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Pair of Mid-Century Leather and Gilt Faux Book Boxes

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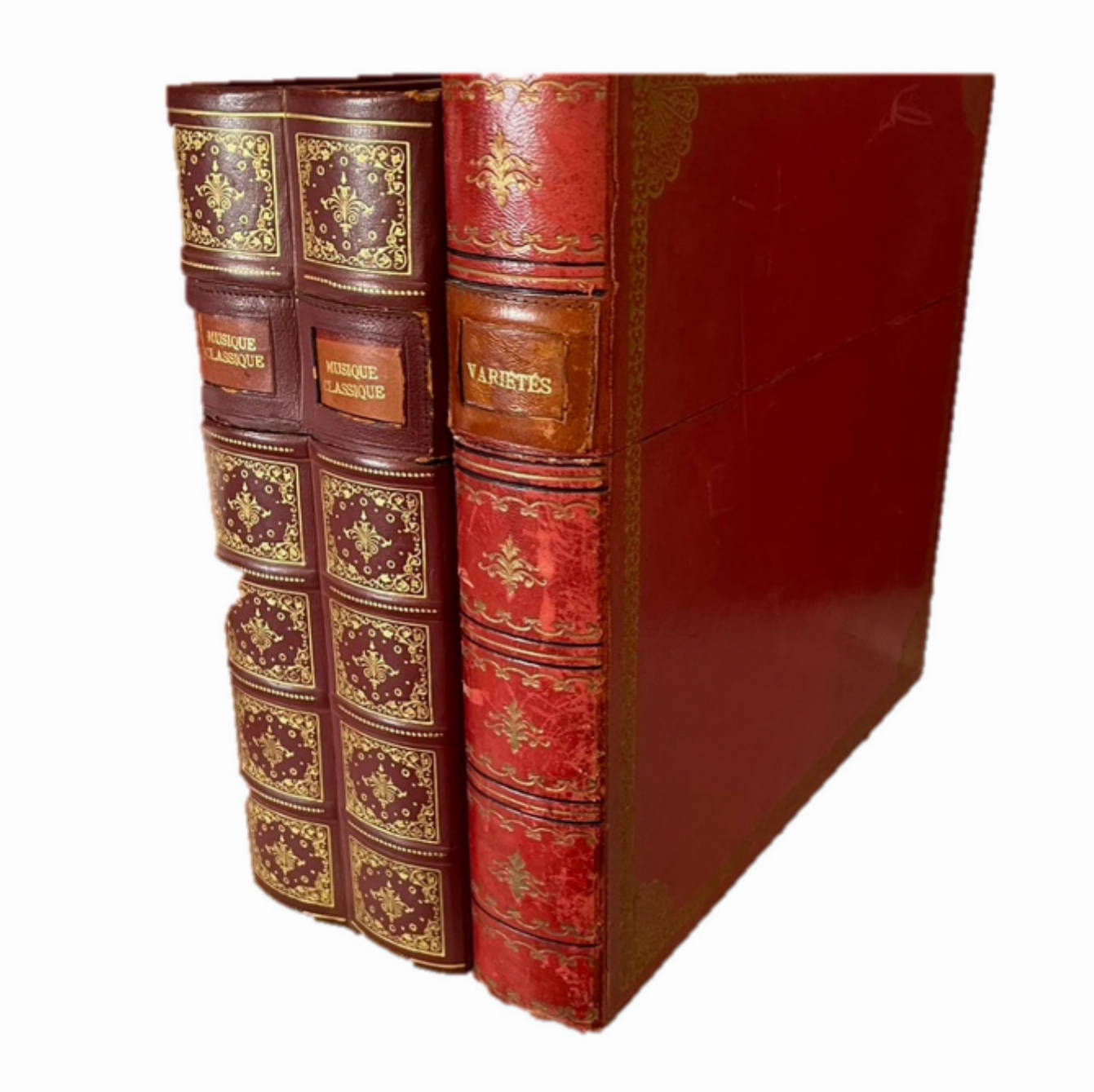

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Description

A stylish pair of mid-century faux book boxes, dating to circa 1940 and finished in leather with gilt detailing. Made to resemble finely bound volumes, these wonderfully deceptive decorative boxes combine the appearance of an antique library with the practical function of concealed storage.

Each box is finished to evoke a richly bound book, with leather-covered surfaces and gilt decoration to the spine and edges. Their convincing book-form design gives them a warm, scholarly presence, while the hinged construction reveals a discreet compartment within. Whether displayed individually or together, they add an immediate sense of character to a desk, library, study, or drawing room.

Faux book boxes have long been appreciated for their blend of utility and visual charm. During the mid-20th century, they became popular as decorative accessories for interiors that favoured traditional craftsmanship, collected objects, and the atmosphere of an established home. These examples have a particularly appealing balance of texture, colour, and gilded detail.

Ideal for storing letters, small personal possessions, keys, jewellery, or desk accessories, the pair would also make a thoughtful and unusual gift. They are equally attractive as decorative objects in their own right, offering the timeless appeal of leather-bound books without sacrificing practical use.

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