

## **A Christmas Garland, Woven by Max Beerbohm – 1922 American Edition of the English Caricaturist’s Playful Parody on Seventeen Significant Authors**

Beerbohm, Max. *A Christmas Garland, Woven by Max Beerbohm*. New York: E.P. Dutton & Company, 1922. 197 pages. Hardcover.

Max Beerbohm (1872-1956) was an English author known for his visual and verbal parodies. *A Christmas Garland*, which is among Beerbohm’s best-known works, contains seventeen Christmas-themed parodies, each imitating the style of an influential writer of the era. The authors parodied included Henry James (“H\*nry J\*m\*s”), George Bernard Shaw (“G\*\*rg\* B\*m\*rd Sh\*w”), Rudyard Kipling (“R\*d\*\*rd K\*pl\*ng”), and Hilaire Belloc (H\*l\*\*r\* B\*ll\*c”). *A Christmas Garland* has been highly regarded by readers and critics since it was first published in 1912, and it was well appreciated by many of the authors it lightheartedly references. Henry James called it “the most intelligent thing that has been produced in England for many a long day”.\* The book has board covers with red cloth and embossed lettering. It is missing its dust jacket and has bumped spine corners. This is neither the first edition, which was published by Heinemann in 1912, nor the first American edition, which was published by Dutton in 1918. **\$25.00** (shipping not included).

\* James is quoted by Penguin Random House in “Max Beerbohm: About the Author”.  
<http://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/authors/1813/max-beerbohm/>

