



## Music & Film Memorabilia (MF190321)

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### Lot 566

**Estimate:** £1500 - £2000 + Fees

John Lennon, *In His Own Write*, Jonathan Cape, 30 Bedford Square, London, early edition, signed to the opening page in blue ink "John Lennon to Malc x"

*Note: This whimsical book of surrealist poems, drawings and short stories was the first solo endeavour by any of The Beatles. Originally published in March 1964, it was a huge success – reportedly selling 50,000 copies on the first day of its release in England.*

*To celebrate the book's success, Lennon was invited to a literary luncheon hosted by Foyle's at the prestigious Dorchester Hotel in London, for which he took a break from filming *A Hard Day's Night*. Also in attendance were the Earl of Arran, Arthur Askey, Harry Secombe, Mary Quant, Helen Shapiro and a crowd of press people amongst others. Unfortunately, Lennon was not aware that he was expected to make a speech or that the event was anything more than a casual lunch; and according to his wife Cynthia they were both painfully hungover. When the moment arrived, with the press and attendees waiting with bated breath to hear from the 'intelligent' Beatle, a terrified John Lennon stood and said "Er, thank you all very much, and God bless you." Apparently the disappointment was palpable and it was seen as a typical Lennon snub of the establishment, but he tried to make up for it by signing copies of his book – including this volume for a relative of the current vendor who was in attendance.*