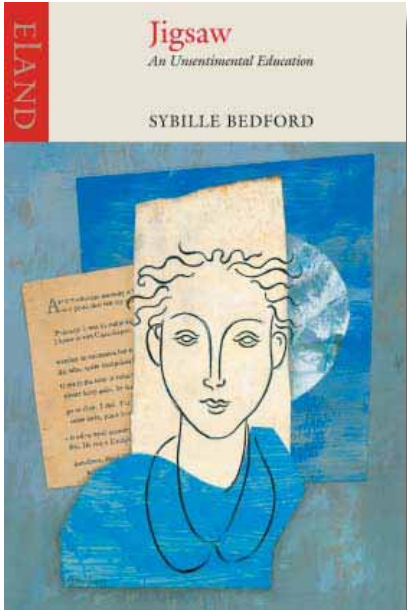
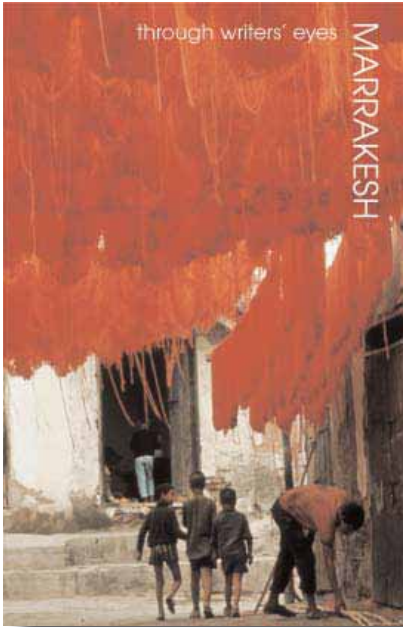
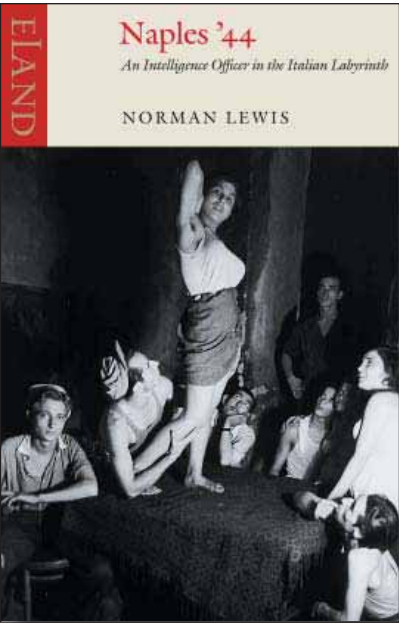


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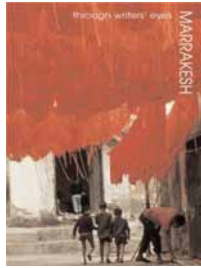


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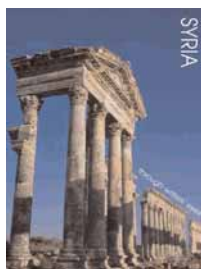
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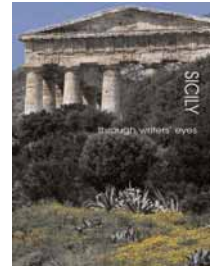
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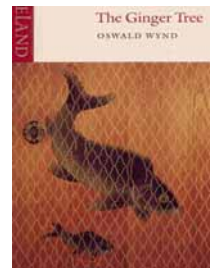
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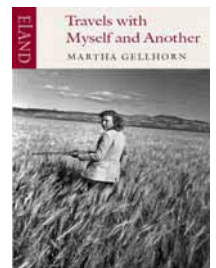
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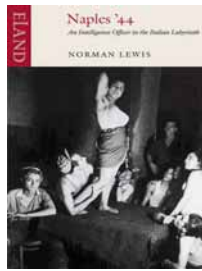
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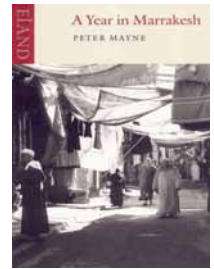


## A YEAR IN MARRAKESH

**PETER MAYNE**

Having learned to appreciate Muslim life while living in Pakistan, Peter Mayne settled down to live in the back streets of Marrakesh in the 1950s. Rather than watch from the shelter of a hotel terrace, he rented rooms, learned the language, made friends, and became embroiled in conspiratorial picnics, hashish-laced dinners and in the enchantments and misunderstandings of the street, with its festivals, love affairs, potions and gossip. By turns used, abused and cherished by his neighbours, Mayne wrote their letters for them and captured the essence of their lives in this affectionate and hilarious account.

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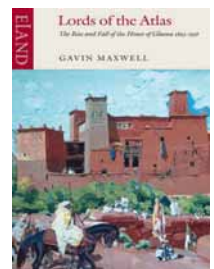


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**GAVIN MAXWELL**

Set in the medieval city of Marrakesh and the majestic kasbahs of the High Atlas mountains, Lords of the Atlas tells the extraordinary story of the Madani and T'hami el Glaoui, warlord brothers who carved out a feudal fiefdom in southern Morocco in the early twentieth century. Quislings of the French colonial administration, they combined the aggression of gangland mobsters with the opulence of hereditary Indian princes, and ruled with a mixture of flamboyance and terror. On returning from the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in 1953, T'hami ordered the severed heads of his enemies to be mounted on his gates. Yet in 1956, when the French left Morocco, the Glaoua regime toppled like a pack of cards.

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## JIGSAW: AN UNSENTIMENTAL EDUCATION SYBILLE BEDFORD

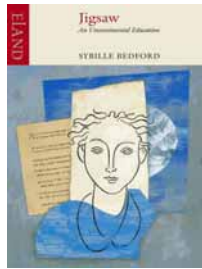
This intensely remembered, partly autobiographical novel, which was shortlisted for the Booker Prize in 1989, describes the childhood of Billi, a girl growing up in Europe between the wars. When her father dies, she swaps life in a run-down German château for an exhilarating existence with her beautiful, talented and unreliable mother on the French Riviera. Sent away to England for schooling, the gypsy-like Billi ricochets between short-lived tutors and a life of reading, friends and public lectures. Returning to the Mediterranean, her unorthodox education – intellectual, emotional and sexual – continues among the vibrant community of artists, exiles and intellectuals who have colonised the coast, coaxing her towards a life of literature.

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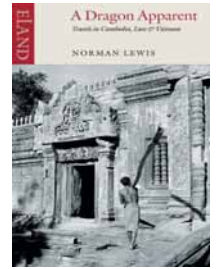


## A DRAGON APPARENT: TRAVELS IN CAMBODIA, LAOS AND VIETNAM

NORMAN LEWIS

Travelling through Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia in the twilight of the French colonial regime, Norman Lewis witnesses these ancient civilisations as they were before the terrible devastation of the Vietnam War. He creates a portrait of traditional societies struggling to retain their integrity in the embrace of the West. He meets emperors and slaves, brutal plantation owners and sympathetic French officers trapped by the economic imperatives of the colonial experiment. From tribal animists to Viet-Minh guerillas, he witnesses this heart-breaking struggle over and over, leaving a vital portrait of a society on the brink of catastrophic change.

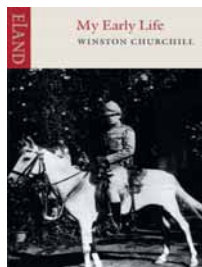
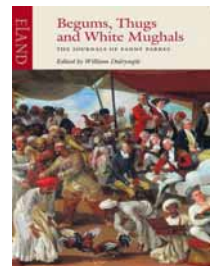
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## BEGUMS, THUGS AND WHITE MUGHALS FANNY PARKES

Fanny Parkes, who lived in India between 1822 and 1846, was the ideal travel writer - courageous, indefatigably curious and determinedly independent. Her delightful journal traces her journey from prim memsahib, married to a minor civil servant of the Raj, to eccentric, sitar-playing Indophile, fluent in Urdu, critical of British rule and passionate in her appreciation of Indian culture. Fanny is fascinated by everything, from the trial of the thugs and the efficacy of opium on headaches to the adorning of a Hindu bride. To read her is to get as close as one can to a true picture of early colonial India - the sacred and the profane, the violent and the beautiful, the straight-laced sahibs and the more eccentric "White Mughals" who fell in love with India and did their best, like Fanny, to build bridges across cultures.

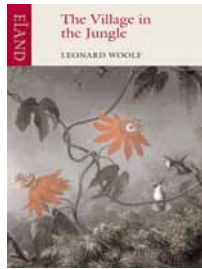
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**THE VILLAGE IN THE JUNGLE****LEONARD WOOLF**

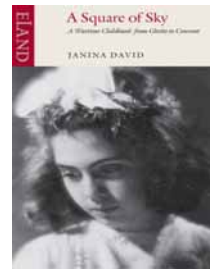
This novel set in Ceylon follows the lives of a handful of villagers hacking out a fragile existence in a jungle where indiscriminate growth, indifferent fate and malevolent neighbours constantly threaten to overwhelm them. It is as if Thomas Hardy were immersed in the heat, scent, sensuality and pungent mystery of the tropics. Seven years as a colonial administrator gave Woolf first-hand knowledge of the injustice of colonial rule, and an acute psychological sympathy with the villagers. He skillfully incorporates local story-telling traditions and beliefs into his chilling narrative, to create a book which remains one of the best-loved in Sri Lanka to this day.

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At the age of nine Janina David was leading a sheltered life with her prosperous Jewish family in Poland. One year later they were all facing starvation in the Warsaw ghetto. In her memoirs of a wartime childhood Janina David describes the family's struggle against insurmountable odds. When it became clear that none of them was likely to survive, the thirteen-year-old girl was smuggled out of the ghetto to live with family friends - a Polish woman and her German-born husband. When their home became too dangerous, she was sent with false identity papers to a Catholic convent, where she lived in constant fear of being discovered.

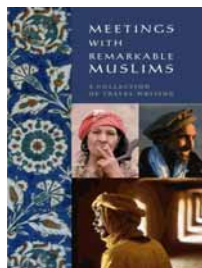
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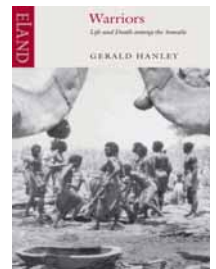
Meetings with Remarkable Muslims is a collection of travel writing celebrating friendship and the chance encounters that unexpectedly enrich our lives, which shows the diversity of the modern Islamic world and the way in which it continues to inspire, bemuse and enrich the western imagination. What shines through these many stories is our common humanity - the need, indeed the urge, to earn, to love, to protect, to enjoy and to make a sense of life.

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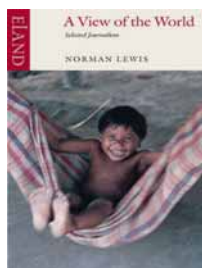
During the war, Gerald Hanley spent several years in the remote and scorching deserts of Somalia. The rigours of living in such heat, and the difficulties of attempting to control blood-feuding nomads, led to the suicide of seven fellow-officers. Despite these problems, Gerald Hanley writes with great affection for the local clans, an affection that is untainted by sentimentality. "Of all the races of Africa, there cannot be one better to live among than the most difficult, the proudest, the bravest, the vainest, the most merciless, the friendliest: the Somalis."

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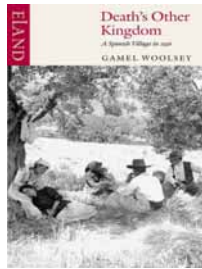
As Malaga goes up in flames in 1936 and the Civil War begins its monstrous destruction, Gamel Woolsey, an American poet, watches fear stalk through a traditional Spanish village. The villagers, wishing simply to be left to cultivate their gardens, are caught in a cycle of violence which provokes hatred, anger and a thirst for revenge in even the most peaceful of souls. This humane and sympathetic account puts the people of Spain first, whatever their political persuasion, and gives a gripping and harrowing account of the emotional effects of war in general, and of civil war in particular.

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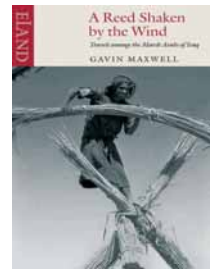
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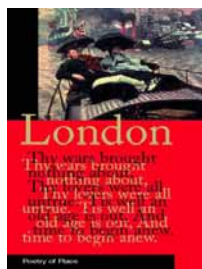
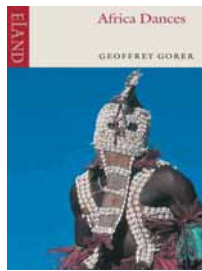
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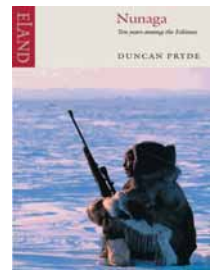
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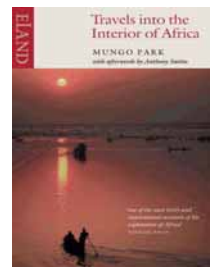
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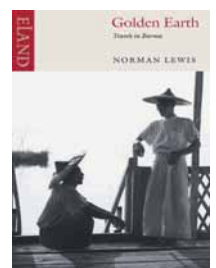
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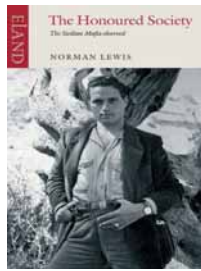


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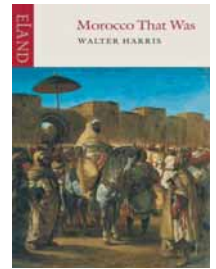


## MOROCCO THAT WAS

**WALTER HARRIS**

Until 1912 Morocco had never suffered foreign domination, and its mountainous interior was as closed to foreigners as Tibet. Walter Harris, though, was an exception. He lived in the country for more than thirty-five years, and as *The Times* correspondent observed every aspect of its life. He describes the unfettered Sultanate in all its dark, melodramatic splendour. He was an intimate of at least three ruling Sultans and a man capable of befriending his kidnapper. It was said that only three Christians had ever visited the walled city of Chechaouen: one was poisoned, one came for an hour disguised as a Rabbi...the other was Walter Harris.

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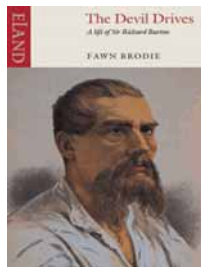


## THE DEVIL DRIVES: A LIFE OF SIR RICHARD BURTON

**FAWN BRODIE**

Richard Burton's life offers dazzling riches. He was one of the greatest Victorian explorers, an innovative translator and brilliant linguist, a prolific travel writer, a pioneer in the fields of anthropology and sexual psychology, a mesmeric lover, a spy and a publisher of erotica. Fawn Brodie has created a vivid portrait of this remarkable man, who emerges from the richly textured fabric of his time. His travels to Mecca and Medina dressed as a Muslim pilgrim, his witnessing of the human sacrifices at Dahomey and his unlikely but loving partnership with his pious Catholic bride are all treated with warmth, scholarship and understanding.

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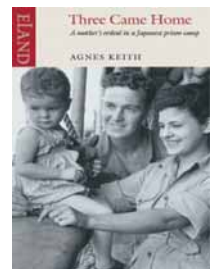


## THREE CAME HOME

**AGNES KEITH**

When the Japanese take Borneo in 1942, Agnes Keith is captured and imprisoned with her two-year-old son. Fed on minimal rations, forced to work through recurrent bouts of malaria and fighting with rats for scraps of food, Agnes Keith's spirit never completely dies. Keeping notes on scraps of paper which she hides in her son's home-made toys or buries in tins, she records a mother's pain at watching her child go hungry and her poignant pride in his development within these strange confines. She also describes her captors in all their complexity. Colonel Suga, the camp commander, is an intelligent, highly educated man, at times her adversary, at others a strange ally in a distorted world.

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**A VISIT TO DON OTAVIO****SYBILLE BEDFORD**

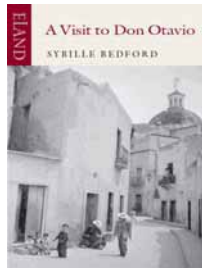
Mexico, through the eyes of Sybille Bedford is a country of passion and paradox: arid desert and shrieking jungle, harsh sun and deep shadow, violence and sentimentality. In her frank descriptions of the horrors of travel - through bug-infested jungle, trapped in a broiling stationary train, or in a bus with a dead fish slapping against her face - she gains our trust. But it is the charmed world of Don Otavio which steals our imagination. He is, she says, "one of the kindest men I ever met". She stays in his crumbling ancestral mansion, living a life of provincial ease and observing with glee the intense life of a Mexican neighbourhood.

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**CHANTEMESLE****ROBIN FEDDEN**

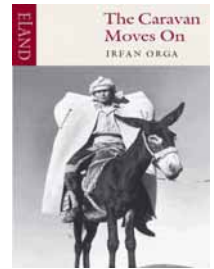
Chantemesle is a lyrical evocation of growing up on the banks of the Seine. In this minutely observed landscape, where even the wind is a character in its own right, we meet blind Battouflet, the singing hermit of the hillside, solemn Clotilde, who lives in a chateau in the heart of the forest and a desiccated and disturbing spinster, Mlle. Firman. Robin Fedden writes with preternatural clarity, taking the reader with him into a long-forgotten yet echoingly familiar world. When Fedden finds himself expelled from this realm by his emerging sexuality, he leaves us reeling with nostalgia for that timeless sense of the present that is the magic of childhood.

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**THE CARAVAN MOVES ON****IRFAN ORGA**

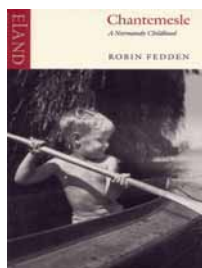
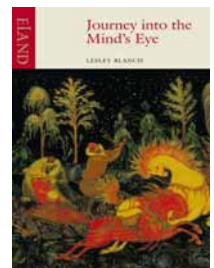
Irfan Orga, author of *Portrait of a Turkish Family*, journeys to the centre of Turkey to stay with the Yuruk nomads in the High Taurus mountains. He learns their lore, listens to their legends, and lives to feel that heroes dead a thousand years and abducted princesses turned mad by grief are still palpably alive. Orga enters a world untouched by politics or the march of events. He reconnects us with a once ubiquitous emotional landscape - a visceral place underpinned by elemental values.

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**JOURNEY INTO THE MIND'S EYE****LESLEY BLANCH**

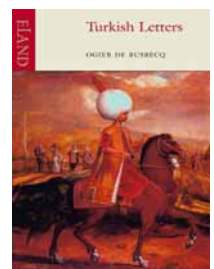
Lesley Blanch was four when the mysterious Traveller first blew into her nursery, swathed in Siberian furs and full of the fairytales of Russia. She was twenty when he swept out of her life, leaving her love-lorn and in the grips of a passionate obsession. The search to recapture the love of her life, and the Russia he had planted within her, takes her to Siberia and beyond, journeying deep into the romantic terrain of the mind's eye. Part travel book, part love story, Lesley Blanch's *Journey into the Mind's Eye* is pure intoxication.

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**TURKISH LETTERS****OGIER DE BUSBECQ**

Intelligent but unpretentious, gossipy yet honest, inquiring and unprejudiced - de Busbecq is the sort of man we would all like to meet on our travels. As Habsburg ambassador to the 16th-century court of Suleyman the Magnificent he missed nothing: the intrigue of Roxelana at court, the unloading of Spanish prisoners of war, the yoghurt diet of country Turks, the brutal realities of 16th-century realpolitik, and the charming, but expensive, habit of being welcomed with gifts of flowers by Janissary guardsmen. De Busbecq brings Constantinople, at the heyday of Ottoman power, bursting into life. This is eyewitness history at its best.

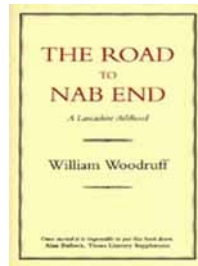
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**THE ROAD TO NAB END: A LANCASHIRE CHILDHOOD**  
**WILLIAM WOODRUFF**

From his birth in 1916 (in the carding room of a cotton mill) until he ran away to London, William Woodruff lived in the heart of Blackburn's weaving community. But after Lancashire's supremacy in cotton textiles had ended with the crash of 1920, his father was thrown out of work. From then on, including the great depression of the 1930s, Woodruff and his family faced a life blighted by extreme poverty. Reading this book today, it is hard to comprehend that within living memory - and in what was the richest country in the world - so many people couldn't even afford to buy enough food. For the ordinary families of Lancashire, unemployment was an ever-present fear: "If you worked you ate. If there was no work you went hungry."

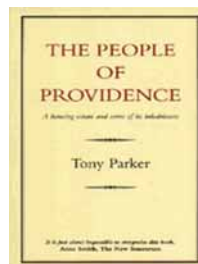
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**PEOPLE OF PROVIDENCE: HOUSING ESTATE AND SOME OF ITS INHABITANTS**  
**TONY PARKER**

Over a period of eighteen months Tony Parker interviewed the residents of an ordinary housing estate in South London. He listened to an assorted mixture of personalities - including a vagrant, two policemen, an often-convicted fence who was the mother of five children, a pro-flogging magistrate, a local doctor, and a 75-year-old widower who spent "an hour or two in bed each week with one or other of about twelve different ladies I meet at our church". The inhabitants of "Providence" opened their hearts, revealing all their quirks, emotions and prejudices. These interviews prove that extraordinary stories are found not only in deserts and jungles: even amid the bleak sprawl of South London, Tony Parker discovered a community that is diverse and enthralling.

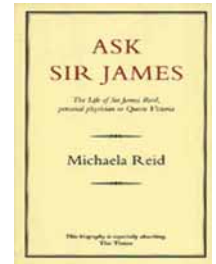
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**ASK SIR JAMES: LIFE OF SIR JAMES REID, PERSONAL PHYSICIAN TO QUEEN VICTORIA**  
**MICHAELA REID**

In a dark cupboard of her house, Michaela Reid, the granddaughter-in-law of Sir James Reid, discovered 40 pocket diaries and 31 of his large scrapbooks, as well as some 200 letters and notes from Queen Victoria. From this remarkable unpublished material, the author spent five years writing the life of the man who enjoyed unparalleled intimacy with the Queen during the last years of her life. Although Sir James was never allowed to see her undressed, or approach her with a stethoscope, he was summoned four or five times a day, and quickly became her confidant, privy to all the intimate aspects of her court and family life. It was he who was responsible for persuading Princess Christian to give up her opium addiction; he also had to cope with John Brown's alcoholism, as well as informing his unruffled royal employer about her Indian secretary's gonorrhoea. The doctor's memoirs have left us an unusually vivid portrait of the Queen, who was eccentric and stubborn, and yet at the same time perceptive, endearing, and warm-hearted.

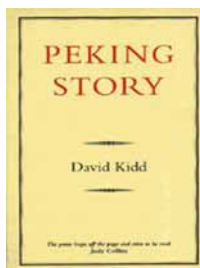
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**PEKING STORY****DAVID KIDD**

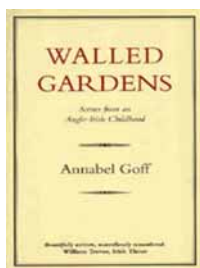
In 1949 David Kidd's Chinese fiancée telephoned to say that her father was dying and that they must marry immediately. She was the daughter of an ancient Mandarin family living in a magnificent mansion surrounded by many courtyards. Her wedding in Peking was one of the last great ceremonies of a four thousand-year-old culture. At first the couple were able to continue their privileged life, a remnant of an old and exquisite culture. But Peking had recently surrendered to a communist army, and the new proletarianism was rapidly suppressing the ancient traditions. Spies watched them from the roof and then confiscated their sets of mahjong; an aunt was sent on a mission to re-educate prostitutes; and the family's final magnificent party was invaded by the police. Eventually their entire way of life was overwhelmed by the new totalitarian regime.

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**WALLED GARDENS: SCENES FROM AN ANGLO-IRISH CHILDHOOD****ANNABEL DAVIS-GOFF**

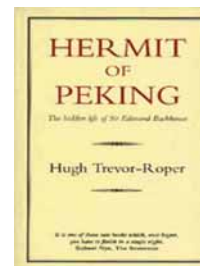
This is a journey both into a time and a place - the South of Ireland in the 1940s and 1950s. The author describes a childhood outside the main currents of the twentieth century; her parents still went fox hunting and horse racing and relied on readily available servants from a vast and inexpensive work-pool. At the same time they had no central heating, no television, and the roof leaked. Like many other Anglo-Irish families they attempted outlandish and impractical schemes to maintain deteriorating driveways and crumbling houses. This is an affectionate yet unsentimental memoir of a transitional generation, one born too late to benefit from the last years of the Ascendancy, but too early to integrate into the mainstream of contemporary Irish life.

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*HISTORY & POLITICS***HERMIT OF PEKING: THE HIDDEN LIFE OF SIR EDMUND BACKHOUSE****HUGH TREVOR-ROPER**

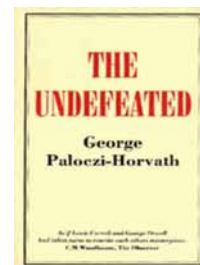
The trail of discovery began when Hugh Trevor-Roper received in somewhat unusual circumstances the voluminous memoirs of Sir Edmund Backhouse, the celebrated Chinese scholar and co-author of two standard works on Chinese history. The memoirs describe a very different person from the one who had apparently lived such a respectable life until his death in 1944. Backhouse claimed that he had been intimate with many notable characters including Verlaine and Lord Rosebery, and that his many lovers (of both sexes) had included the Dowager Empress of China. It gradually became clear that the detailed, plausible and very obscene memoirs were a work of fantasy - yet a fantasy interwoven with detailed fact. Intrigued, Hugh Trevor-Roper set out to discover as much as he could about Sir Edmund Backhouse, and unearthed the story of one of the most outrageous confidence tricksters of this century.

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**THE UNDEFEATED****GEORGE PALOCZI-HORVATH**

George Paloczi-Horvath was born in 1908 into the feudal nobility of Hungary. Despite his privileged background, he came to realize that his family's wealth was based on the exploitation of a brutalized peasantry. By the 1930s he was an active anti-Nazi; by 1941 he was forced to flee the country. Returning after the war, he became a dedicated communist; but this didn't prevent him from being arrested, tortured and imprisoned by the communist regime. He spent 1,832 days in prison, many of them in the solitary confinement of underground prison cells. In 1954 he was eventually released; but after the Hungarian Revolution he was forced to escape with his wife and baby for sanctuary in Britain. A new afterword by his widow, Agi Argent, describes how they survived.

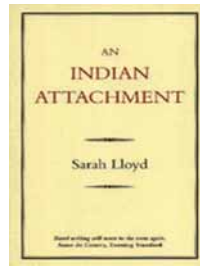
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**INDIAN ATTACHMENT****SARAH LLOYD**

An *Indian Attachment* is part travel book, part love story. Because of Sarah Lloyd's relationship with a placid, beautiful, opium-addicted Sikh, she spent two years in rural India, first in a remote mud-built Punjabi village, and then in the impoverished community of a dubious holy-man. Here she lived in a minute brick hut with living expenses of only fifty pence a day. No other outsider has been able to write so convincingly about the plight of Indian villagers.

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**SCUM OF THE EARTH****ARTHUR KOESTLER**

At the beginning of the Second World War, Koestler was living in the South of France working on *Darkness at Noon*. After retreating to Paris he was imprisoned by the French as an undesirable alien, even though he had been a respected crusader against fascism. "A few years ago we were called the defenders of liberty - now we have become the scum of the earth." He was luckier, though, than many innocent refugees who were handed over to the Nazis for torture or execution. *Scum of the Earth* is more than the story of Koestler's survival among these horrors: it is also a description of what happens when a nation loses its honour and pride.

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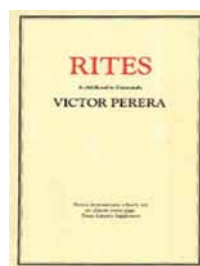


FICTION - GENERAL

**rites: A CHILDHOOD IN GUATEMALA****VICTOR PERERA**

Victor Perera's father, a Talmudic scholar, was a first-generation immigrant who began as an itinerant pedlar, selling bolts of cloth to Indians. After arranging by post his marriage to a third-cousin from Jerusalem, he gradually became one of the capital's leading merchants. His son moved with a child's adaptability between the sheltered life of his bourgeois family and the Catholic, anti-semitic, and sex-dominated world outside. While his Indian nurse, his white classmates, and his mestizo best friend were all destroyed by the violent character of life in Guatemala, Victor Perera managed to survive.

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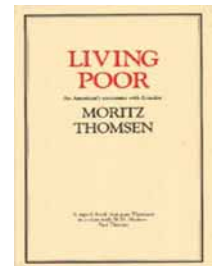


ART &amp; ARCHITECTURE

**LIVING POOR: AMERICAN'S ENCOUNTER WITH ECUADOR****MORITZ THOMSEN**

At the age of 48 Moritz Thomsen sold his pig farm in California and joined the Peace Corps. For the next four years he lived in an impoverished village on the coast of Ecuador; its inhabitants were so poor that six chickens represented wealth, and cigarettes were bought one at a time, on credit. Thomsen discovered how difficult it was for an outsider to help, and most of his attempts were a mixture of tragedy and farce. This did not prevent him from entering into the hearts and minds of an alien people, becoming "just another person in a poor village, working out my own problems and frustrations, making friends and enemies like one more citizen of the town".

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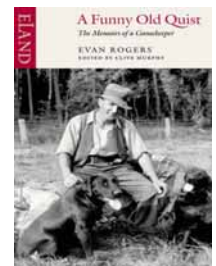


CELTIC INTEREST

**A FUNNY OLD QUIST: THE MEMOIRS OF A GAME KEEPER****EVAN ROGERS**

An octogenarian game-keeper tells us the story of his sixty-eight years on the same Herefordshire estate. He can remember the time when wooden clogs were worn, and when young women gave birth in the fields while gathering stones for a shilling a ton. Although a traditionalist, he doesn't pretend that life was always easy, and he is sometimes sharply critical of former masters. From this truthful account, we get an unsentimental yet affectionate picture of life on a semi-feudal estate.

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**LIGHTHOUSE****TONY PARKER**

What was it that led a man to make lighthouse-keeping his life's occupation - to select a monotonous lonely job, which takes him away from his family for months at a time, leaving him in a cramped, narrow tower with two other men not of his own choosing?

Lighthouse-keepers and their families opened their souls to Tony Parker, who has been described as Britain's most expert interviewer. With this revelatory portrait of a small community he has given us an exceptional insight into the British character.

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## HISTORY &amp; POLITICS

**HOLDING ON****MERVYN JONES**

This is the story of a street in London's dockland and of a family who lived in it. The street was built in the 1880s and the Wheelwright family (originally dockers) lived there until its tragic demolition in the 1960s when it was replaced by tower blocks. As a social document, the book rings with truth, but it is much more than that: its compelling narrative brings the reader right into the life of the Wheelwright family and their neighbours.

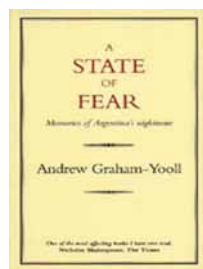
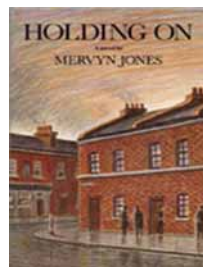
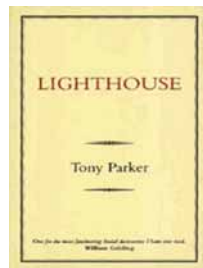
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## BIOGRAPHY &amp; MEMOIRS

**A STATE OF FEAR: MEMORIES OF ARGENTINA'S NIGHTMARE****ANDREW GRAHAM-YOOLL**

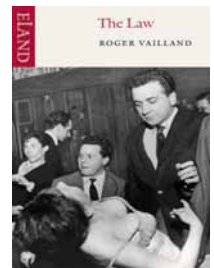
For ten hair-raising years, Andrew Graham-Yooll was the news editor of the Buenos Aires Herald. All around him friends and acquaintances were "disappearing". Although the slightest mistake might have caused his own disappearance, he did not shrink from getting firsthand experience of this war of terror; he attended clandestine guerilla conferences, helped relatives trace the missing, and took tea with a torturer who was not ashamed to make the most chilling confessions.

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**THE LAW****ROGER VAILLAND, Translated by P. WILES**

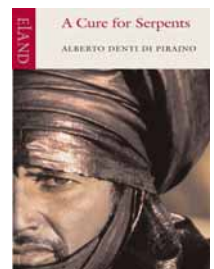
The novel's ostensible story is secondary to the description of relationships within a small Southern-Italian community. Vailland makes us understand how everyone, monarchist lord of the manor, the amorous Donna Lucrezia, the wealthy racketeer, and the landless day-labourer, are all affected by the ancient complexities of an hierarchical society.

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**A CURE FOR SERPENTS****ALBERTO DENTI DI PIRAJNO**

The Duke of Pirajno arrived in North Africa in 1924. For the next eighteen years his experiences as a doctor in Libya, Eritrea, Ethiopia, and Somaliland, provided him with opportunities and experiences rarely given to a European. He brings us stories of noble chieftains and celebrated courtesans, of Berber princes and Tuareg entertainers, of giant elephants, and a lioness who fell in love with the author.

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**THE WEATHER IN AFRICA****MARTHA GELLHORN**

Martha Gellhorn's three novellas are about Europeans in the dramatic landscape of East Africa. Two sisters, one beautiful, one plain, return unmarried from their ventures in the great world to their parents' hotel *On The Mountain*, where they are caught up in scandalous relations with an African official and an English botanist. A heart-broken woman tries to escape the memory of her son's death on a doomed holiday *By The Sea*. A lonely awkward young Englishman, disoriented by years as a prisoner-of-war, orphaned by bombs in London, seeks a new life *In The Highlands*, and is transformed by love for his Kenya farm and an African child.

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**FAR AWAY & LONG AGO****W.H. HUDSON**

The first eighteen years of William Hudson's life were spent on the Argentinian pampas. Although he was a scholarly ornithologist, every page of this book reveals a rapturous delight in the wildlife of the pampas, animal or human. He mixed with cut-throat gauchos, pursued ostriches, explored lagoons, and allowed burrowing armadillos to drag him elbow-deep into the earth.

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CELTIC INTEREST

**JOURNEYS OF A GERMAN IN ENGLAND: WALKING TOUR OF ENGLAND IN 1782****CARL PHILIP MORITZ**

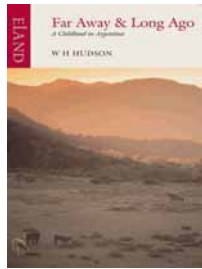
In 1782 an enthusiastic young German landed in England. Through the fresh eyes of a foreigner we get a wonderful insight into what has or hasn't changed within the last two hundred years. In a series of letters home he describes his amazement at the number of English people who wore spectacles, the amount they drank, the dreadful food they ate, the expense of a simple salad, the drunkenness of the dons, the riotous behaviour in Parliament, and the high level of education among ordinary people.

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**VIVA MEXICO!: TRAVELLER'S ACCOUNT OF LIFE IN MEXICO****CHARLES FLANDRAU**

Flandrau was a young rich American with an individual sense of humour, and no prejudices except against Western uniformity. His travel book is more than a ramble among places; it is a journey among the Mexican people. Based on his brother's coffee plantation he spent the best part of five years in a country which he described as "one long, carelessly written but absorbing romance."

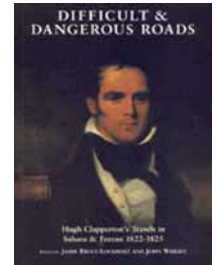
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**SICKLE MOON BOOKS****DIFFICULT AND DANGEROUS ROADS: HUGH CLAPPERTON'S TRAVELS IN SAHARA AND FEZZAN 1822-1825****HUGH CLAPPERTON, JOHN WRIGHT (ed.)**

*With sixteen maps and contributions from three leading authorities, these journals will fascinate all who delight in travel and the Sahara.*

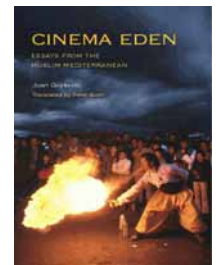
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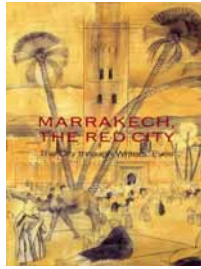
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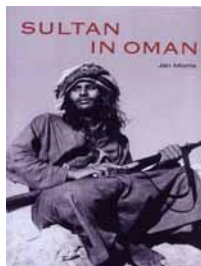
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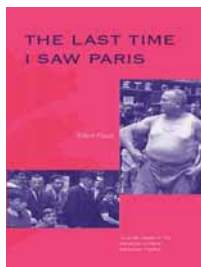
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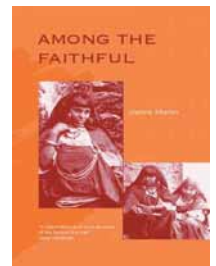
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