

History of Russian Literature ("Исторія Русской Словесности"), Part 1, 2nd edition, 1907.

Measures 9" x 6.5", 250 pp., leatherette-bound hard cover. Russian text in pre-1917 reform orthography which contains currently obsolete letters. Published by Bros. Bashmakovy Publishers, St. Petersburg. This particular copy was originally sold by E. Bruns' Books and Pictures Store in Riga, Latvia. The book is very well-structured. After the preface opining on literature as a science and the role of Russian literature in general, the book elaborates on chronological period of Russian history as it reflects in literature from Kiev Rus of XI - XIII cc. and on to later periods with centers in north-eastern Russia and, finally, the "Moscow period" up to XVIII century.

In very good condition. The cardboard of the cover is a little thin, so the cover is a bit more flexible than you might expect from a hardcover. Both the front and back boards show traces of an old crease, and the edges and corners show some wear, - rather mild, considering the age of the book. The leatherette has worn off to a small degree at the edges and corners, and at the head and tail of the spine. The front free endpaper shows partial separations at the hinge. The binding is amazingly strong, all the pages appear to be accounted for, the paper of the textblock is supple and turning the pages is not a problem at all.

Despite the archaic orthography, the text reads quite easily. The author speaks about jewels of ancient Russian literature as well as much less widely-known compositions, including many philosophical and theological works. Overall, this is a challenging but fascinating and enriching read, which is likely to spend more time in your hands than on the shelf and serve as a wonderful resource for intellectual conversations around your coffee table or by your fireplace.

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