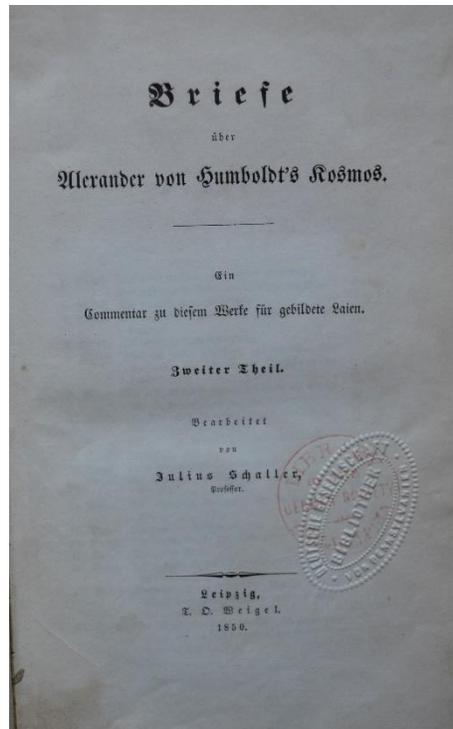


Bernhard Cotta, ed., *Briefe über Alexander von Humboldt's Kosmos. Ein Commentar zu diesem Werke für gebildete Laien. Part 1.* Leipzig: T.O. Weigel, 1848.

\$150

This spectacular, illustrated volume is a compendium of letters on a variety of topics covered in Humboldt's famous book, *Cosmos: A Sketch of a Physical Description of the Universe*. Themes include meteors, comets, and natural history. The delightful images alone will make you want to adopt this precious book! Adopt the book today to repair its binding.

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Julius Schaller, ed., *Briefe über Alexander von Humboldt's Kosmos. Ein Commentar zu diesem Werke für gebildete Laien. Part 2.* Leipzig: T.O. Weigel, 1850.

\$150

This second volume of a compendium of letters on a variety of topics covered in Humboldt's famous book *Cosmos* includes eye-popping illustrations of plants and trees. The letters in this volume cover a wide range of topics in the commentary they offer on *Cosmos*, including religious and cultural perspectives. Adopt the book today to repair its binding.

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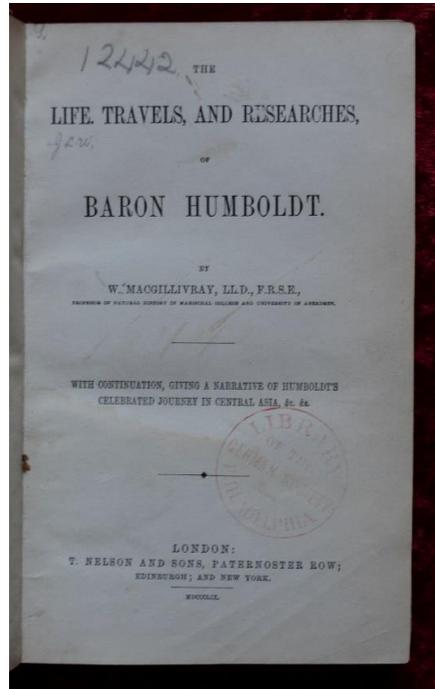
Bernhard Cotta, ed., *Briefe über Alexander von Humboldt's Kosmos. Ein Commentar zu diesem Werke für gebildete Laien.* Part 3, Volume 1. Leipzig: T.O. Weigel, 1850.

\$150

This is the third volume of a compendium of letters on a variety of topics covered in Humboldt's famous book *Cosmos*. It covers a wide variety of topics ranging from chemistry to astronomy, geography, and physics. As the adoptive parent of this book, you will be so proud of the volume's large, pristine, color astronomical maps!

Adopt the book today to repair its binding.

#70



W. MacGillivray, *The Life, Travels, and Researches, of Baron Humboldt. With Continuation, Giving a Narrative of Humboldt's Celebrated Journey in Central Asia, &c. &c.* New York: T. Nelson and Sons, 1859.

\$150

This book is an example of how Humboldt's exploits and achievements became introduced to an English-speaking audience. The book recounts Humboldt's famous journeys and offers beautiful color illustrations as accompaniments. The book's leather spine needs to be repaired at the hinges.

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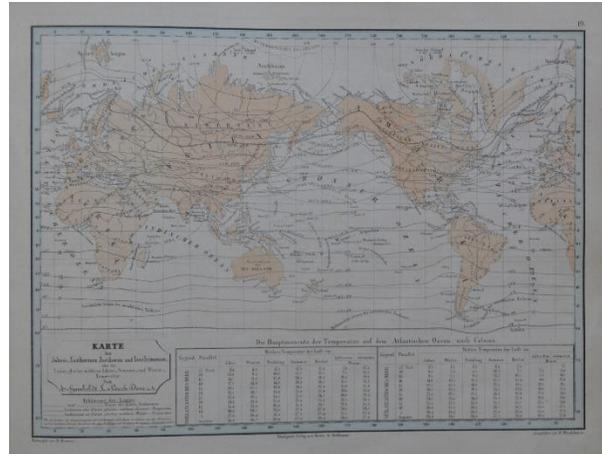
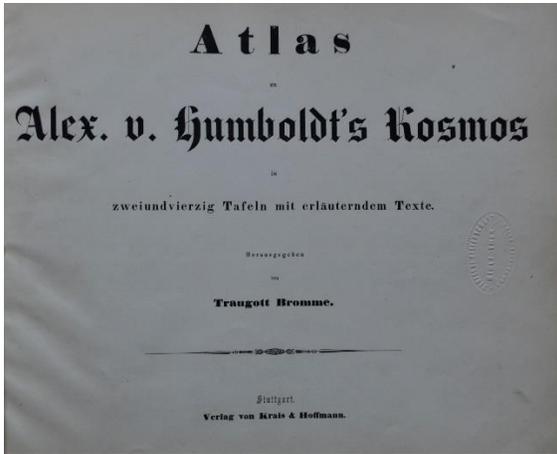


Alexander von Humboldt, *Kosmos. Entwurf einer physischen Weltbeschreibung von Alexander von Humboldt. Erster Band.* Stuttgart and Tübingen: Cotta'scher Verlag, 1845.

\$175

The first volume of a set of Humboldt's *Kosmos* published in 1845 is in excellent condition other than its spine, which has deteriorated. Your adoption proceeds will cover costs for a repair of the spine.

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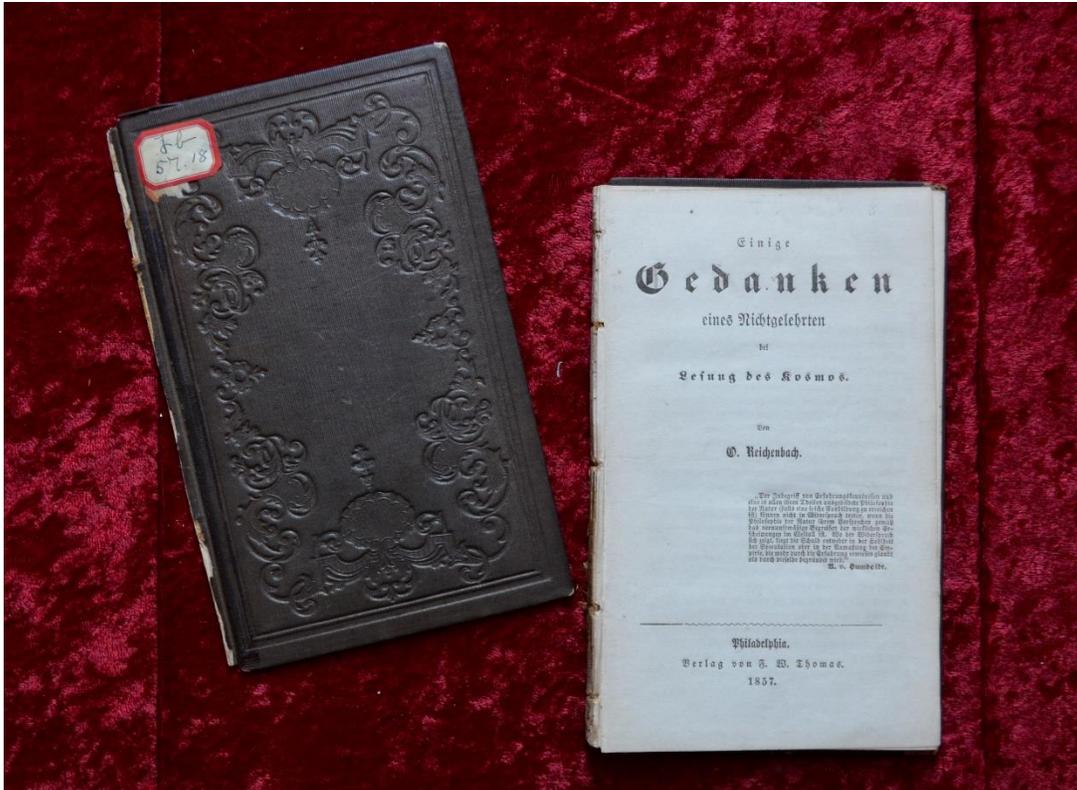


Traugott Bromme, ed., *Atlas zu Alex. v. Humboldt's Kosmos in zweiundvierzig Tafeln mit erläuterndem Texte.* Stuttgart: Verlag von Kraiss & Hoffman, 1851.

\$175

This large atlas is filled with colorful maps to help you understand Humboldt's scientific works. Its cracked spine needs to be repaired.

#73



O. Reichenbach, *Einige Gedanken eines Nichtgelehrten bei Lesung des Kosmos*. Philadelphia: F.W. Thomas, 1857.

\$200

This Philadelphia publication reflects how Humboldt's scientific analyses reverberated across the German-speaking world and found their way to the general reading public by means of a "Nichtgelehrten" (layman) O. Reichenbach. The charming little volume needs to have its front board reattached and spine rebuilt.

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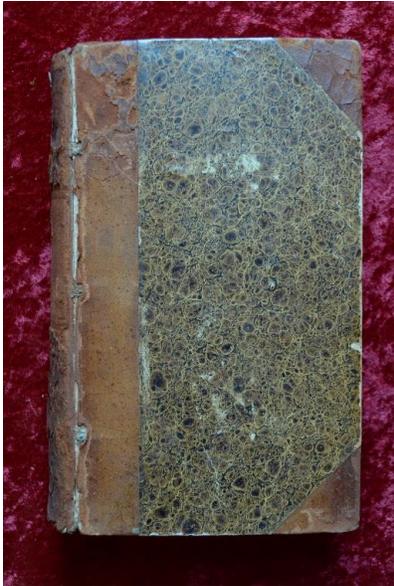


Alexander von Humboldt, *Ansichten der Nature, mit wissenschaftlichen Erläuterungen*. 2 vols. Stuttgart and Tübingen: J.G. Cotta'scher Verlag, 1849.

\$350 for both volumes

This accessible book of science and discovery introduced German-speaking Europeans to the wonders of the natural world. Both volumes feature early German Society bookplates and catalogue numbers, reflecting their long history in Philadelphia. The text blocks of both volumes are in very good condition, but the leather spines have deteriorated and need to be reconstructed. Your donation will pay for the books' bindings to be repaired, so that the volumes can be handled by future readers and researchers.

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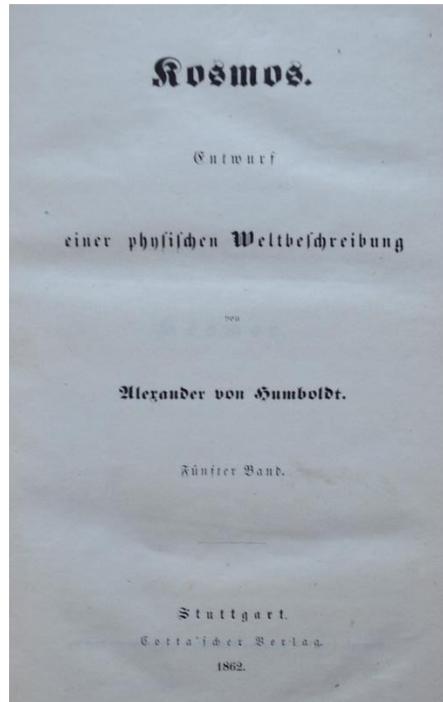


Alexander von Humboldt, *Kosmos. Entwurf einer physischen Weltbeschreibung von Alexander von Humboldt. Fünfter Band.* Stuttgart: Cotta'scher Verlag, 1862.

\$375

This fifth volume of Humboldt's most famous and important work is a beautiful book, but its leather binding has seriously deteriorated and needs to be repaired. Your adoption proceeds will pay for the spine to be entirely rebuilt. The other volumes in this set are in fine condition, so your adoption will mean that this book will stand tall among its siblings!

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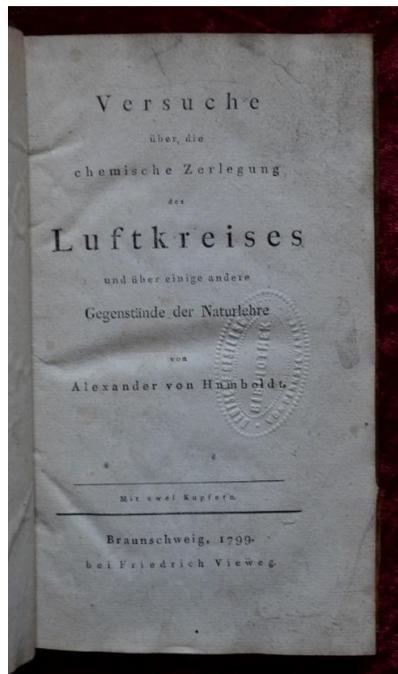


Alexander von Humboldt, *Kosmos. Entwurf einer physischen Weltbeschreibung von Alexander von Humboldt. Fünfter Band.* Stuttgart: Cotta'scher Verlag, 1862.

\$375

This is another fifth volume from a set of Humboldt's *Kosmos*, and it is in very poor condition and in need of a loving adoptive parent. Your donation will pay for a new spine and back board to be added to this book, which currently does not have a back board and is held together by clear tape. Help us return this book to its former glory!

#77



Alexander von Humboldt, *Versuche über die chemische Zerlegung des Luftkreises und über einige andere Gegenstände der Naturlehre. Mit zwei Kupfern.* Braunschweig: Friedrich Vieweg, 1799.

\$400

This precious volume is the oldest Humboldt publication in the German Society's collection. It features two fantastic engraved prints illustrating aspects of the scientific discussion Humboldt undertakes in the text. The hinges (that is, the places where the front and back boards attach to the spine of the book) need to be repaired, and parts of the leather on the binding need to be consolidated.

#78



Alexander von Humboldts Kosmos. Entwurf einer physischen Weltbeschreibung. Mit einer biographischen Einleitung von Bernhard von Cotta. Vols. 1 – 4. Stuttgart: J.G. Cotta'schen Buchhandlung, 1877.

\$500 for 4 volumes

Adopt the entire cosmos by donating for the preservation of these books! Acquired by the German Society from the bookshop of well-known Philadelphia publishers, booksellers, and GSP member-supporters Ernst Schaefer and Rudolph Koradi, the beautiful bindings on these volumes are falling apart. Your donation will pay to have boards reattached, spines strengthened, and duct tape removed!

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