



Rare First Edition Mein Kampf, signed by Hitler, sells for £18,000 through online live auction

The rare First Edition Mein Kampf came to auction through Mullocks Auctioneers, Shropshire, yesterday, Tuesday 19th April. The buyer bid online, live through www.the-saleroom.com with the item going under the hammer at £18,000. It is believed the buyer is based in Munich.

This book was a special presentation copy **signed and dedicated by Hitler to Hermann Esser**, one of the founding members of the Nazi Party and a fellow inmate with Hitler in Landsberg Prison. This is number 19 of the special limited edition copy of the excessively rare first edition of the book which contained only the first part of the finished work.

It is thought that the copy is probably **the rarest copy of Hitler's book to ever appear at auction**. It is unlikely that another copy of the first edition of Mein Kampf similarly dedicated to a founding member of the Nazi party will appear in the market.

the-saleroom.com

The book was published in 1925 shortly after Hitler emerged from Landsberg Prison where he wrote the work. This was only produced in a total edition of 500 copies – making it an excessively rare book in its own right. However the first few copies were also produced as here, in a special limited edition with cream vellum boards and gilt embossed title to spine. These copies were only given to the closest possible people to Hitler in the emerging Nazi party who had furthermore been with Hitler in prison following the failed Bierkeller Putsch. This copy was given to Esser as a Christmas present on Christmas Eve 1925.

Richard Lewis of ATG Media, owners of www.the-saleroom.com, says, “*the-saleroom.com* provides a ‘one-stop shop’ for buyers of antiques, fine art, rare and vintage collectibles while also providing bricks and mortar auction houses with a strong and successful platform to participate in internet bidding. As demonstrated with yesterday’s sale, the-saleroom opens the doors of auction rooms to a worldwide audience.”

For further press information, please contact:

Hugo Rawlins T 07974 260693 | hugo@rawlinsgeorge.co.uk

Lucinda George T 07774 885582 | Lucinda@rawlinsgeorge.co.uk