



## Rare Books, Manuscripts, Maps & Photographs (539)

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### Lot 47

**Estimate:** £4000 - £6000 + Fees

#### **ROWLING, J.K. THE TALES OF BEEDLE THE BARD**

London: Children's High Level Group, 2008. First edition, 8vo, with Hologram sticker to front marbled free endpaper, presentation copy inscribed "Christmas 2008. To Di, with lots of love, J.K. Rowling (Jo) x" on half-title, original brown calf binding embellished with metal skull, corner pieces and clasp incorporating replica blue gemstones, maroon morocco bag, with envelope of Collector's Edition Prints containing 10 prints, housed in a velvet-lined brown calf box lettered and decorated on upper cover, with the publisher's lightly rubbed and creased white card sleeve printed in black to the upper panel "This Side Up".

**Note:** " 'You've never heard of *The Tales of Beedle the Bard?*' said Ron incredulously. 'You're kidding, right?' " - the aghast tones of Ron Weasley upon discovering his friend, Hermione Granger (born to Muggle [non-wizarding] parents) had never read the wizarding world's most famous fairy tales. J.K. Rowling subsequently wrote *The Tales of Beedle the Bard*, producing a deluxe copy of the work in aid of the charity Children's High Level Group (now Lumos). 100 signed, numbered copies of this work were randomly distributed to buyers on Amazon.com, who were surprised to receive a special copy of the book in the post. This book is an out-of-series copy, specially signed by Rowling.