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canon: *a standard or
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A WORLDWIDE BIBLIOGRAPHY OF THE GRAND CANYON AND LOWER COLORADO RIVER REGIONS
IN THE UNITED STATES AND MEXICO

Appendix II

Variants of Ellsworth L. Kolb's *Through the Grand Canyon from Wyoming to Mexico (1914–2018)*

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ELLSWORTH LEONARDSON KOLB (January 4, 1876–January 9, 1960) and his brother, EMERY CLIFFORD KOLB (February 15, 1881–December 11, 1976), rowed down the Green and Colorado Rivers from Green River, Wyoming, to Needles, California, in 1911-1912, documenting their trip on still and motion picture film. In 1913 Ellsworth continued the voyage to the delta. The Macmillan Company (New York) first issued Ellsworth's book about their trip, with "Photographs by the Author and his brother" (as indicated on title-page), in October, 1914. Through 1971, Macmillan issued 27 variants, differing principally in the number and arrangement of plates, and a minor (but contextually significant) emendation to the foreword by Owen Wister. In 1989, the University of Arizona Press (Tucson) reprinted the first edition in facsimile, adding a "new preface" by Barry Goldwater. However, the new printing contained errors, most notably miscrediting and misspelling the author as "Emory L. Kolb". The errors were corrected for later sales of the volume (see description of these two states in the descriptive notes below). Grand Canyon Association issued facsimile reprintings, first in 2007. Print-on-demand products in various formats, offered by several sources beginning in the 2000s, are transient and potentially inconsistent for each printing by a given producer; they are omitted from this table of variants, but Spamer's main bibliography does list the on-demand imprints that have been located. [Illustrations](#) of Macmillan imprint variant styles are placed at the end of this Appendix. At least one of the early printings (though precise details are as yet undetermined) were also issued in boxes (see [boxed book illustration](#)), presumably to be sold as a gift-box version).

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APPENDIX II. VARIANTS OF ELLSWORTH L. KOLB'S *THROUGH THE GRAND CANYON FROM WYOMING TO MEXICO*

This publication holds the second-longest documented record of a Grand Canyon–Colorado River title *continuously in print*, appearing in 27 editions/printings under the Macmillan imprint 1914-1971, 57 years. (However, there may have been a hiatus in 1920, as indicated in note “§” for Variant F in the table below.) In later years Emery Kolb was essentially the principal outlet for sales, at Grand Canyon, until his death in 1976. Thus this title was continuously available for at least 62 years. The disposition of remaining copies in Kolb’s possession upon his death is not known, and it is not clear whether the work was available from Macmillan at any time thereafter.

Information in this list has also been verified by the late David Hellyer (original proprietor of Five Quail Books, Spring Grove, Minnesota), Daniel Cassidy (Five Quail Books, Prescott, Arizona), Karen Underhill (Special Collections and Archives, Cline Library, Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, Arizona), and Earle E. Spamer (formerly American Philosophical Society, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania).

Added to this Appendix is a brief [historical essay](#) on the editions of this title, “Variants on a Tome: A Journey *Through the Grand Canyon*”, which was first published by Quartaroli in 2003.

Table layout modified for THE GRAND CANON from Quartaroli’s originally unpublished list; and minor points added by Earle Spamer. Current to January 2025.

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Description of Columns in Table

ITEM NO.	Item number as cited in THE GRAND CANON (for details see these citations under Kolb in Part 2)
Variant	Identifier for Kolb variants (as also noted in THE GRAND CANON). See end of this Appendix for illustrations of Macmillan variant styles
T.p. Date	Title-page date, at bottom of title-page (absent in variants W–CC)
Verso t.p. Date	Latest date of publication, indicated on title-page verso; month and year
Copyright Date	Copyright date, as indicated on title-page verso; copyright was renewed in 1942. New material in University of Arizona reprint copyright 1989
Printing	Indication of “editions” or reprints, as stated on binding, title-page, and title-page verso: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Repr Reprint Nw Ne “NEW EDITION” gilt, midway on spine; “New Edition” on title-page Nw Ed “NEW EDITION” gilt, midway on spine Ne Rp “New Edition” on title-page; “Reprinted April, 1927” [for example] on title-page verso Ne 12 “New Edition” on title-page; “Published October, 1914. Twelfth Printing 1952” [for example] on title-page verso [the number in the table note (“Ne 12” in this example) indicates the printing as specified on leaf] Paper Re Paperback reprint (stiff pictorial wraps, facsimile text): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Variant BB: University of Arizona Press reprinting, 1989, <i>first state</i>. “Emory L. Kolb” listed as author in error [see Cataloging-in-Publication data on title-page verso] and Ellsworth Kolb indicated on title-page as brother; Barry Goldwater’s preface (pp. xvii-xx) mistakenly refers to “Emory” [for Emery] Kolb and “Herman” [for Norman] Nevills (p. xviii). This is a facsimile reprint of the October 1914 Macmillan edition (Variant A); however, it is not completely faithful to either of the October 1914 states (Variants A, B), omitting some illustrations Variant CC: University of Arizona Press reprinting, 1989, <i>second state</i>. These are corrected copies of existing stock of Variant BB, produced <i>ca.</i> September, 1990. Author corrected to “Ellsworth L. Kolb” and brother correctly identified and spelled as Emery C. Kolb. Also, Kolb’s and Nevills’ given names are corrected in Goldwater preface to read Emery and Norman, respectively <p>[<i>Comparison of University of Arizona first and second states</i>: Variant BB perfect-bound, trim size 21.3 × 14 cm. Variant CC perfect-bound, trim size 20.9 × 13.6 cm. Compared to BB the CC text block is tighter in the binding margin, and the top and bottom text margins are smaller; the outside text margins in both states, BB and CC, are the same. The states show that the wraps of unsold copies of the BB printing were removed by cutting off the glued edge (spine) and the erroneous pages or signature removed; then a gathering of reprinted, corrected pages was substituted for the cancelled pages. New wraps were glued to the text block, with the finished trimmed product (CC) having the size indicated here. —<i>E.E.S.</i>]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Variant DD: Grand Canyon Association reprinting, 2007. Facsimile reprint of Variant A, with the exception of title-page verso, which is GCA’s copyright and publication-data page. A 2008 reprinting = Variant EE Variant FF: Grand Canyon Association reprinting, 2007 [3rd printing, 2018 (not stated); date determined by Quartaroli]. Facsimile reprint of Variant A, with the exception of title-page verso, which is GCA’s copyright and publication-data page. <i>Other points</i>: Pagination revised to include plates; cover illustration refigured from Kolb photograph to include skyline of cliff at upper left of photo; cover title typographically reset; ornamental border on cover photo redrawn to a single line; back cover and spine reset; title-page verso data revised and reset, omitting reprinting data and editorial information, addition of Ellsworth Kolb’s dedication at top of page, and Grand Canyon Association colophon with pictorial relief, replacing two-tone colophon of earlier printings

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APPENDIX II. VARIANTS OF ELLSWORTH L. KOLB'S *THROUGH THE GRAND CANYON FROM WYOMING TO MEXICO*

Description of columns in table (continued)

cm	Size in centimeters; first number is height of book, second number is thickness of text block (<i>i.e.</i> all pages without covers)
No. Plates/Photos	Number of photographic plates used for illustrations, with number of photos contained thereon. Figures do not include frontispiece or pictorial cover
Plate Location	" <i>insert</i> ": plates interleaved in text; " <i>end</i> ": plates grouped at end of text
War Format	On p. xvii, "Due to war format all illustrations will be inserted at the end of the text"
Advertisements	Advertisements for other Macmillan Co. books; three pages at end of text
Top Edge Gilt	Top edge of text block gilt
Expeditions Page	Extra leaf between pp. xiv-xv, titled, "Kolb brothers' second expedition", a note about other Kolb expeditions (U.S. Geological Survey expeditions—1921 in Glen Canyon, 1923 in Grand Canyon)
Gilt No.	No. "56640" in gilt at lower right rear cover (also in black print on lower-right rear dust jacket); a printer's or publisher's identification. This number also appears on the back of dust jackets with Variants V-AA
Intro. twofold/dogged	Fourth word of first line of Wister's foreword: "twofold" in original; "dogged" indicates altered version that also omits reference to Santa Fe Railway
Pictorial Cover	Colored picture affixed to front cover. Suffix letters refer to ink color of ornamental border stamped around the picture (Macmillan issues only): <i>o</i> —orange; <i>y</i> —yellow, which printed on dark blue cloth may produce a color more like chartreuse. (See examples at the end of this Appendix.) Illustration on University of Arizona Press and Grand Canyon Association printings is a photographic reproduction of the paste-on illustration on the Macmillan covers, although the illustration on Grand Canyon Association's unstated 3rd printing (ITEM NO. 2.27889 , [2018]) refigures the Kolb photo to include the cliff skyline at upper left
Dust Jacket	It is assumed that Macmillan released all variants with dust jackets. Earlier dust jacket flyleaves and backs have no printing; later dust jackets contain blurbs on the front flyleaf and on the back. See example illustrations at the end of this Appendix. In the table, "yes" indicates that a dust jacket did not contain a printed price; "yes \$" indicates that a dust jacket contained a printed price; "yes /" indicates dust jacket seen but with price clip (no intact jacket thus far seen)
Original Cost	Prices quoted from dust jackets seen; earlier variants printed price on spine, most variants printed price on dust jacket flap. Prices seen for dust jackets lacking prices are obtained from contemporary Macmillan advertisements for these eds. (bearing in mind that acquisitions on the used-book market might have replaced a dust jacket from another edition). Price on dust jacket of Variant C appears on the spine (see illustration below). Price information acquired mostly from examination of dust jackets seen in private collections of individuals who hold copies of all variants, and in the Special Collections and Archives, Cline Library, Northern Arizona University. Some pricing information also obtained from contemporary advertisements or book reviews for specific editions. Prices for post-Macmillan imprints are first-release prices
Copies	Press runs known or estimated from acquired evidence. The figures for Variants BB and CC were provided to Quartaroli by another researcher, the data not now available from the publisher; these figures represent the supposed number of Variant BB distributed before the remaining copies were corrected and distributed as Variant CC (see discussion under "Printing", above)

(table follows)

APPENDIX II. VARIANTS OF ELLSWORTH L. KOLB'S *THROUGH THE GRAND CANYON FROM WYOMING TO MEXICO*

ITEM NO.	Variant	T.p. Date	Verso t.p. Date	Copyright Date	Printing	cm	No. Plates/Photos	Plate Location	War Format	Advertise-ments	Top Edge Gilt	Expe-ditions Page	Gilt No.	Intro. twofold/dogged	Pictorial Cover*	Dust Jacket †	Original Cost	Copies‡	IMPRINT
2.3895	A	1914	Oct 1914	1914	NA	20.5, 3.1	48/60	insert	no	yes	yes	no	no	twofold	yes o	yes	\$2.00	—	THE MACMILLAN COMPANY
2.3896	B	1914	Oct 1914	1914	NA	22.2, 3.2	72/99	insert	no	yes	yes	no	no	twofold	yes o	yes	\$3.50	1880	
2.3897	C	1914	Dec 1914	1914	Repr	20.5, 2.9	48/60	insert	no	yes	yes	no	no	twofold	yes o	yes \$	\$2.00	—	
2.3898	D	1915	Jun 1915	1914	Nw Ne	20.5, 3.4	72/99	insert	no	yes	yes	no	no	dogged	yes o	—	\$2.25	—	
2.3899	E	1915	Oct 1915	1914	Nw Ed	20.5, 3.1	36/44	insert	no	yes	yes	no	no	dogged	yes o	yes	\$2.25	—	
2.3900	F	1920	Oct 1915	1914	NA	21.6, 3.3	72/99	insert	no	no	no	no	no	dogged	yes o	—	\$5.00 [§]	—	
2.3901	G	1927	Apr 1927	1914	Ne Rp	21.8, 3.4	76/104	insert	no	no	no	no	no	dogged	yes y	yes \$	\$5.00	—	
2.3902	H	1928	Sep 1928	1914	Ne Rp	21.6, 3.4	76/104	insert	no	no	no	no	no	dogged	yes y	yes /	—	—	
2.3903	I	1930	Aug 1930	1914	Ne Rp	21.6, 3.2	76/104	insert	no	no	no	no	no	dogged	yes y	—	\$5.00	1100/1149	
2.3904	J	1934	Oct 1934	1914	Ne Rp	21.6, 3.3	76/104	insert	no	no	no	no	no	dogged	yes y	yes \$	\$5.00	600/600	
2.3905	K	1936	May 1936	1914	Ne Rp	21.6, 3.4	76/104	insert	no	no	no	yes	no	dogged	yes y	—	—	600/600	
2.3906	L	1937	Feb 1937	1914	Ne Rp	21.6, 3.3	76/104	insert	no	no	no	yes	no	dogged	yes y	yes	—	600/600	
2.3907	M	1938	Dec 1938	1914	Ne Rp	21.6, 3.6	76/104	insert	no	no	no	yes	no	dogged	yes y	—	—	600/600	
2.3908	N	1940	May 1940	1914	Ne Rp	21.6, 3.4	76/104	insert	no	no	no	yes	no	dogged	yes y	yes	—	600/600	
2.3909	O	1941	Sep 1941	1914	Ne Rp	21.6, 3.9	76/104	insert	no	no	no	yes	no	dogged	yes y	yes	—	600/500	
2.3910	P	1944	Mar 1944	1914 1942	Ne Rp	21.6, 3.8	76/104	end	yes	no	no	yes	no	dogged	no	yes	—	600/600	
2.3911	Q	1946	Jan 1946	1914 1942	Ne Rp	21.6, 3.2	76/104	end	yes	no	no	yes	no	dogged	yes y	yes \$	\$5.00	1000/1000	
2.3912	R	1946	Oct 1946	1914 1942	Ne Rp	21.6, 2.6	76/104	end	yes	no	no	yes	no	dogged	yes y	yes \$	\$6.00	2000/2000	
2.3913	S	1947	Oct 1947	1914 1942	Ne Rp	21.6, 2.9	76/104	end	yes	no	no	yes	no	dogged	yes y	yes \$	\$6.00	3000/3000	
2.3914	T	1952	1952	1914 1942	Ne 12	21.6, 2.9	76/104	end	yes	no	no	yes	no	dogged	yes y	yes \$	\$6.00	3000/3080	
2.3915	U	1958	May 1958	1914 1942	Ne 13	21.6, 3.0	76/104	end	no	no	no	yes	no	dogged	yes y	yes \$	\$6.00	3000/3250	
2.3916	V	1963	1963	1914 1942	Ne 14	21.6, 2.7	76/104	end	no	no	no	yes	yes	dogged	yes y	yes	—	2000/2150	
2.3917	W	no	1965	1914 1942	Ne 15	21.6, 2.6	76/104	end	no	no	no	yes	yes	dogged	yes y	yes \$	\$7.00	2000/2000	
2.3918	X	no	1967	1914 1942	Ne 16	21.6, 2.7	76/104	end	no	no	no	yes	yes	dogged	no	yes \$	\$7.00	2000/2000	
2.3919	Y	no	1969	1914 1942	Ne 17	21.6, 3.2	76/104	end	no	no	no	yes	yes	dogged	no	yes \$	\$7.00	2000/2000	
2.3921	Z	no	1970	1914 1942	Ne 18	21.6, 2.9	76/104	end	no	no	no	yes	yes	dogged	no	yes \$	\$7.00	2000/2000	
2.3922	AA	no	1971	1914 1942	Ne 19	21.6, 2.9	76/104	end	no	no	no	yes	yes	dogged	no	yes \$	\$7.00	2000/2000	
PRINTING HIATUS																			
2.3923	BB [¶]	no	1989	1989	Paper Re	21.3, 3.1	[29]/37	insert	no	no	no	no	NA	twofold	yes	NA	\$13.95	250?	UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA PRESS
2.3924	CC	no	1989	1989	Paper Re	20.9, 3.1	[29]/37	insert	no	no	no	no	NA	twofold	yes	NA	\$13.95	4750?	
2.11482	DD	1914	2007	2007	Paper Re	20.9, 3.2	48/60	insert	no	yes	no	no	NA	twofold	yes	NA	\$16.95	—	GRAND CANYON ASSOCIATION
2.11482	EE	1914	2008	2007	Paper Re	20.9, 3.2	48/60	insert	no	yes	no	no	NA	twofold	yes	NA	\$16.95	—	
2.27889	FF	1914	2007 [2018]	2007	Paper Re	20.9, 2.9	48/60	insert	no	no	no	no	NA	twofold	yes	NA	\$16.95	1000	

* Paste-down cover illustration on Macmillan printings is the same size (ca. 11 × 16 cm) on all variants regardless of cover size

† yes = dust jacket seen without printed price; yes \$ = dust jacket seen with printed price; yes / = dust jacket seen but with price clip (no intact jacket thus far seen)

‡ For Variants I–AA, first figure is the number ordered, the second figure indicates the actual number produced (based on order sheets from the publisher)

§ Variant F: A Macmillan advertisement in *Publishers' Weekly* (November 6, 1920, p. 52) lists price increase to \$6.00; a notice in *Publishers' Weekly* (December 18, 1920, p. 1853) lists this as "A new issue of this work, which has been out of print for a year." with price listed there as \$5.00. No further substantiation for the out-of-print remark, or explanation for the price differential

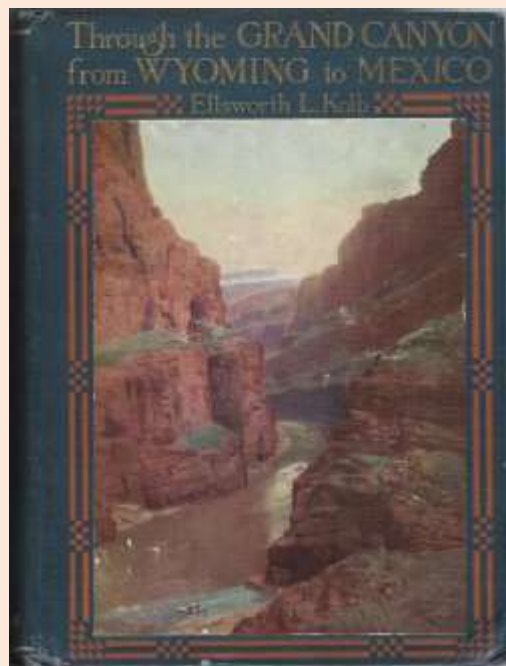
¶ Variants BB–FF, see remarks under "Printing" in the Description of Columns, above

— Information not determined NA Not applicable

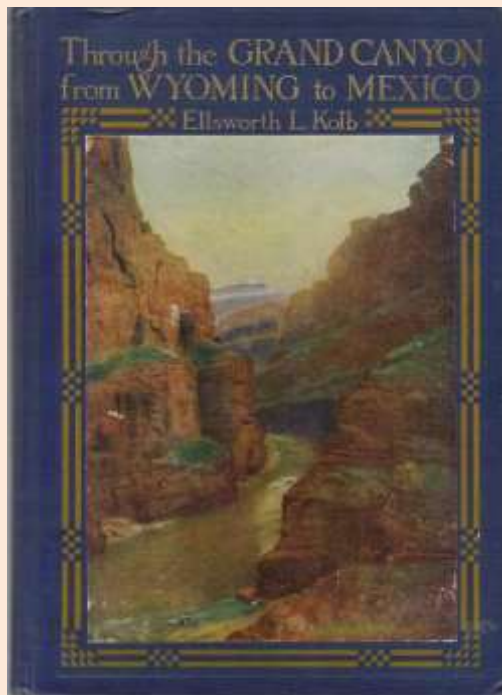
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Cover and Dust Jacket Styles for Macmillan Imprints of *Through the Grand Canyon from Wyoming to Mexico*

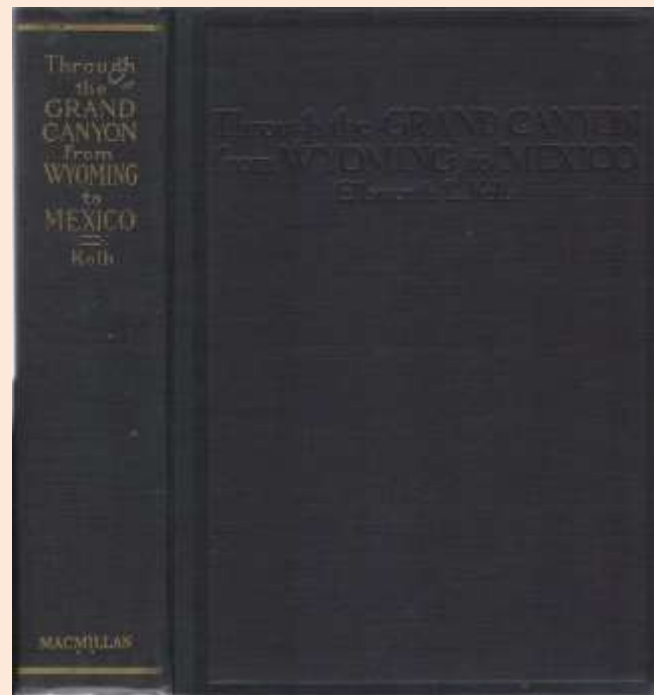
[To scale]



Orange ornamental border
smaller format (Variants A–E)



Yellow ornamental border
larger format (Variants F–O, Q–W)



**No pictorial cover;
front cover with blind stamped title and border**
(Variant P only)

Examples: Variant A

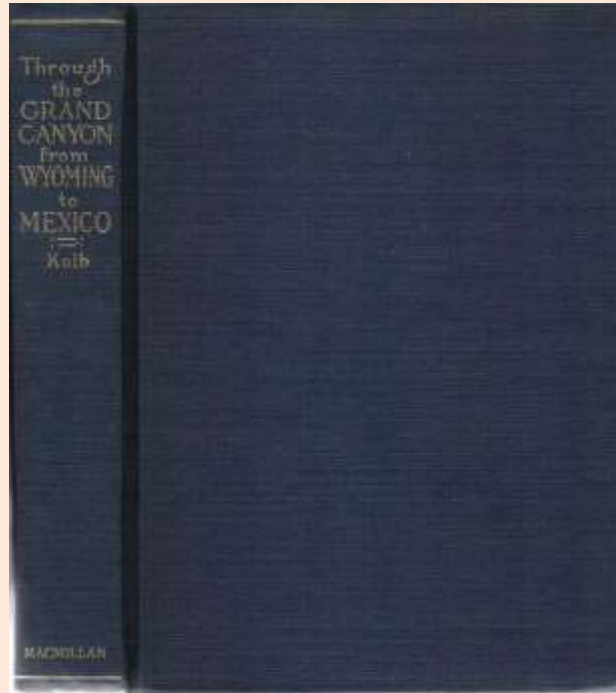
Variant G

Variations in cloth colors and the colors of the ornamental border and the affixed illustration may vary due to original production specifications, aging of individual copies, and the general effects of previous owners' care. However, only two ornamental border colors were used (as indicated in the table above), orange and yellow.

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Cover and dust jacket examples on these pages from the collection of Earle Spamer except where indicated otherwise.

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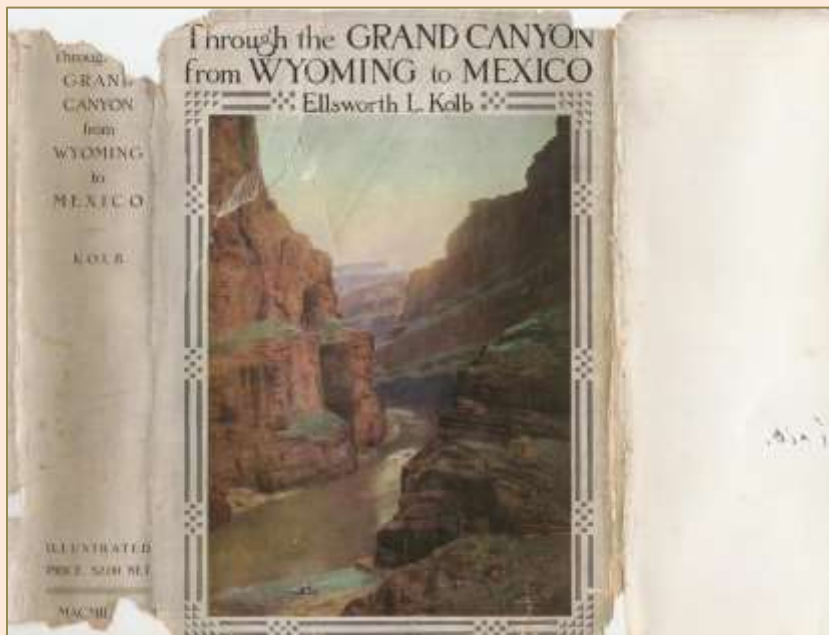
***No pictorial cover;
front cover not stamped, no border***
(Variants X-AA)

EXAMPLE:

Variant X

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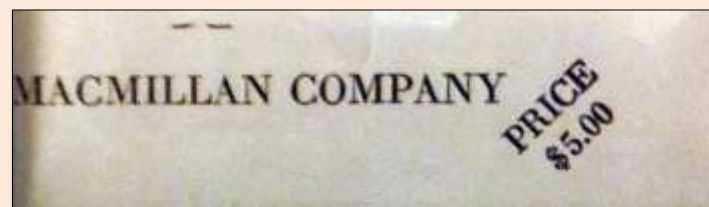
Examples of dust jackets (spines, front covers and front flaps only), showing some style variations and the kinds of condition that may be expected today. Variations in colors may be due to original production specifications, aging, and the general effects of previous owners' care. Not all variants have been seen with dust jackets, although the presumption is made that all Macmillan printings were distributed with dust jackets.

- ◀ Dust jacket example from **Variant C**
Price printed on spine; no text on either flap (front is shown)



- ◀ Dust jacket example from **Variant J**
Spine text reset; front flap with text (price at bottom of front flap has been clipped in this example). Rear flap (not shown) is blank

- ▼ Dust jacket detail example from **Variant G**
Unclipped price printed at lower-right corner of front flap (*Quartaroli photo*)



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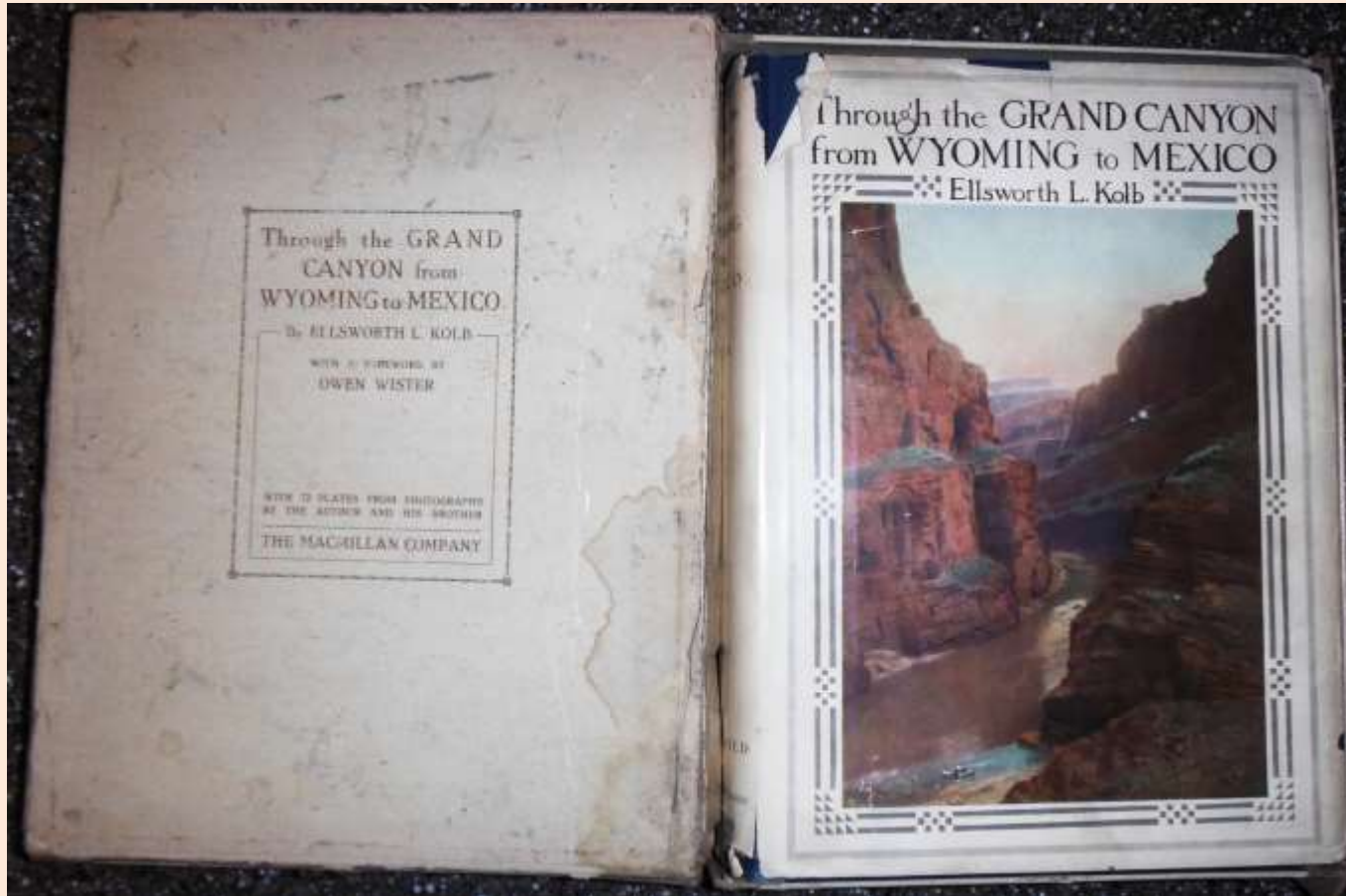


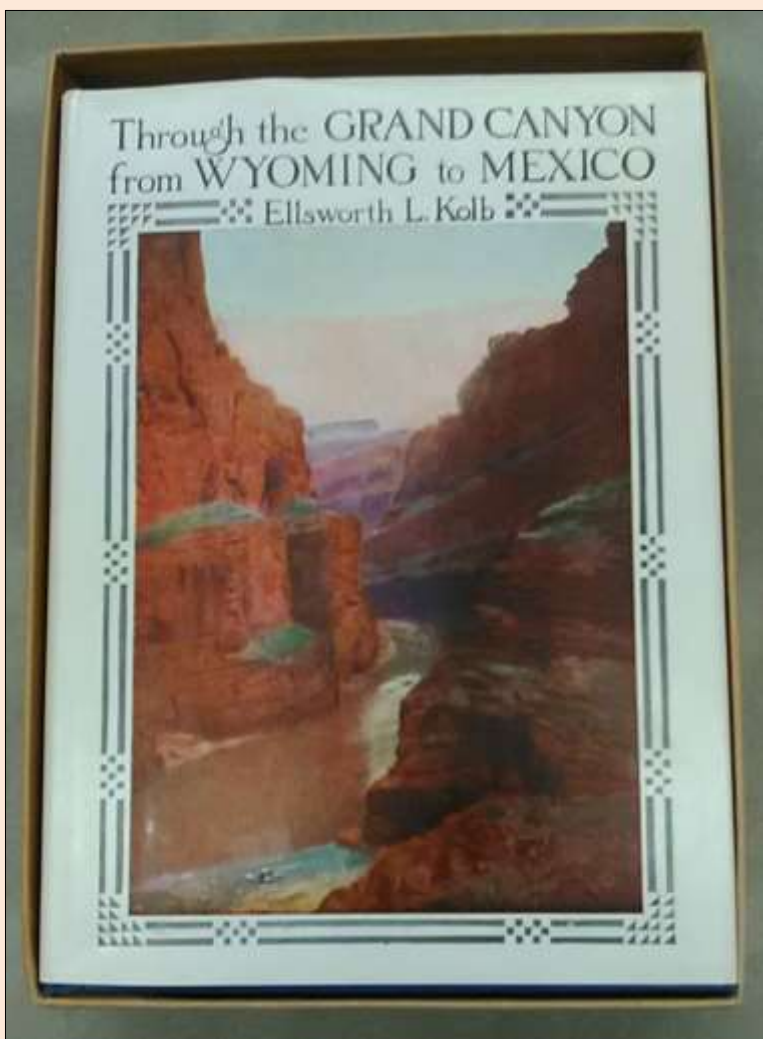
Illustration: Variant B with dust jacket, in box. Box top $7\frac{3}{16} \times 9\frac{3}{16} \times \frac{7}{8}$ inches. Box bottom (partly damaged) $7^+ \times 9 \times 1\frac{5}{8}$ inches.
From the collection of Richard D. Quartaroli. (Quartaroli photo.)

Some early printings of *Through the Grand Canyon from Wyoming to Mexico* were distributed in white paperboard boxes. The volume fits snugly inside, with a separate lift-off lid with publishing data printed on the outside. Presumably this was marketed for presentation or gift-giving. The photo above depicts the top of the lid (*left*) positioned next to the volume seated inside the box bottom. [See also next page.] In addition to this Variant B, contemporary notices have been seen of the availability of a boxed Variant A (see *Publishers' Weekly*, November 7 and December 5, 1914); the notices describe the volume as published in October and contain 48 plates (thus Variant A).

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Care should be taken when identifying “boxed” volumes of *Through the Grand Canyon from Wyoming to Mexico*. The example shown here is a copy of Variant L (1937) inside a plain, tan paperboard box. The volume does not fit as comfortably as in the publisher’s presentation box shown on the previous page, indicating that this box is a close-fit commercial product used for mailing; in this case, from Kolb Brothers.



Box top



Box bottom

Example from Northern Arizona University, Cline Library, Special Collections and Archives. (Quartaroli photos.)

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The following historical essay regarding the editions of *Through the Grand Canyon from Wyoming to Mexico* appeared as an appendix (pages 171–174) in *The Brave Ones: the journals and letters of the 1911–1912 expedition down the Green and Colorado Rivers by Ellsworth L. Kolb and Emery C. Kolb : including the journal of Hubert R. Lauzon* (transcribed and edited by William C. Suran) (Fretwater Press, Flagstaff, 2003). The essay also displays an early version of the table that is greatly expanded and updated herein.

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appendix

VARIANTS ON A TOME:
A Journey Through the Grand Canyon

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WITH THE 1976 DEATH of Emery, the last Kolb brother, Ellsworth's *Through the Grand Canyon from Wyoming to Mexico* slipped out of print after twenty-seven unique press runs. At that time some book dealers paid attention to the "Kolb" print dates, even describing each of the two October 1914 editions—one has 48 photograph plates, the other 72—as "first, thus," but few distinguished between them or signatures of the two brothers, Ellsworth L. and Emery C. as authors. The elder Ellsworth wrote the book, with both brothers taking photographic credit. Now that you are holding a transcription of the brothers' journals, you may compare them with the book and find that Ellsworth often used Emery's words in publication.

Haunting used-book stores in the 1980s, I grew curious as to which October 1914 "Kolb" was the true first. I began conferring with collectors and dealers, comparing books in libraries, and obtaining others through interlibrary loan. Although lacking many of the "points" of which my bibliography now



Variant A
October 1914 edition

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consists, in 1991 I printed my first list, interestingly enough containing 28 of the 29 known variants, lacking only the corrected 1989. A bibliography course in graduate school at the University of Texas, taught by Dr. Michael Winship, grandson of bibliographer George Parker Winship, allowed me to further refine the list.

Bibliophiles began to request copies of my list in order to double-check their holdings, and several, including this author, became obsessed with the search and acquisition. Dan and Diane Cassidy, owners of Five Quail Books—dealing in new, used, and rare Grand Canyon

*Very truly yours
Ellsworth L. Kolb
Grand Canyon, Arizona.
May 1, 1920.*

*Yours very truly
Emery G. Kolb.
November 14 — 1929.
Grand Canyon, Arizona.*

*Yours very truly
Ellsworth and Emery Kolb
June 2 — 1953
Grand Canyon, Arizona.*

Signatures of Ellsworth Kolb, Emery Kolb, and Emery Kolb signing for both brothers

books—became the first to obtain all 29 known variants. They sold the set to a private collector. There are two other complete sets in private hands, and one set at Northern Arizona University Cline Library Special Collections and Archives.

A few “points” of discussion should begin with the aforementioned “firsts.” *The Publishers’ Weekly* of November 7, 1914 (p. 1449) stated “with 48 plates,” issued in October, \$2.00 net, boxed. An October 22, 1914 bill from The Macmillan Company to Ellsworth (Kolb Collection, folder 384) is confirmation itemizing the “cost of manufacturing the Special Edition” of 1880 copies with “24 half-tones special edition,” to increase the plate count to 72. Two orders, “for \$5.50 for which please send me one copy of the signed edition and one copy of the ordinary edition” and “Will you please send me one of each edition—the \$2.00 and the \$3.50” (folders 376 and 305), indicate that

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Ellsworth L. Kolb's
Through the Grand Canyon from Wyoming to Mexico
The Macmillan Company, publishers
A LIST OF KNOWN VARIANTS

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with verification assistance

	Title Page Date	Title Page Verso Date	Copyright Date	Printing	Number of Plates ⁷	Notes
A	1914	Oct 1914	1914		48	¹ <i>New Edition on spine and Title Page</i>
B	1914	Oct 1914	1914		72	
C	1914	Dec 1914	1914	Reprint	48	
D	1915	Jun 1915	1914	New Ed. ¹	72	² <i>New Edition on spine only</i>
E	1915	Oct 1915	1914	New Ed. ²	36	
F	1920	Oct 1915	1914		72	³ <i>New Edition on Title Page; reprinted with date on verso</i>
G	1927	Apr 1927	1914	Reprint ³	76	
H	1928	Sep 1928	1914	Reprint ³	76	
I	1930	Aug 1930	1914	Reprint ³	76	⁴ <i>New Edition on Title Page; Published October 1914 with Printing and Date on verso</i>
J	1934	Oct 1934	1914	Reprint ³	76	
K	1936	May 1936	1914	Reprint ³	76	
L	1937	Feb 1937	1914	Reprint ³	76	
M	1938	Dec 1938	1914	Reprint ³	76	
N	1940	May 1940	1914	Reprint ³	76	
O	1941	Sep 1941	1914	Reprint ³	76	
P	1944	Mar 1944	1914, 1942	Reprint ³	76	
Q	1946	Jan 1946	1914, 1942	Reprint ³	76	⁵ <i>Paperback reprint by University of Arizona Press</i>
R	1946	Oct 1946	1914, 1942	Reprint ³	76	
S	1947	Oct 1947	1914, 1942	Reprint ³	76	
T	1952	1952 /	1914, 1942	12th ⁴	76	
U	1958	May 1958	1914, 1942	13th ⁴	76	⁶ <i>Paperback reprint by University of Arizona Press, corrected version</i>
V	1963	1963	1914, 1942	14th ⁴	76	
W		1965	1914, 1942	15th ⁴	76	
X		1967	1914, 1942	16th ⁴	76	
Y		1969	1914, 1942	17th ⁴	76	
Z		1970	1914, 1942	18th ⁴	76	⁷ <i>The number of photographs per plate varies from one to three</i>
AA		1971	1914, 1942	19th ⁴	76	
BB		1989	1989	wraps ⁵	[29]	
CC		1989	1989	wraps ⁶	[29]	

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for \$3.50 you received the “special edition,” signed, or perhaps with a tucked-in, Ellsworth-signed photograph of both brothers (*author's possession*). The final hardcover price rose to \$7.00 in the 1960s.

Textually there appear to be no changes, however after the 1914 variants, “A-C,” Owen Wister’s “Foreword” is altered. Replacing “twofold courage” with “dogged courage” at the beginning, and removing over 300 words at the end, are the result of a compromise between Emery and the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway. Advertisements for other Macmillan books appeared in “A-E,” and beginning with “K” a page on the brothers’ involvement with the 1920s U.S. Geological Survey river trips is included. From holdings and order records, all hardcover “A-AA” are assumed to have been issued with dust jackets.

World War II rationing and shortage of supplies caused changes in the publication industry. No pictorial color cover occurred in 1944’s “P,” but reappeared in the next variant after the war, to be removed in “X-AA.” “P-T” contained a “War Format” page noting the plates were now at the end of the text rather than inserted within. Plates remained in this location without the note throughout the hardcover of “AA.” The number of plates, most containing one photograph but varying up to three, changed in the two “firsts” but returned to 48 in “C,” upped to 72 in “D,” halved in “E” to 36 for a yet unknown reason, back to 72, then settled on 76 for the remainder of the Macmillan years.

In 1989, the University of Arizona Press reprinted “Kolb” in paperback, using a Cline Library Special Collections loan copy. Not reproducing “all the photographs in the original edition,” there is a count of 29 plates, not including the *Frontispiece*. Returning to Wister’s original “Foreword,” the Press added an “Introduction” by former river runner Barry Goldwater. Since Goldwater knew Emery better, misspelling it Emory, he wrote about him more, leading the editorial staff to incorrectly re-assign authorship in “BB.” In “CC,” Ellsworth regained prominence.

Since the identification of 29 variants over ten years ago, no additional variants have surfaced. If readers discover others not contained on the accompanying list, also found online in Earle E. Spamer’s *Bibliography of the Grand Canyon and Lower Colorado River*, please contact Fretwater Press.