Antiquarian Big-Game Hunting Books Worth Reading and Collecting

I personally consider the following books important in Africana and hunting literature. This list has come about from talking for years to customers, collectors, and fellow dealers. It is only but a personal interpretation. Please note that this list, by and large, consists of books written before 1980. Since that time Safari Press and others have published a great deal of modern African big-game hunting books. Time will tell how these will be judged in the future.

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Africa

Old Elephant Hunting Classics

I have chosen here only those titles that contain primarily elephant hunting or the history of the ivory quest. Many authors—and Frederick Selous comes to mind—have shot a great deal of elephants but their books are not necessarily primarily devoted to the elephant.

Anderson 1946 African Safaris
Andersson 1873 The Lion and the Elephant
Bell 1923 The Wanderings of an Elephant Hunter
Bell 1949 Karamojo Safari
Blunt 1933 Elephant
Bula N’Zau (Bailey) 1894 Travel and Adventure in the Congo Free State
Faulkner 1868 Elephant Haunts
Finaughty 1916 The Recollections of William Finaughty
Lyell 1924 The African Elephant and Its Hunters
Moore 1931 Ivory: Scourge of Africa (ivory & trade)
Neumann 1898 Elephant-Hunting in East Equatorial Africa
Stanley & Hodgson 1912 Elephant Hunting in West Africa
Stigand 1913 Hunting the Elephant in Africa
Sutherland 1912 Adventures of an Elephant Hunter

Modern Elephant Hunting Classics

These are equally as good as the elephant books listed above; however, they do not bring as high a price in the aftermarket because all were published after WW II and are not truly rare.
Bell  Incidents from an Elephant Hunter’s Diary
Everett  Heath, Thirst and Ivory
Foran  Elephant Hunters of the Lado
Irwin  Memories of an African Hunter
Manners  Kambuku
Nychens  Months of the Sun
Nychens  Footsteps of an Ivory Hunter
Pardal  Elephant Hunting in Portuguese East Africa
Rushby  No More the Tusker
Sanchez  Ivory, later issued as On the Trail of the African Elephant and finally as Elephants,
           Ivory and Hunters
Sanchez  Elephant Hunters, Men of Legend
Sanchez  Africa’s Greatest Tuskers
Taylor  Pondoro (partially on elephants)
Thomson  Mahoboh
Thomson  The Adventures of Shadrek

Signed and Numbered (The Crown Jewels of Any Collection, Part 1)
Bryden  The Great and Small Game of Africa
Potocki  Sport in Somaliland
Roosevelt  African Game Trails (2 volumes)
Stanley  In Darkest Africa

Hand-Colored Plates (The Crown Jewels of Any Collection, Part 2)
Bryden  The Great and Small Game of Africa
Butler  South African Sketches
Bruchell  Travels in the Interior of Southern Africa
Daniell  African Scenery and Animals
Harris  Portraits of the Game
Harris  Wild Sports of Southern Africa
Sclater  The Book of the Antelopes
Books by Rowland Ward Ltd. (The Crown Jewels of Any Collection, Part 3)
(excludes Records of Big Game)

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After WW II Classics

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Boyes The Company of Adventurers
Christy Big Game and Pigmies
Foa After Big Game in Central Africa
Kittenberger Big Game Hunting and Collecting in Africa
Lyell The Hunting and Spoor of Central African Game
Lyell Hunting Trips in Northern Rhodesia
Lyell Memories of an African Hunter
Lyell Nyasaland for the Hunters and Settler
Lyell Wildlife in Central Africa
Millais The Life of F.C. Selous
Selous African Nature Notes and Reminiscences
Stigand The Game of British East Africa

From Rare to Extremely Rare (and Expensive)

Blackburne Maze Journals of My African Travels
Cobb Sport on Setit
Elton Travels and Researches
Hughes Eighteen Years on Lake Bangweuleu
Hunter White Hunter
Melliss Lion-Hunting in Somali-Land
Myers Life with the Hamran Arabs
Pease Sport and Travel in Africa (3-volume set)
Vanderbilt Safari: Some Fun! Some Fun!
Vasse Three Years' Sport in Mozambique

Books by Professional Hunters

Daly Big Game Hunting and Adventure
Dyer Classic African Animals
Herne Tanzania Safaris
Herne Uganda Safaris
Holman Inside Safari Hunting
Hunter Tales of the African Frontier
Hunter White Hunter

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Ker   African Adventure
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The Early Hunters and/or Explorers

Andersson  Lake Ngami
Andersson  The Okavango River
Baker    The Albert N’yanza, Great Basin of the Nile
Baker    The Nile Tributaries of Abyssinia
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Burton   The Lake Regions of Central Africa
Du Chailu  Explorations and Adventures in Equatorial Africa
Gibbons  Exploration and Hunting in Central Africa
Grant    A Walk across Africa
Kerr    The Far Interior
Livingstone  Missionary Travels and Researches in South Africa
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Oswell   W.C. Oswell Hunter and Explorer
Smith    Through Unknown African Countries
Speke    Journal of the Discovery of the Source of the Nile
Stanley  In Darkest Africa
Stanley  Through the Dark Continent
Stanley  The Congo and the Founding of the Free State
Thomson  Through Masai Land
Thomson  To the Central African Lakes and Back
Von Hohnel  Discovery of Lakes Rudolph and Stefanie

AFRICA, ASIA, and the AMERICAS

Rowland Ward’s Records of Big Game
No books can conjure up more endless dreams and deliver more raw desire then the original pre-WW II Records of Big Game as published by the London taxidermy firm of Rowland Ward. The early books had photos of the largest heads (both in the field and mounted), entries by many of the famous early hunters, and a charm that will never be
recaptured in the modern age. The books published immediately after WW II had lost much of this allure till the 1980s when new energetic ownership once more made this series of books most desirable. The first edition was called *Horn Measurements and Weights of the Great Game of the World*. All subsequent editions carry the title *Records of Big Game*.

1st 1892  zebra striped cloth, gilt buffalo head on cover
2nd 1896  cloth with depiction of tiger skin of maharaja of Cooch Behar
3rd 1899  green cloth with gilt lettering
4th 1903  dark blue cloth with gilt lettering
5th 1907  red cloth with gilt lettering
6th 1910  zebra striped cloth with gilt lettering
7th 1914  mustard yellow cloth with head of water buffalo
8th 1922  wine red cloth with gilt lettering
9th 1928  light blue cloth with gilt lettering
10th 1935  brown cloth with gilt lettering

**Books by Theodore Roosevelt**

The books listed below were written by Theodore Roosevelt, the 26th president of the United States. We only list his hunting, military, and Western Americana narratives. In all, he wrote 35 books (more than any other president) as well as numerous booklets and speeches. In addition, his family, wife, sons, and other relatives wrote books, making the subject of “Roosevelt’s books” all the more interesting.

- Hunting Trips of A Ranchman 1885, one of 500 numbered copies
- Ranch Life and the Hunting-Trail 1888
- The Wilderness Hunter 1893, one of 200 signed copies
- Big Game Hunting in the Rockies and on the
  Great Plains (Comprising of *Hunting Trips of a
  Ranchman* and *The Wilderness Hunter*) 1899, one of 1,000 signed copies
- The Rough Riders 1899
- Outdoor Pastimes of an American Hunter 1905, one of 260 signed copies
- African Game Trails 1910, 2 volumes, one of 500 signed copies
- Through the Brazilian Wilderness 1914
- A Book-Lover’s Holiday in the Open 1916
- The Life Histories of African Game Animals 1914 (with E. Heller)

Hand-Colored Plates (limited to 250 or 500 copies, all published by Rowland Ward Ltd.)
Asia
Asian Classics and Rarities

Tiger Hunting and Other Forest Hunting

Cooch Behar  Thirty-Seven Years of Big Game Shooting
Corbett       Jungle Stories
Corbett       Man-Eaters of Kumaon
Ingles        Sport and Work on the Nepaul Frontier
Peacock       A Game-Book for Burma & Adjoining Territories
Rice          Indian Game

Sheep Hunting and Ibex Hunting

Andrews  Camps and Trails in China
Andrews  Chapman across Mongolian Plains
Andrews  The New Conquest of Central Asia
Burrard  Big Game Hunting in the Himalayas and Tibet
Clark    Trails of the Hunted
Cobbold  Innermost Asia: Travel and Sport in the Pamirs
Darrah   Sport in the Highlands of Kashmir
Demidoff A Shooting Trip to Kamchatka
Demidoff After Wild Sheep in the Altai and Mongolia
Demidoff After Hunting in the Caucasus
Etherton Across the Roof of the World
Gates    Trophy Hunter in Asia
Haughton Sport and Folklore in the Himalayan
Haydon   Sport and Travel in the Highlands of Tibet
Herbert  Casuals in the Caucasus
Jamsheed Memories of a Sheep Hunter
Kinloch  Large Game Shooting in Thibet, the Himalayas, & N & Central India
Lydekker Wild Oxen, Sheep and Goats of All Lands
MacIntyre         Hindu Koh
Morden            Across Asia’s Snows and Deserts
Ronaldshay       Sport and Politics Under an Eastern Sky
Roosevelt         East of the Sun and West of the Moon
Stone             In and Beyond the Himalayas
Swayne            Through the Highlands of Siberia
Wallace           The Big Game of Central and Western China

Asia Best

Hand-Colored Plates

(All Lydekkers limited to 250 or 500 copies and all published by Rowland Ward)

Lydekker          Wild Oxen, Sheep, & Goats of All Lands
Lydekker          The Great and Small Game of India, Burma, & Tibet
Lydekker          The Great and Small Game of Europe & W & N Asia and America
Lydekker          The Deer of All Lands
Williamson        Oriental Field Sports

North America

Sheep Hunting

Annabel           Hunting and Fishing in Alaska
Annabel           Tales of a Big Game Guide
Armstrong         After Big Game in the Upper Yukon
Auer              Campfires in the Yukon
Baillie-Grohman   Fifteen Years Sport & Life in the Hunting Grounds of Western America and British Columbia
Beach             In the Shadow of Mount McKinley
Cane              Summer and Fall in Western Alaska
Davy              Saga of the Rockies
Holman            Sheep and Rockies: A Hunter’s Wanderings in Alaska
Hornaday          Campfires in the Canadian Rockies
Housholder        The Grand Slam of North American Wild Sheep
Hubback           To Far Western Alaska for Big Game
McGuire           In the Alaska-Yukon Gamelands
O'Connor  Game in the Desert
O'Connor  Sheep and Sheep Hunting
Phillips-Woolley  Big Game Shooting
Radcliffe  Big Game Shooting in Alaska
Sheldon  The Wilderness of Denali
Sheldon  The Wilderness of the Upper Yukon
Williams  Game Trails in British Columbia
Young  Alaska Yukon Trophies Won and Lost

Bear Classics

Clark  Last of the Great Brown Bear Men
Eddy  Hunting the Alaska Brown Bear
Finton  Alaskan Bear Adventures
Hittell  The Adventures of James Capen Adams
Holman  Sheep and Bear Trails
Palmer  Kodiak Bear Hunt
Radcliffe  Big Game Shooting in Alaska
Sheldon  The Wilderness of the North Pacific Coast Islands
Woodworth  The Kodiak Bear
Young  Grizzlies Don’t Come Easy!

North American Rarities

Francis  Sport among the Rockies
McAleenan  Hunting with Rifle and Camera in the Canadian Rockies
Williamson  Sport and Photography in the Rocky Mountains