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STRATEGY BOARD GAMES FROM THE ESTATE OF PETER DEAN COME TO AUCTION JUNE 26

Turner Auctions + Appraisals Offers Over 325 Lots from an Avid Gamer

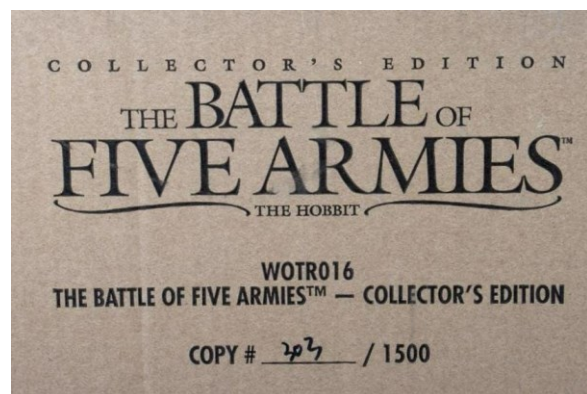
SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA, June 14, 2021 – Turner Auctions + Appraisals is pleased to present strategy board games from the Estate of Peter Dean, Part I, on Saturday, June 26, 2021. Offering more than 325 lots from a passionate collector for over 30 years, the sale features strategy board games of fantasy, sci-fi, history, wars, and battles. Most are unopened; many are collector's or special editions.

Turner Auctions + Appraisals begins its online auction on Saturday, June 26, 2021, at 10:30 am PST; sale items are available for preview and bidding now. The auction will be featured live on multiple platforms: LiveAuctioneers, Invaluable, Bidsquare, iCollector, and Turner Auctions + Appraisals' free mobile app, which can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Apps ("Turner Auctions"). All are easily accessed through 'Upcoming Auctions' at the company's website:

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Peter Dean (1974-2020) was, in the current and best sense of the word, a 'geek' – that is, an expert or enthusiast obsessed with a hobby or intellectual pursuit and with the newest, coolest, trendiest things that their subject has to offer. Born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, he was interested – and skilled – in computers from an early age; in grade 5, for example, he was pulled out of his classroom on occasion by the principal to help run the



school's computer system. Peter graduated with honors from the University of Manitoba in computer science. When his parents – Dr. James Dean, a professor of economics, and Dr. Ruth Dean, a professor of nursing, both at the University of Manitoba – encouraged him to continue his education with a graduate degree, he told them that, for his interest area of software development, a university was not the place to be, but high-tech business was. According to his father, Peter said the interesting things were being done in industry."

Therefore, Peter began his career working for several companies in Western Canada. Interestingly, potential employers thought he already had a graduate degree because he had published a paper as an undergraduate and held several patents in his field of Search. After a time, however, he sought a larger pool of creative, like-minded people, and was drawn to Silicon Valley in Northern California – the nexus and epicenter of high-tech innovation, excitement, and activity. After working briefly for several start-ups there, he joined Amazon as a software developer in areas devoted to Search. Amazon's corporate culture valued and encouraged straight speaking and forceful views until a decision was made, when all were to become team players. This was an ideal fit for Peter, and he spent most of his career there. Tragically, in 2020, his life was cut short by cancer.

Peter was an avid collector of strategy board games (this sale is Part I, with others to come) and fantasy miniatures (to come) for over 30 years. His interest began around age 12, beginning with Dungeons & Dragons, then moving to Axis & Allies. This was the first major strategy game he played, and it got him hooked. He became an early adopter of strategy games and extensions; with new games, he would study them and share information, often purchasing them from Kickstarter, a funding platform that helps creative projects come to life. Others he purchased online from game manufacturers such as GMT Games, usually wanting the first copy.



Acquiring hundreds of games over time, Peter would play, usually with 5-10 people, in game groups, his home, or at Amazon after work. While many games were overtly competitive, some were cooperative. In any case, Peter was a consistent winner and notoriously hard to beat. Despite his cancer diagnosis three years ago and subsequent chemotherapy treatments, he continued to play his board games twice a week until the pandemic hit, when his group of gamers went online. Throughout his illness, thanks to his collecting passions and razor-sharp mind, Peter lived his life to the fullest – acquiring, playing, and winning. Now his collections are being offered to others who can enjoy them with the same zeal and pleasure as he enjoyed.

Here are some highlights of the upcoming sale (see details in online catalog):

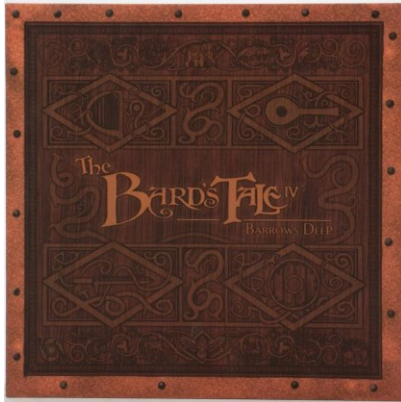
Lot 2: Star Craft: the Board Game. Publisher: Fantasy Flight Games. Estimate \$100 - \$200. (Photo, below right)



Lot 131:
Conflict
of
Heroes:
Price of
Honour:
Poland

1939 Expansion (Requires Storms of Steel! or Awakening the Bear!), Publisher: Academy Games. Copyright: 2010.
Estimate \$100 - \$200. (Photo, left)





Lot 13: The Art of the Bard's Tale IV: Barrows Deep. Publisher: inXile-entertainment. Estimate \$100 - \$200. (Photo, top left)

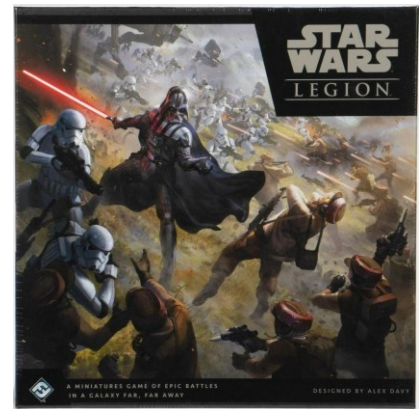


Lot 255: Monumental Lost Kingdoms. Publisher: Funforge. Copyright: 2019. Estimate \$100 - \$200. (Photo, top right)



Lot 27: Warhammer. Warhammer: Fantasy Roleplay, Copyright: 1986, 2005 Warhammer: Fantasy Roleplay: Signs of Faith - extension [sealed], Copyright: 1986 - 2005 Warhammer: Fantasy Roleplay: Game Master's Toolkit [sealed], Copyright: 1986, 2005, 2009 Warhammer: Fantasy Roleplay : The Winds of Magic - extension [sealed], Copyright: 1986, 2005, 2009 Warhammer: Fantasy Roleplay: The Adventurer's Toolkit [sealed but sleeve has shelf wear], Copyright: 1986, 2005, 2009

Warhammer : Fantasy Roleplay: Creature Vault [box has shelf wear]
Publisher: Games Workshop. Estimate \$100 - \$200. (Photo, middle left)



Lot 272: Star Wars: Legion [sealed].
Publisher: Fantasy Flight Games. Estimate \$30 - \$50. (Photo, middle right)

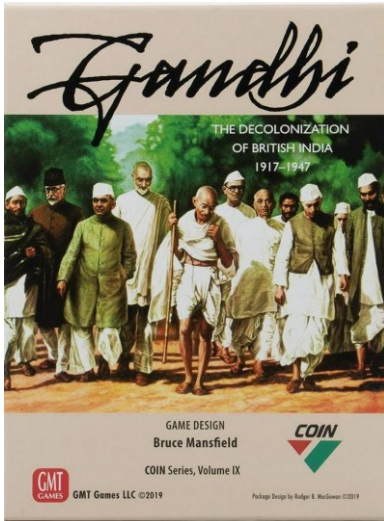


Lot 14: Para Bellum Conquest. Conquest - the Last Argument of Kings, The Spires Force Grown Drones Regiment Expansion Set (2), The Spires - Vanguard Clones Expansion Set [sealed]

(2), The Spires - Marksman Clones Expansion Set [sealed], High Clone Executor [sealed], Biomancer [sealed], Mimetic Assassin [sealed Assault Preceptor [sealed]. Estimate \$100 - \$200. (Photo, lower left)

Lot 324: Black Seas. Black Seas, 1770 – 1830 French Navy Fleet, French Starter Set for Black Seas Royal Navy Fleet; British Starter Set for Black Seas [sealed]; Scenery Pack [sealed]; HMS Victory pack [sealed]; HMS Royal Sovereign pack [sealed]. Publisher: Warlord Games. Estimate \$80 - \$120. (Photo, lower right)





Lot 56: Coin Series Volume IX - Gandhi: The decolonization of British India 1917 – 1947. Publisher: GMT Games. Copyright: 2019. Estimate \$40 - \$80.
(Photo, left)

Lot 274: Carcassonne Big Box: Basic Game and five expansions [box has shelf wear]. Publisher: Rio Grande Games. Copyright: 2006. Estimate \$40 - \$80.
(Photo, right)



– PREVIOUS IMAGES –

Lot 10: Battle for Berlin. Publisher: Bolt Action. Estimate \$200 - \$300. (Photo, page 1, right)

Lot 30: The Hobbit: The Battle of Five Armies: Collector's Edition, #303 of 1500. Publisher: Ares Games. Estimate \$200 - \$400. (Photo, page 1, left)

Peter Dean. (Photo, page 2, top right)

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