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Pierre Bayle (1647-1706) - Historical And Critical Dictionary - Fourth Edition - Amsterdam



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Description

Pierre Bayle (1647-1706) - Historical and Critical Dictionary - Fourth Edition - Amsterdam & Leiden, 1730 - 4 folio volumes in period bindings
Pierre Bayle (1647-1706) Historical and Critical Dictionary Fourth edition, revised, corrected, and expanded. Amsterdam & Leiden, 1730. Complete set of four folio volumes, preserved in their period bindings of full brown calfskin, spines richly decorated with gilt metal tools, original title labels. First published at the end of the 17th century, Pierre Bayle's Historical and Critical Dictionary is one of the seminal works of modern thought. A true monument of European scholarship, it exerted a considerable influence on the philosophers of the Enlightenment, notably Voltaire, Diderot, and d'Alembert, and heralded the encyclopedic spirit

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