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Complete draft manuscript of Samuel Beckett's novel Murphy. Six autograph notebooks with handwritten alterations by the author. Text written predominantly on right-hand pages with corrections and additions on left-hand pages. The first notebook is inscribed “Sasha Murphy” on the front cover, whereas the remaining six notebooks are inscribed “Murphy II/III/IV/V/VI” on their respective front covers. Dated extensively throughout from “20.8.35” (Notebook 1, p.1) to “9/6” (Notebook 6, p.163). Murphy published London: George Routledge & Sons, 1938.

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Notebook I entitled “Sasha Murphy”
Autograph with handwritten alterations by the author. Blue notebook with soft covers, containing 144 leaves. Text written predominantly on right-hand pages with corrections and additions on left-hand pages. Inscribed “Sasha Murphy” on front cover. Dated extensively throughout from “20.8.35” (p.1) to “23/9” (p.139). Contains material relating to Chapter 1 (pp.1-59), Chapter 2 (pp.61-111), and part of Chapter 3 (pp.112-144) of the published text. Includes doodles of Charlie Chaplin and James Joyce. Contains references to Descartes, Geulincx, Leibniz, Picasso, Rabelais, Spinoza, Swift and Villon, amongst others. Murphy published London: George Routledge & Sons, 1938.

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Notebook II entitled “Murphy II”
Autograph with handwritten alterations by the author. Burgundy notebook with soft covers, containing 144 leaves. Text written predominantly on right-hand pages with corrections and additions on left-hand pages. Inscribed “Murphy II” on front cover. Dated extensively throughout from “24/9” (p.7) to “8/10” (p.141). Contains material relating to part of Chapter 3 (pp.1-23), Chapter 4 (pp.25-99), and part of Chapter 5 (pp.101-143) of the published text. Contains references to Aristotle, Corneille, Goethe, Shakespeare, St Augustine and the Bible, amongst others. Murphy published...

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Notebook III entitled “Murphy III”
Autograph with handwritten alterations by the author. Burgundy notebook with soft covers, containing 224 leaves. Text written predominantly on right-hand pages with corrections and additions on left-hand pages. Inscribed “Murphy III” on front cover. Dated extensively throughout from “9/10” (p.15) to “1/11” (p.219). Contains material relating to part of Chapter 5 (pp.1-124), Chapter 6 (incorrectly numbered “VII”; pp.124-151), and part of Chapter 7 (incorrectly numbered “VIII”; pp.152-223) of the published text. Also series of notes relating to Chapter 6 (p.224 and inside back cover). Contains references to Dante, Geulinx, Leibniz, Paracelsus, Rabelais, Spinoza and the Bible, amongst others. Murphy published London: George Routledge & Sons, 1938.

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Notebook IV entitled “Murphy IV”

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Notebook V entitled “Murphy V”  
Autograph with handwritten alterations by the author. Red notebook with soft covers, containing 184 leaves. Text written predominantly on right-hand pages with corrections and additions on left-hand pages. Inscribed “Murphy V” on front cover. Dated extensively throughout from “25/10” [for “24/11”] (p.1) to “28/4” (p.175). Contains material relating to part of Chapter 9 (pp.1-45) and part of Chapter 10 (incorrectly numbered “Eleven”; pp.45-183) of the published text. Also table of notes relating to Geulincx’s Ethica (p.184). Contains references to Dante, Lamartine, Ovid, Renard, Shakespeare, Sidney and the Bible, amongst others. Murphy published London: George Routledge & Sons, 1938.

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Notebook VI entitled “Murphy VI”  
Autograph with handwritten alterations by the author. Burgundy notebook with soft covers, containing 180 leaves. Text written predominantly on right-hand pages with corrections and additions on left-hand pages. Inscribed “Murphy VI” on front cover. Dated extensively throughout from “30/4/36” (p.1) to “9/6” (p.163). Contains material relating to part of Chapter 10 (pp.1-5), Chapter 11 (incorrectly numbered “14”; pp.6-69), Chapter 12 (incorrectly numbered “15”; pp.70-141), and Chapter 13 (incorrectly numbered “16”; pp.143-161) of the published text. Also revised material for insertion into Chapter 1 at the end (pp.163-173). Seven blank pages at the end (pp.174-180). Contains references to Keats, Renard, Shakespeare and the Bible, amongst others. Murphy published London: George Routledge & Sons, 1938.

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BC MS 5517/7  
Case made for holding the Murphy notebooks

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