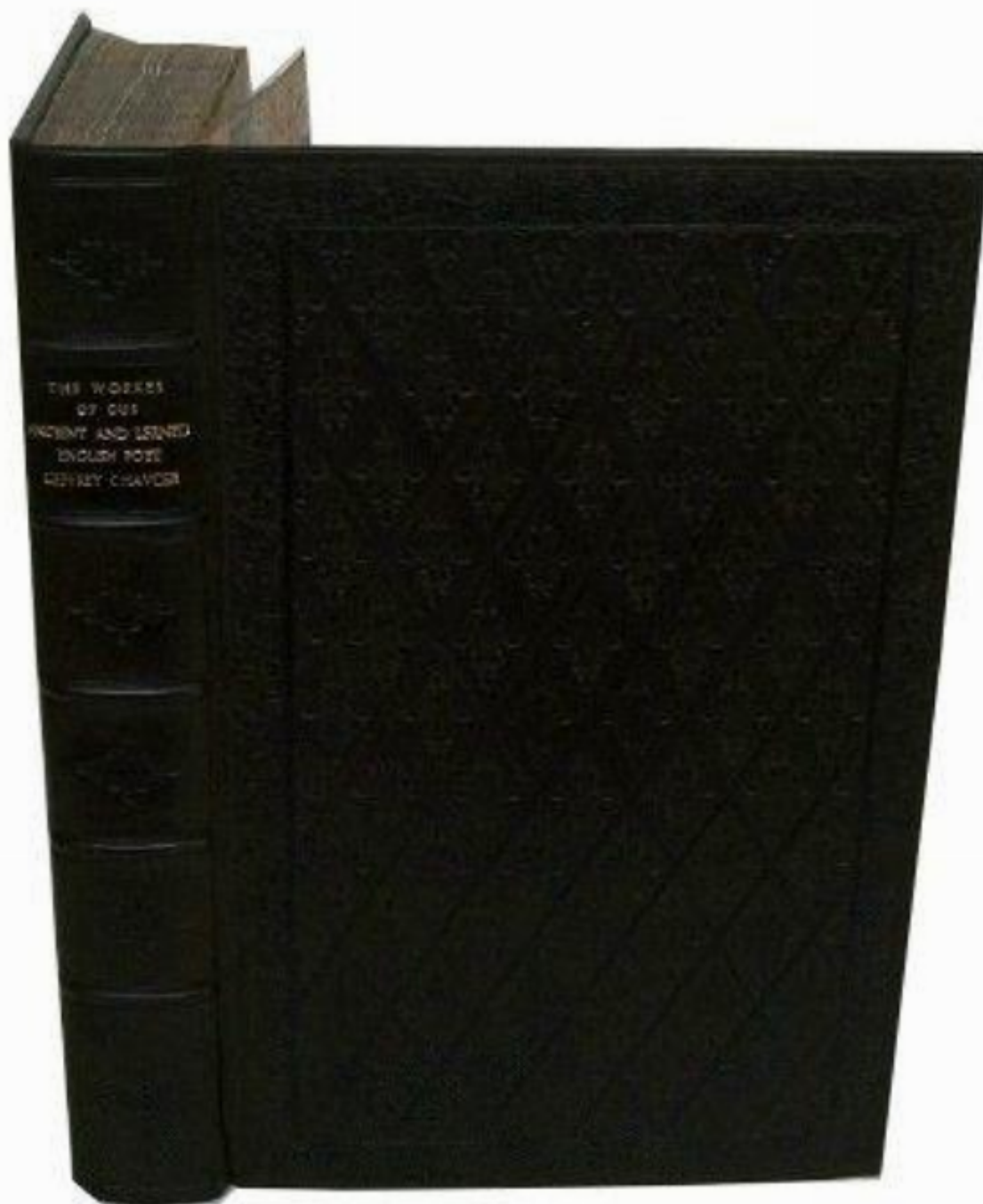




The Workes of Our Ancient and Lerner English Poet, Geffrey
Chaucer, Newly Printed

Geor. Bishop

Sold



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Description

Collation [a]6, b-c6, A-Nnn6, Ooo4, Ppp-Ttt6, Uuu8. Rebound in modern full calf by Temple Bookbinders, raised bands, spine in six panels, title in gilt to second panel, remaining panels with central blind stamped lozenge and volute corner pieces, covers with repeating lozenge tool inside a diaper pattern, bordered with a double fillet, framed by a wide foliate border, which is bordered by a dog-tooth roll, all in blind. Foliate roll to inner dentelles in blind, curl pattern marbled endpapers.

Externally near fine. Internally the title has sellotape staining to head of page catching engraved border and all along the fore-edge, slightly chipped to edges, as is the 'progenie' leaf. Some light browning, some water staining to top margin of the first three signatures, usually light, once or twice heavier, but generally unobtrusive, small hole to bottom margin of Ff1, bottom corner torn away to Ggg6 (not affecting text).

The scarcer variant issue with the 'Geor. Bishop' imprint (see Pforzheimer), with the 'progenie' leaf by John Speed, text mainly in black letter. "This edition was considerably revised mainly with the aid of Francis Thynne. It is the earliest in which thorough punctuation was attempted, and in many other ways it is a distinct improvement upon Speght's first edition" (Pforzheimer, page 179).

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