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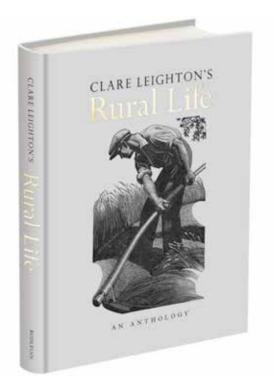
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Clare Leighton was one of the most prolific and highly regarded wood engravers of the early twentieth century. This lavishly produced anthology brings together a selection of her writings and wood engravings of rural life in Britain and North America.

During the 1930s, as the world around her became increasingly technological, industrial and urban, Leighton portrayed rural men and women and the ancient methods they used to work the land that would soon vanish forever. Her two best-loved publications – *The Farmer's Year* and *Four Hedges* – reflect this passion for the British countryside. Less well known are her books illustrating and describing rural life in the USA, where she emigrated and became a naturalized citizen in 1945, including *Southern Harvest* and *Where Land Meets Sea: The Tide Line of Cape Cod*.

Leighton spent time in Canada with the logging community, winning the respect of Canadian lumberjacks by adopting their way of life. Her wood engravings depicting lumberjacks in the snowcovered forests of Canada are some of her most evocative prints.

The extracts reproduced here, together with a detailed introduction to her life and work, reflect her lifelong fascination with the virtues of the countryside and the people who toiled the land. CLARE LEIGHTON (1898–1989) was a renowned artist, writer and wood engraver. DAVID LEIGHTON was the editor of *Clare Leighton: The Growth and Shaping of an Artist-writer* (2009). He was Clare Leighton's nephew.

192 pp, 242 x 190 mm *c*.70 b&w illus 9781851246120 **HB £30.00**

October 2023

Clare Leighton's Rural Life

An Anthology

Edited by David Leighton

3 JANUARY

Tolkien Day

J.R.R. (John Ronald Reuel) Tolkien was born on this day in 1892. A philologist by training, he specialized in Old English, and became professor of English language and literature at Oxford. Universally known for *The Hobbit* and *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy, he has a special following among linguists for his invented languages – a process he called *glossopoeia* ('language making')...

26 FEBRUARY

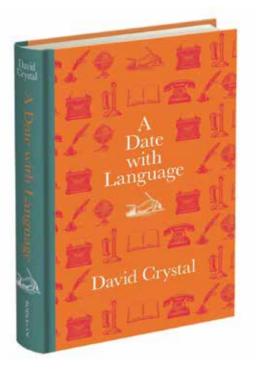
Tell a Fairy Tale Day

It's celebrated every year in the United States on this day. Who started it? Nobody seems to know, though I suspect a children's publisher or greetings-card company. But the intention is laudable and could well resonate with other countries that have a fairy-tale tradition – which means all countries. Storytelling to children is probably as old as humanity, though the actual names fairy tale/story are recorded in English only from the seventeenth century...

16 MARCH

Day of the Book Smugglers in Lithuania

To feel the force of this day, we have to imagine a situation in which an external agency introduced a law in an English-speaking country banning all books written in the Latin alphabet and requiring everything to be printed in a different orthographic system. Within a generation, Shakespeare and the rest of English literature would be an increasingly distant memory...



In this ingenious and diverse collection of 366 stories, events and facts about language, David Crystal presents a selection of insights from literary and linguistic writers, poets and global institutions, together with the weird and wonderful creations of language enthusiasts to enliven each day of the year.

The day-by-day treatment illustrates the extraordinary breadth of the subject, from 'Morse Code Day' to 'Talk Like William Shatner Day', from forensic phonetics used to catch serial killers to heroines of speed reading, and covers writers from many different eras and cultures, including William Shakespeare, Oscar Wilde, Emily Dickinson, Toni Morrison, R.K. Narayan, Wole Soyinka and many more.

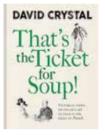
Some days focus on pronunciation, orthography, grammar or vocabulary. Others focus on the way language is used in science, religion, politics, broadcasting, publishing, the Internet and the arts. There are days that acknowledge the achievements of language study, such as in language teaching, speech therapy, deaf education and forensic science, as well as technological progress, from the humble pencil to digital software. Several days celebrate individual languages, such as those recognized as 'official' by the United Nations, but not forgetting those spoken by small communities, along with their associated cultural identities.

A celebration of the remarkable creativity of all who have illuminated our understanding of language, this book is ideal for anyone wanting to add an extra point of interest to their language day.

Language David Crystal

A Date with

ALSO OF INTEREST



That's the Ticket for Soup! 9781851245529 HB £14.99

DAVID CRYSTAL is a writer, editor, lecturer and broadcaster on language, and honorary professor of linguistics at Bangor University. His many books include *The Cambridge Encyclopedia of Language* (CUP 3rd edn 2010) and two historical explorations of English vocabulary for the Bodleian Library: *We Are Not Amused* (2017) and *That's the Ticket for Soup* (2020). He lives online at www.davidcrystal.com.

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Handwritten

Remarkable People on the Page

Lesley Smith

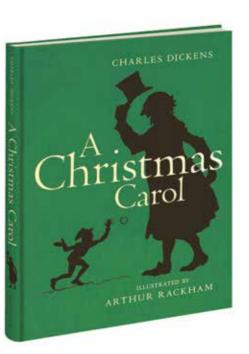
The less it is part of everyday life, the more the appeal of handwriting grows. This wonderful selection of treasures from the Bodleian Library introduces remarkable individuals through documents written by their own hands. From the second century BCE to the present, individual lives and relationships are illuminated through the writing that has been left behind. We see Elizabeth I attempting to win over her new stepmother, Alan Bennett working out the character of Mr Toad, Henry Moore advising soap and water for cleaning sculpture and Dorothy Crowfoot Hodgkin balancing childcare with discovering the structure of penicillin.

Here you will find letters, first drafts, autograph albums and hastily scribbled notes, fair copies, marked-up proofs and doodles. Divided into themed categories, the entries feature novelists Jane Austen, Charlotte Brontë, Arthur Conan Doyle and Raymond Chandler; scientists Isaac Newton, Charles Darwin and Albert Einstein; reformers Emmeline Pankhurst, Florence Nightingale and Mohandas Gandhi; and explorers Walter Ralegh, T.E. Lawrence and Patrick Leigh Fermor, among many others. Each of these extraordinary people has passed on a manuscript or document with a fascinating story to tell.

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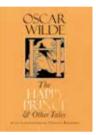
Marley's ghost, Bob Cratchit's slide down icy Cornhill, Mr and Mrs Fezziwig's dance, and of course Ebenezer Scrooge himself, are all exquisitely illustrated in this luxury collector's edition of Charles Dickens's perennial seasonal favourite. Arthur Rackham's colour wash drawings and silhouettes, first published during the First World War, bring a threatening and haunting atmosphere to Scrooge's story, which contrasts wonderfully with the gifts and games of Belle's household. Rackham was a leading illustrator in the golden age of book illustration, when groundbreaking techniques for colour printing were developing fast. He illustrated over sixty books and specialized in children's classics and fairy tales.

This landmark edition helped to consolidate the idea of the Dickensian Christmas and the tradition of the Christmas gift book. It is a beautiful version of a classic story, which never ceases to be relevant to our times.

A Christmas Carol

Charles Dickens Illustrated by Arthur Rackham

ALSO OF INTEREST



The Happy Prince & Other Tales 9781851245994 HB £20

CHARLES DICKENS (1812–1870) was a renowned novelist, editor and essayist. ARTHUR RACKHAM (1867–1939) was a leading book illustrator of his generation.

168 pp, 228 x 170 mm 12 colour, 22 b&w illus 9781851246175 HB £25.00 October 2023 להורות על יביס זפרים נסתריס אונפינאים או מיברים בערם שפעלתם בוכן מיברים בערם שפעלתם בוכן החוה והנגישל פייעלים ואסבספיר נקודה בערי כבו פיעלי און שמיר משמרת והסרה הזור מהמכתבונשא נשארה כבינבטא בפנישת שניירי ועשארה כבינכטא בפנישת שניירי ועשארה כבינכטא בפנישת שניירי ועשארה כבינכטא בפנישת שניירי מלחים והזור והכם שהספן הרביכם ועשאר כביכות משמימי בבקר מאחרי בנש מעני לפלון השכוע באחלים יערי קניני לפלון השכוע באחלים יערי קניני לפלון השכוע באחלים יערי בעכק הבכא גמול מיזלב עליק משיר וותבי אבל מינואנוס גם כובלא אתורי השמוש חלוע שקפים אטומים

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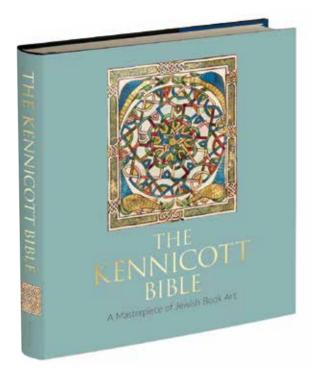
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The Kennicott Bible is among the most celebrated Hebrew Bibles that survive from the Middle Ages. Originating from La Coruña in northern Spain, it features lavish carpet pages, gold leaf silhouettes and abundant marginal decorations. This extraordinary manuscript is a treasure chest of history, culture, devotion, art and crosscultural collaboration. The story of its survival is a remarkable one and its sumptuous images have delighted readers since its creation in 1476.

This book features a collection of all of the decorated pages from this stunning manuscript – accompanied by four chapters authored by experts in the fields of Bible study, book history and medieval Jewish art. They discuss the main themes from several perspectives, including the Hebrew text of the Bible, the scribe who created the pages, the layout and palaeography, and the illuminator who produced the decoration and its imagery. There is also an analysis of the early medieval commentary on the Old Testament, the Masorah.

Richly illustrated throughout, this beautiful book makes available the key pages from a treasure of Jewish book art together with the latest scholarship on its origins, provenance and creation.

KATRIN KOGMAN-APPEL is a Professor of Jewish Studies at the University of Münster and studies Jewish book culture.

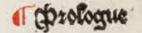
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The Kennicott Bible

A Masterpiece of Jewish Book Art

Katrin Kogman-Appel (editor), María Teresia Ortega-Monasterio and Javier del Barco

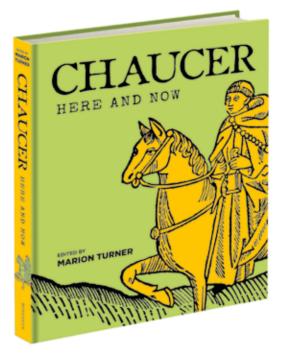






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The Geoffrey Chaucer of this book is not the Father of English Literature that you think you know. In this wide-ranging collection of essays you will find wartime Chaucer, postcolonial Chaucer, feminist Chaucer, misogynist Chaucer, radical Chaucer and conservative Chaucer, among many other interpretations.

Featuring beautiful illustrations of early manuscripts and rare editions, Chaucer Here and Now gives a picture of how varied adaptations of and responses to his work have been, from fifteenthcentury scribes who finished off incomplete tales, through early printers who constructed Chaucer as the Father of the Nation, to contemporary postcolonial writers such as Zadie Smith. The book moves through years of censorship, the creation of children's Chaucer, Protestant Chaucer and imperial Chaucer - and the travels of Chaucer all around the world. It also explores Chaucer on film and Chaucer in the present moment.

Today's creative responses follow in a line of irreverent, partial responses that we can trace back to Chaucer's very first readers and editors, showing that Chaucer is available for every here and now to remake, rework and reinvent.

VISIT THE EXHIBITION Bodleian Library, Oxford Chaucer Here and Now

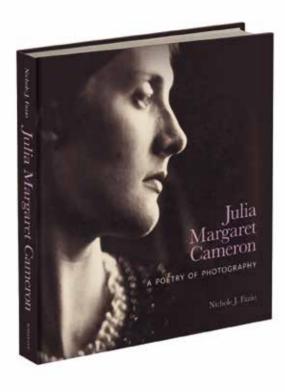
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MARION TURNER holds the J.R.R. Tolkien Chair of English Literature and Language at the University of Oxford. Her most recent book is The Wife of Bath: A Biography (2023).

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Chaucer Here and Now **Edited by Marion Turner**





Renowned photographer Julia Margaret Cameron is famous for her evocative portraits of eminent Victorians, including John Herschel, Alfred Tennyson, Henry Taylor, George Frederic Watts, Ellen Terry and Julia Stephen. This study of her work reveals how deeply she was convinced of the poetic possibilities of her medium, particularly its capacity for suggestive rather than literal meaning. She did not get it right on all counts, and her practice violated the aesthetic orthodoxy of the day. But the blurring of the 'real' subject before her lens created unparalleled possibilities for a broader pursuit of the sublime and beautiful.

Drawing on over 100 items from the photographic collections at the Bodleian Library and Ashmolean Museum at the University of Oxford, as well as comparative works of art, this book celebrates a collection that illustrates the aesthetic development of the photographer from her earliest pictures to her most poetic photographs. It also includes her own poetry and the key images she created for her extraordinary *Illustrations to Tennyson's Idylls of the King, and Other Poems,* demonstrating her fascination with the artistic connection between poetry and photography. NICHOLE J. FAZIO is the Associate Dean of Undergraduate Research and Scholars Programs at the University of Chicago. She is also the founding executive director of the College Center for Research and Fellowships and lecturer in the Humanities Collegiate Division.

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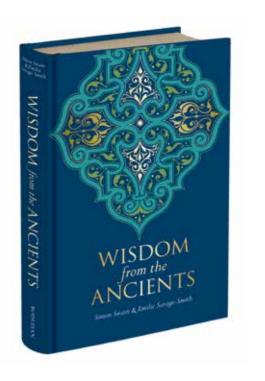
Julia Margaret Cameron

A Poetry of Photography

Nichole J. Fazio

Wisdom from the Ancients

Edited by Simon Swain and **Emilie Savage-Smith**



There is much to know, but life is short. Take the knowledge that you can achieve, from little to more. **Hippocrates**

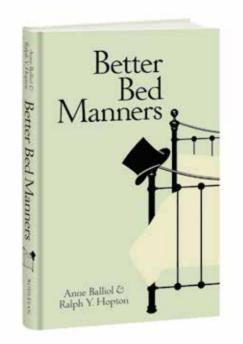
Wisdom is the nourishment and adornment of the soul. Ibn al-Sā'igh al-'Antarī

Pleasing all people is an impossible goal, but do not worry about the anger of those who are pleased with tyranny. Aristotle

Words of wisdom and advice for leading a good life have long been part of society, handed down from one generation to the next.

Plenty of these wise observations originated from the philosophers of Ancient Greece and Rome, and went on to circulate widely among the Arabic-speaking communities of the Middle Ages, who added new sayings of their own. This collection features over 400 sayings, riddles and aphorisms from the ancient and medieval world in English translation. Grouped by themes including medicine, food, politics and nature, they derive from a range of philosophers and physicians, from Aristotle, Socrates and Plato to al-Kindī, Ibn Hindū and al-Rāzī.

Packed with timeless advice to contemplate, share and enjoy, this entertaining book offers readers a gateway to ancient and medieval cultures whose musings on philosophy, health and life are as authoritative and relevant now as they were then.



The first book on how to be knightly, nightly.

Ever needed tips on how to sleep next to a snoring spouse? How to convalesce in style? Or the etiquette of staying in a haunted house?

This humorous book was originally published in the 1930s as an amusing guide for married couples. Poking fun at wives and husbands in an even-handed manner, it is both witty and quaint, giving a glimpse of middle-class life of a bygone era, but also offering up some universal advice which still rings true today. For example, 'Choose bedside books for their soporific qualities', or, 'one whisky-and-soda on retiring ... makes the average man forget the dullest dinner and sends him to bed in a glow of good will.'

With sections on hot-water bottles, robes de nuit, breakfast in bed, the best kind of pillow, sneaking home late and night-time readers, this is the perfect, self-improving gift for your favourite bedfellow.

ANNE BALLIOL and RALPH Y. HOPTON were the authors of Pink Pants (1935) and Bed Manners (1936).

128 pp, 170 x 110 mm 11 b&w illus 9781851246199 HB £12.99 September 2023

Better Bed

Anne Balliol and

Ralph Y. Hopton

Manners

Islamic Science at the University of Oxford. 176 pp, 184 x 118 mm 9781851246144

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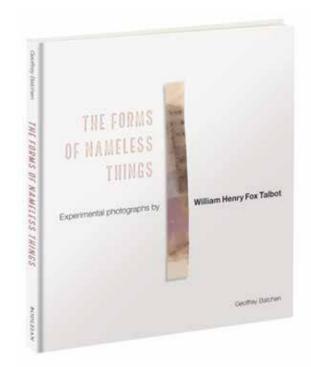
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The Forms of Nameless Things

Experimental Photographs by William Henry Fox Talbot

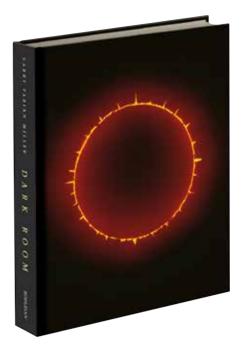
Geoffrey Batchen





William Henry Fox Talbot, the English inventor of photography, created around 15,000 photographs in the nineteenth century, most of them attempts to produce compelling scientific documents or pictorial records of the world around him. However, among those that have survived are also prints in which an image has been obscured, obliterated or simply failed to register. Borrowing its intriguing title from a poem written by Talbot, this book features twenty-four of these prints, his most experimental photographs. Originally intended as test prints or creative exercises, all that remains on these shaped pieces of photographic paper are chemical stains or imprinted patterns or shapes. Offered to the reader as enigmatic physical artefacts, these failed or ruined photographs are here reanimated as objects of beauty, mystery and promise, as artworks that speak of photography's most fundamental attributes and potentials.

An accompanying essay illustrated with comparative images places these photographs in a broad historical context leading up to the present, revealing what relevance Talbot's experiments have to contemporary concepts of the art of photography.



'I am enthralled by the light. My single purpose is to be aware of it.' – Garry Fabian Miller

Garry Fabian Miller's *Dark Room* is a photography book unlike any other. At its heart is the artist's description of a life lived making pictures between the dark and the light, a deeply personal account woven against the history of photography from the moment of its birth in the 1830s to its decline, and some would say death, in the digital age almost two hundred years later.

It is a memoir that reads at times like a manifesto, at others like a confession; a last testament to the dark room as both a site for the imagination, and a physical space for the alchemy that William Henry Fox Talbot once described as 'a little bit of magic realised'.

Dark Room charts Miller's work over five decades, shifting from a camera-based practice in his early career to the abstract picture making for which he has become internationally recognized, working without a camera to experiment with the possibilities of light as both medium and subject. At its core is the relationship with nature and place that has so sustained his way of life, and specifically with his home on Dartmoor and the cycle of daily walks that have been central to his practice for thirty years.

The book also features an essay on Miller's work by his friend the artist and writer **Edmund de Waal** and technical notes by **Martin Barnes**, senior photography curator at the Victoria and Albert Museum.

Dark Room

Garry Fabian Miller With an essay by Edmund de Waal





GARRY FABIAN MILLER is one of the most progressive figures in contemporary fine art photography. He first gained acclaim in the 1970s for photographs of sky, land and sea, notably for the series Sections of England: The Sea Horizon, 1975-76 and since the mid-1980s has made exclusively camera-less photographs. His books include Blaze (2019), Bliss (2015) and Illumine (2010). In 2022 he was awarded an honorary fellowship with the Bodleian Libraries. EDMUND DE WAAL is an artist and the bestselling author of The Hare with Amber Eyes (2010).

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GEOFFREY BATCHEN is Professor

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Rachel Owen

Illustrations for Dante's Inferno

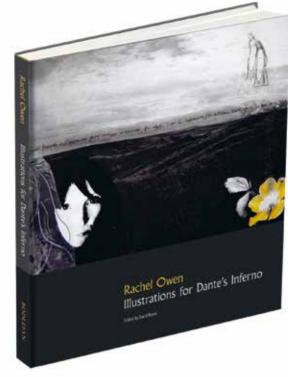
Edited by David Bowe



For seven hundred years artists armed with pens, needles and brushes have been eager to accompany Dante into hell. Rachel Owen decided to take her camera as well, and returned with images which she mixed with found materials and bold markers plus a few dashes of colour to create what seem like daring stills from a film noir of Dante's journey. – Tom Phillips

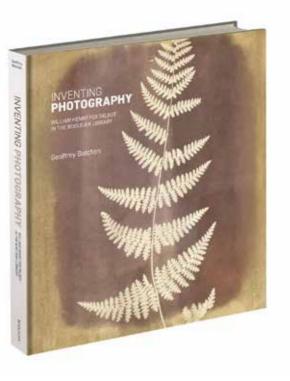
RACHEL OWEN (1968–2016) was a Welsh photographer, printmaker and lecturer on medieval Italian literature. She taught at Pembroke College and at other colleges within the University of Oxford. Owen mixed photography with printmaking and her work explored ideas of transformation using photographic screenprints. She was married to Radiohead singer Thom Yorke. DAVID BOWE is an Irish Research Council postdoctoral fellow in the Italian Department of University College Cork and co-director of the Centre for Dante Studies in Ireland.

136 pp, 259 x 237 mm 52 colour illus 9781851245703 HB **£25.00**



Rachel Owen's hauntingly beautiful illustrations for Dante's *Inferno* take a radically new approach to representing the world of Dante's famous poem. The images combine the artist's deep cultural and historical understanding of *The Divine Comedy* and its artistic legacy with her unique talent for collage and printmaking. These illustrations, casting the viewer as a first-person pilgrim through the underworld, prompt us to rethink Dante's poem through their novel perspective and visual language.

Owen's work, held in the Bodleian Library and published here for the first time, illustrates the complete cycle of thirty-four cantos of the *Inferno* with one image per canto. The illustrations are accompanied by essays contextualizing Owen's work and supplemented by six illustrations intended for the unfinished *Purgatorio* series. Fiona Whitehouse provides details of the techniques employed by the artist, Peter Hainsworth situates Owen's work in the field of modern Dante illustration and David Bowe offers a commentary on the illustrations as gateways to Dante's poem. Jamie McKendrick and Bernard O'Donoghue's translations of episodes from the *Inferno* provide complementary artistic interpretations of Dante's poem, while reflections from colleagues and friends commemorate Owen's life and work as an artist, scholar and teacher. This stunning collection is an important contribution to both Dante scholarship and illustration.



William Henry Fox Talbot is celebrated today as the English inventor of photography. He made early photographic experiments in the 1830s, released the details of his photogenic drawing process in January 1839, and introduced important innovations to the medium in the 1840s and 1850s.

Drawing on archive material in the Bodleian Library, including three albums given by Talbot to his sister, Horatia Feilding, as well as his illustrated books, *Sun Pictures in Scotland* and *The Pencil of Nature*, this volume shows how Talbot was continually inventing photography anew. A selection of eighty full-page plates provides a thematic survey of Talbot's work, reproducing images that document his travels, his home and his family, as well as his intellectual interests, from science to literature to ancient languages. An illustrated introduction places Talbot's work within the context of a modernizing Britain, as well as within his own social and intellectual milieu, and explores how the competing daguerreotype process spurred Talbot to improve his own techniques and seek new functions and uses for paper-based photographs.

This evocative selection is testament to Talbot's constant quest for new photographic advances, offering a compelling window into the archives of an extraordinarily determined and creative man. GEOFFREY BATCHEN is Professor of History of Art at the University of Oxford.

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Inventing Photography

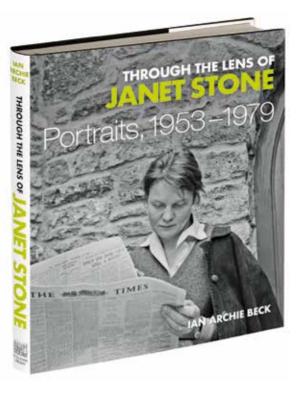
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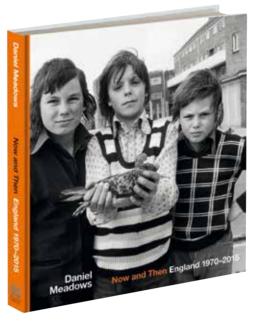


Janet Stone's photograph albums feature informal portraits from the mid-twentieth century of many of the leading British cultural figures and personalities of the day. The wife of the distinguished engraver Reynolds Stone established a kind of literary salon in the idyllic setting of the Old Rectory at Litton Cheney in West Dorset. Here their wide circle of friends could visit, work and flourish as Janet photographed them.

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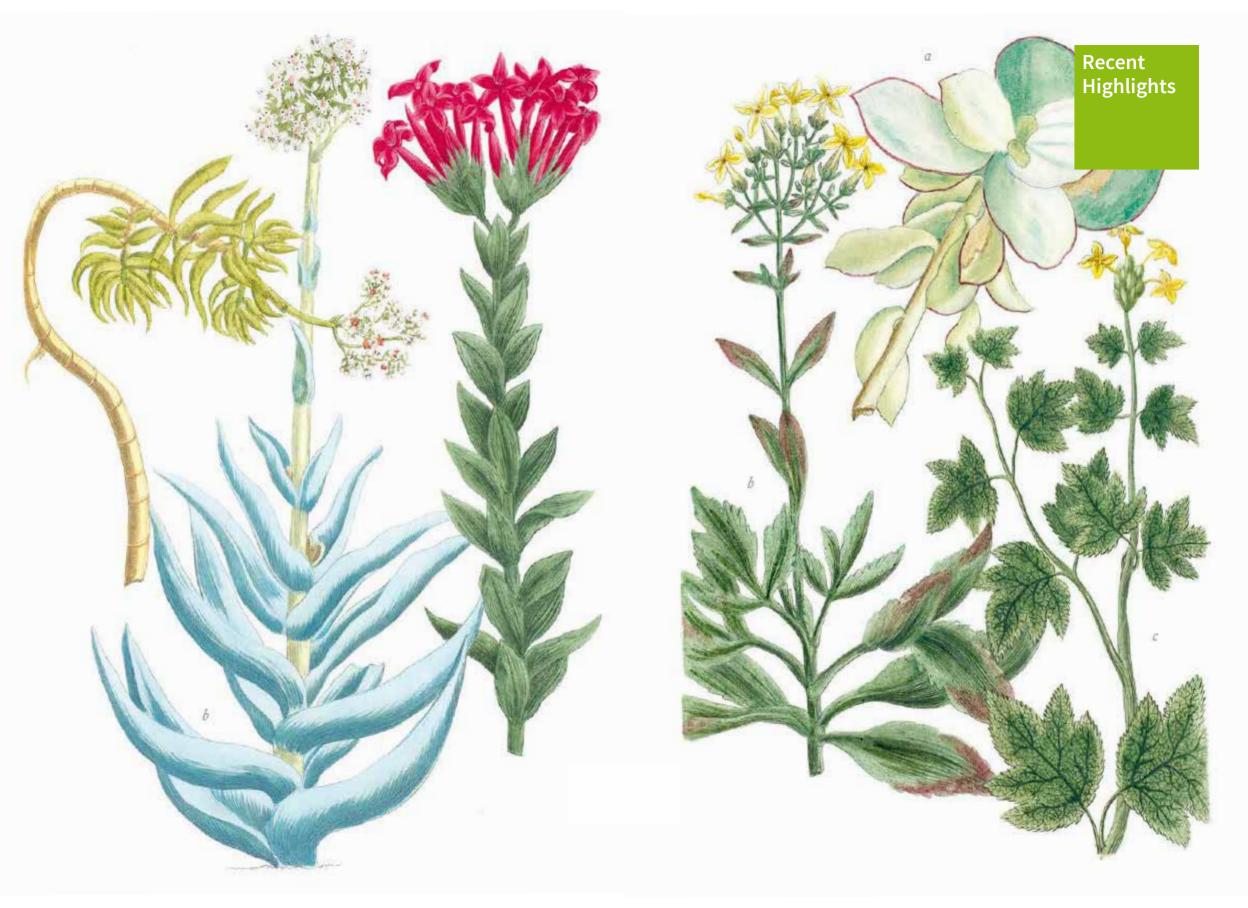




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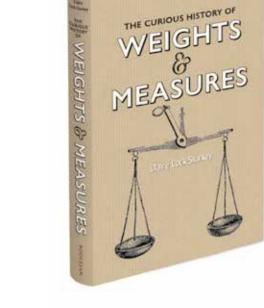
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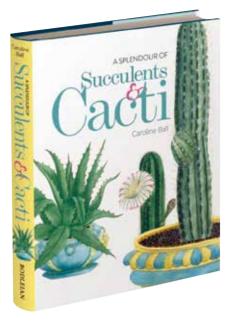
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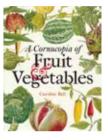
But succulentomania is not new. While these plants have always been part of the landscape in the dry vastnesses of the Americas, Australia and Africa, curiosities such as furry-flowered stapeliads and serpentine euphorbias were a source of fascination for early European plant collectors – and in eighteenth-century Bavaria a prosperous apothecary grew an 'American aloe' that astounded all who saw it.

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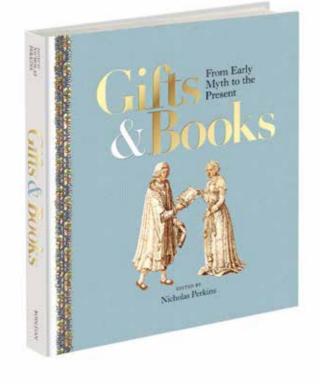
CAROLINE BALL is an editor, copywriter and occasional translator who has written on many subjects, but has a particular interest in horticulture, garden history and plant-hunters. She is a keen gardener and her *Heritage Apples* won GWG Practical Garden Book of the Year 2020.

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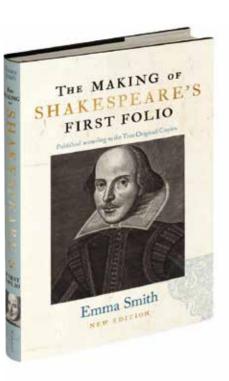
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In late November 1623, Edward Blount finally took delivery to his bookshop at the sign of the Black Bear near St Paul's a book that had been long in the making. *Master William Shakespeares Comedies, Histories, and Tragedies* was the first collected edition of Shakespeare's plays, appearing some seven years after their author's death in 1616. There was no fanfare at the book's arrival. There was nothing of the marketing that marks an important new publication in our own period: no advertising campaign, no reviews, interviews, endorsements or literary prizes. Nevertheless, it is hard to overstate the importance of this literary, cultural and commercial moment.

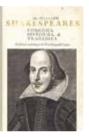
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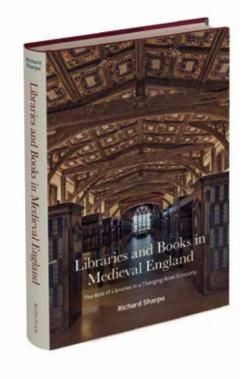
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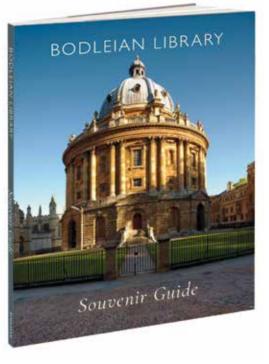
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RICHARD SHARPE (1954-2020) was Professor of Diplomatic in the University of Oxford and Fellow of Wadham College. As well as being one of the country's leading experts on medieval books and libraries, he was also a foremost critic and editor of medieval Latin texts and charters. For thirty years he had the oversight of a monumental series, the Corpus of British Medieval Library Catalogues, which aims to gather, print and interpret the scattered documentary evidence for book ownership in the Middle Ages. JAMES WILLOUGHBY is Research Fellow in Medieval History at New College, Oxford, and a long-term collaborator of Professor Sharpe's.

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This revised and richly illustrated guide to the historical buildings of the Bodleian Library not only makes an attractive keepsake but is also packed with fascinating architectural details and interesting facts about one of the oldest libraries in Europe.

Following a short introduction which tells the story of the founding of the Library by Sir Thomas Bodley in 1602, this book offers a succinct guide to the architectural styles, exquisite stone masonry and subsequent renovations of the buildings of the Bodleian, situated in the heart of the University of Oxford. It also describes the involvement of famous architects such as Sir Christopher Wren and Nicholas Hawksmoor in designs and embellishments for these renowned buildings.

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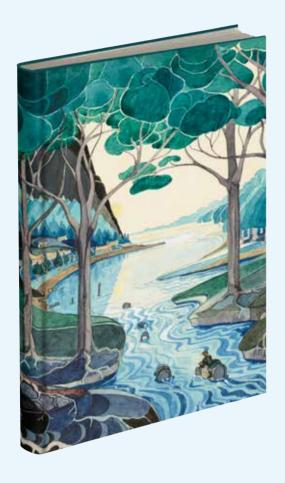
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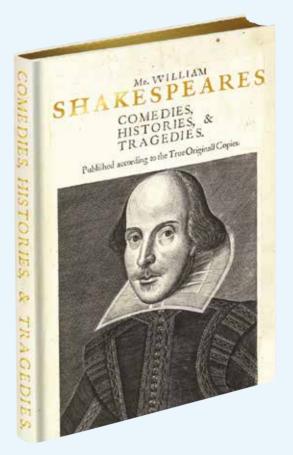
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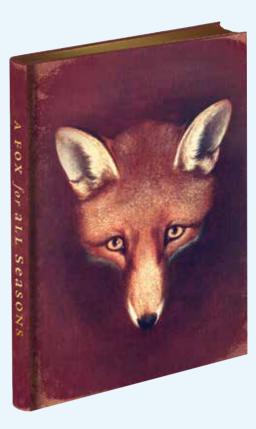
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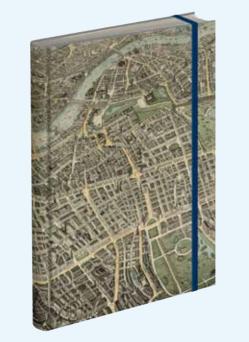
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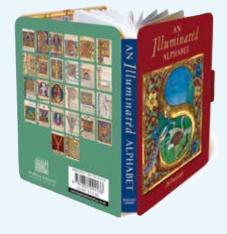
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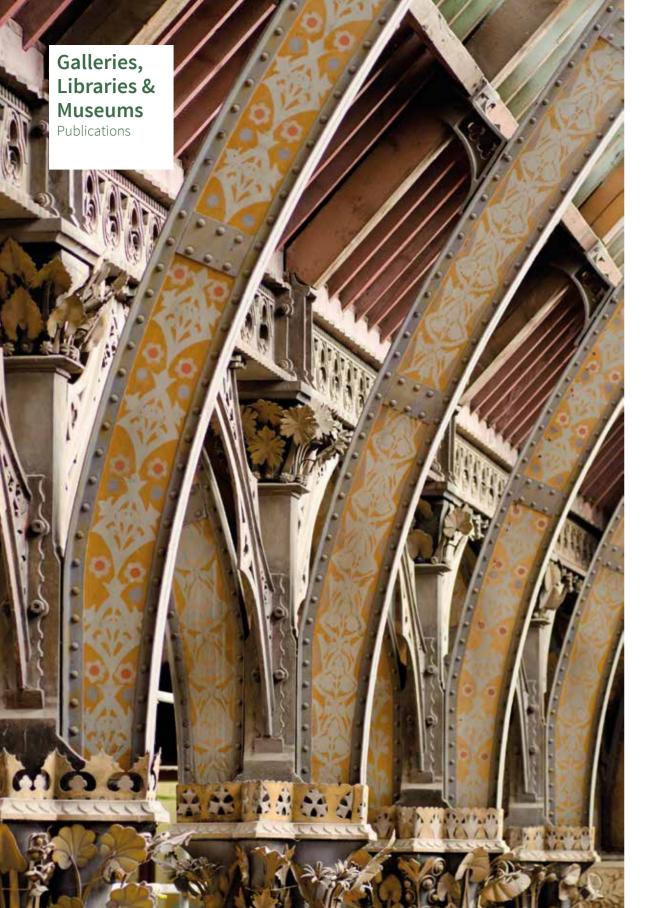
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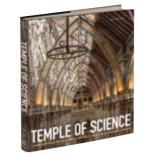


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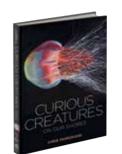
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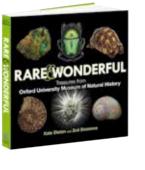
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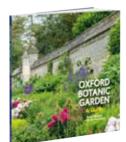


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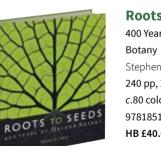
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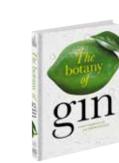




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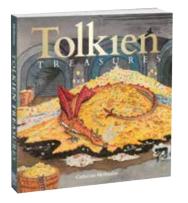
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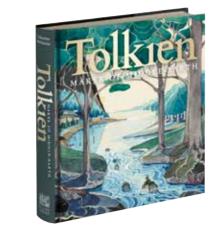
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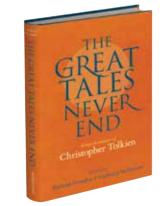
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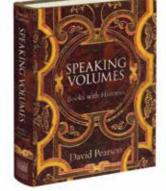
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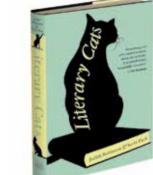
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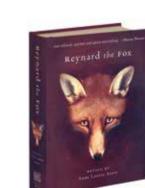
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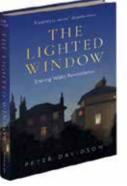
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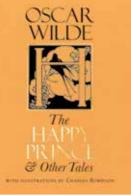
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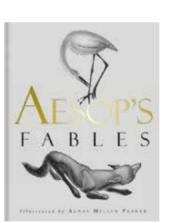
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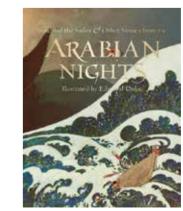
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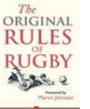
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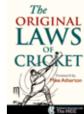
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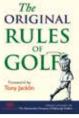
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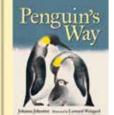


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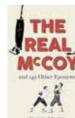
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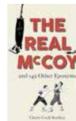
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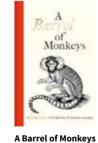
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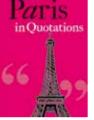
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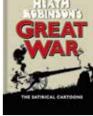
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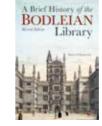
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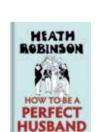
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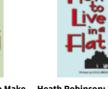




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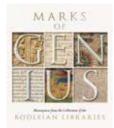












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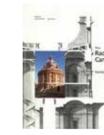
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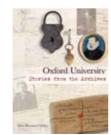
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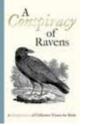


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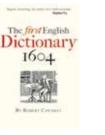
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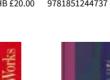


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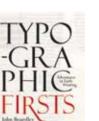
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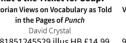


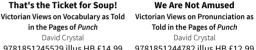
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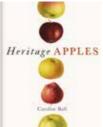






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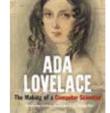
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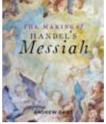
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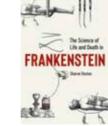


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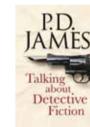
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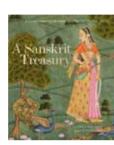
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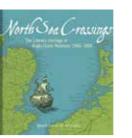
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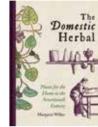
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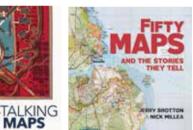
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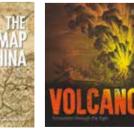


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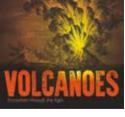


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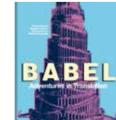
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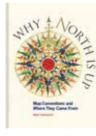
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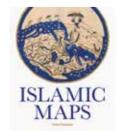
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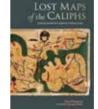
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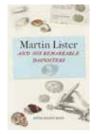
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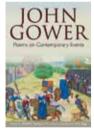
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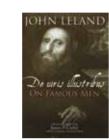
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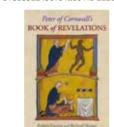
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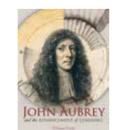
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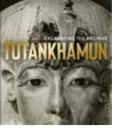
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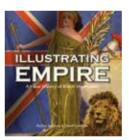
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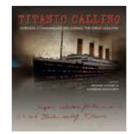
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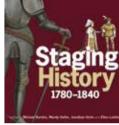
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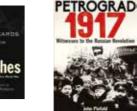


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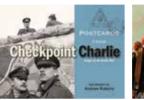
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