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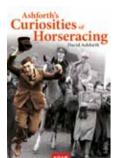
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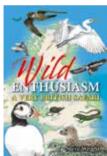
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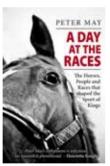
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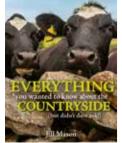




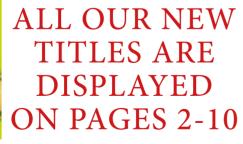




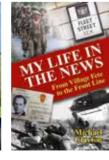












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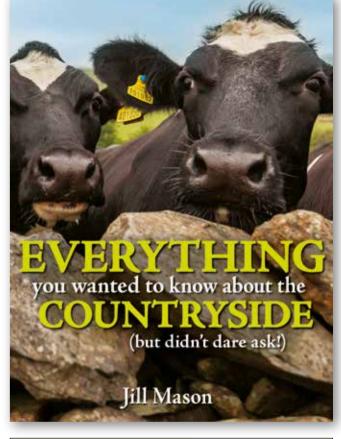
Jill Mason

- How many eggs does a hen lay in its lifetime?
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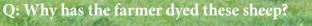
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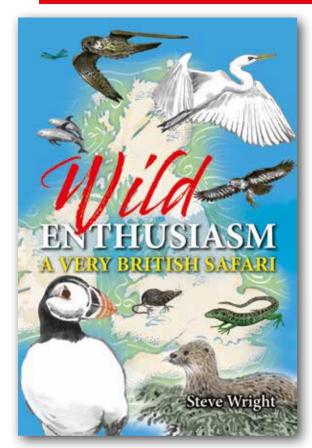


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Ashforth's Curiosities of Horseracing

David Ashforth

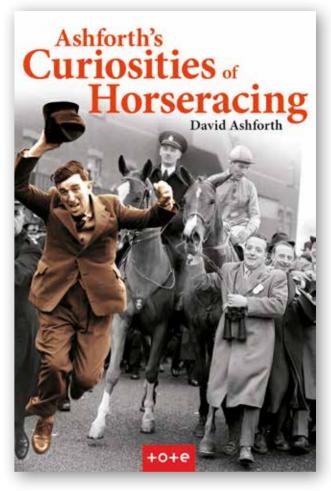
A sport based on one animal sitting on top of another and trying (usually) to be the first pair to reach a wooden stick is a curiosity in itself. So it's no surprise that horseracing is full of curiosities.

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The curiosities are arranged in themes so that readers can dip in and out, as the mood takes them. The collection should leave them with a benevolent view of an intriguing sport, if they didn't already have one.

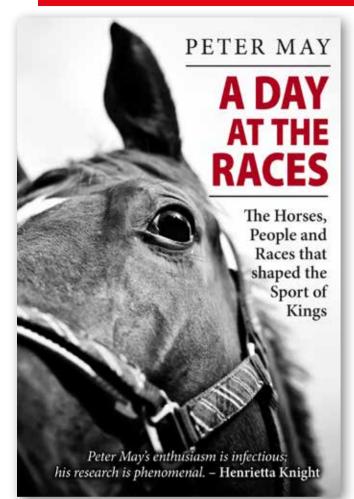
Owners, jockeys, the horses, racecourses, officials, prizes, trainers and staff, racing journalists, betting, bookmakers, punters, skulduggery – one of Britain's best loved racing journalists David Ashforth has found the stories to capture the readers attention on all these topics and more.





Selling Points

- Author David Ashforth, popular featurewriter for the *Sporting Life*, then *Racing Post* for over 20 years and for the Mirror Group's USA *Racing Times*, has a huge horseracing following.
- His track record includes the books Fifty Shades of Hay, Racing Crazy, Hitting the Turf, The Bluffer's Guide to Horseracing and A Bloody Good Winner.
- This book is the perfect gift for horseracing fans.



Dr Peter May is an avid follower of horseracing. He has a PhD in Artificial Intelligence and degrees in Mathematical and Computer Science, a Masters in the Philosophy of expert systems. A former professional gambler, he has written many horseracing books and contributed to various newspapers, journals and websites.

A Day at the Races

Peter May

'Dr May's innovative approach to the telling of racing's history is a real treasure trove for all racing fans.'

The Racing Forum

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Mike Cattermole, TV racing presenter

His short, informative, easy-to-read essays bring to life racing's milestone events that set the nation on a different path, such as the 1913 Derby, and the sacrifices horseracing made to support the British military campaigns overseas.

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- And you have to tick every ID box for that featured mushroom: if you can't tick a box, don't eat it.
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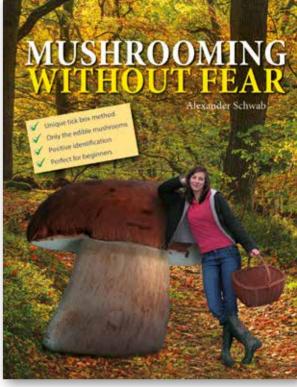
This book delivers the key to mushrooming without fear. You'll never be uncertain again.



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Selling Points

- Alexander Schwab has written best-selling books on mushrooming
- Other mushrooming books introduce uncertainty by showing a confusing array of poisonous and inedible mushrooms.
 This book keeps it simple. Only the goodto-eat ones. And a tick-box method to identify them without a shadow of doubt.

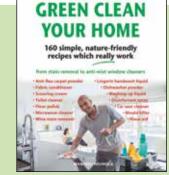
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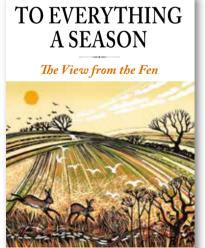


His insights into the ethos of the BBC, the colourful characters he reported alongside, and his resulting views of humanity, war and crime - Clayton's journalism autobiography is honest, wry and full of insight.

NEW BOOK

To Everything a Season Charles Moseley

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Charles Moseley

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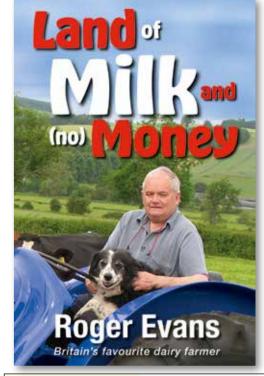
Land of Milk and (no) Money

Roger Evans

In this new book Roger talks about ratting, a particularly cheeky robin, Gomer's latest weight problem and the challenges of being a dairy farmer during a national crisis. But in the countryside the good things still prevail: the local pub, the burgeoning hedgerows, tenacious wildlife, ingenious farm dogs and let's not forget Roger's plastic swans.

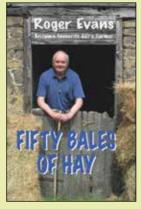
Selling Points

- Roger Evans writes a very popular farming column in the Western Daily Press every Saturday as well as being a regular contributor to various specialist dairy magazines
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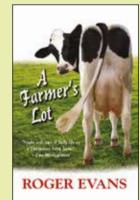
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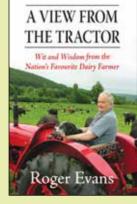
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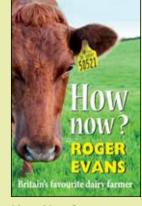
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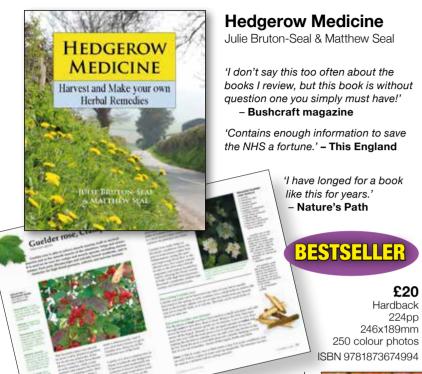
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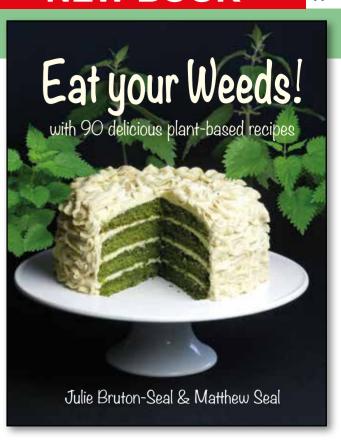
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- The authors regularly hold workshops and host herbalist and foraging events and are world famous.





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Illustrated idioms of birds

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What is an idiom? It's a turn of phrase designed to convey a meaning which is different to the literal meaning of the words.

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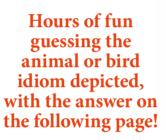
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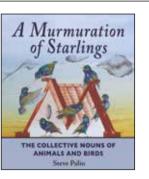
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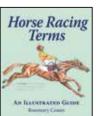
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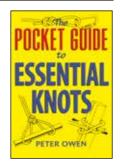
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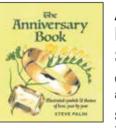


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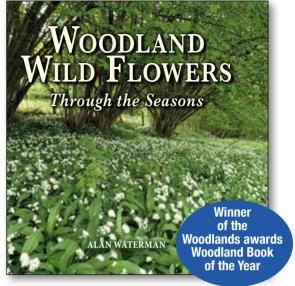
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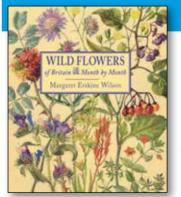
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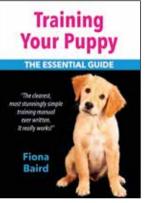
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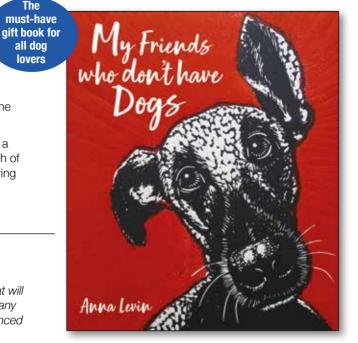


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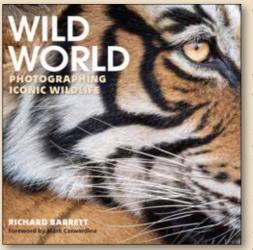
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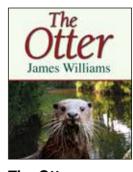
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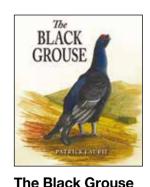
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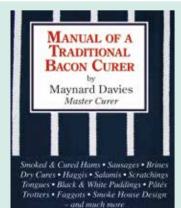












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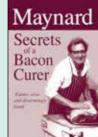
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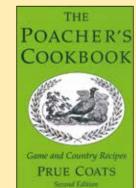
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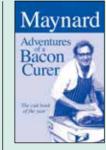
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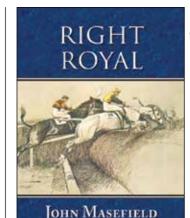
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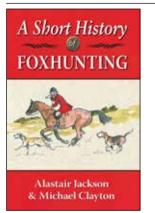
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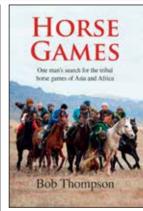
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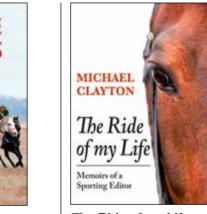
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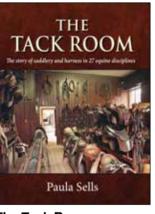
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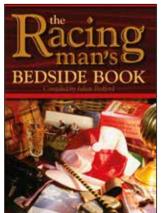
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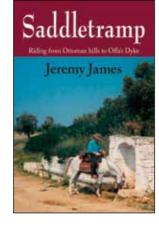


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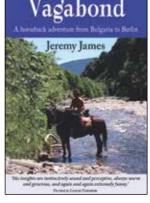
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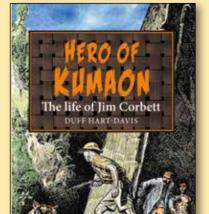
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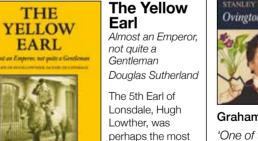
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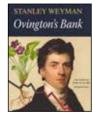
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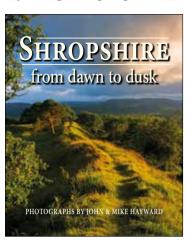
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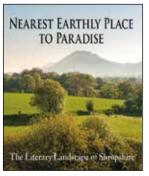
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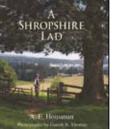
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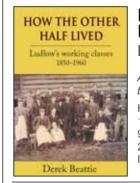
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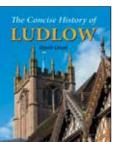


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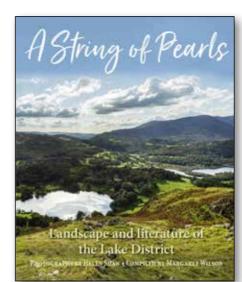


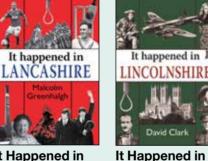
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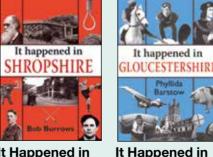


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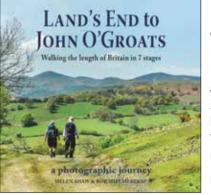
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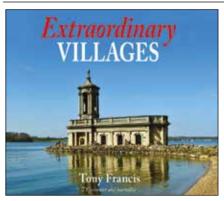
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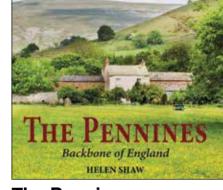
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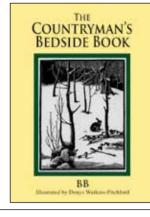
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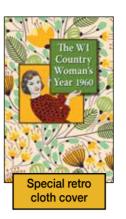


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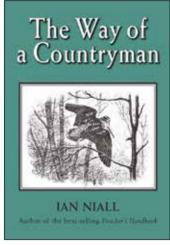


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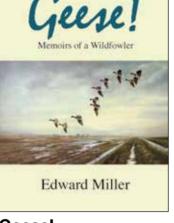
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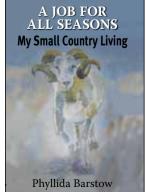
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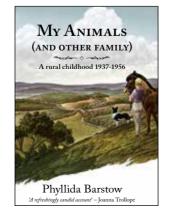


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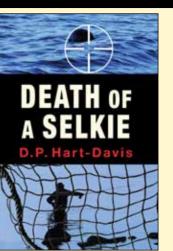
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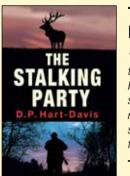


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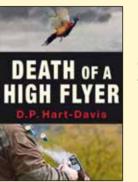
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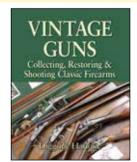
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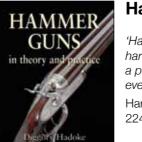
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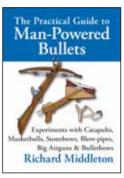
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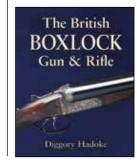
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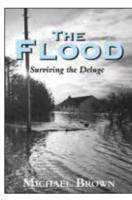
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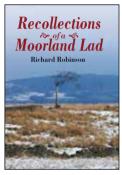
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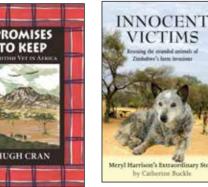
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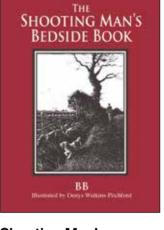
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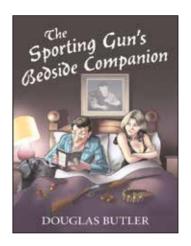


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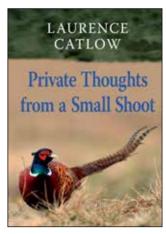


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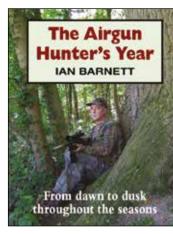


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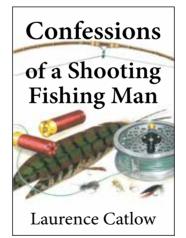


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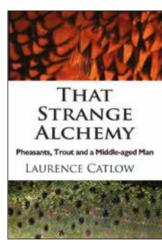
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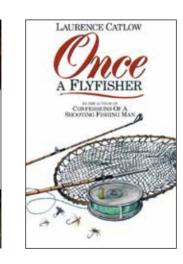
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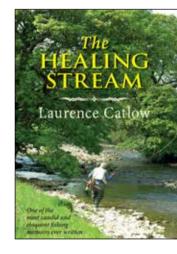
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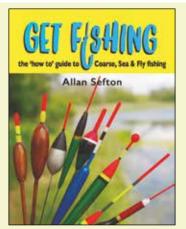
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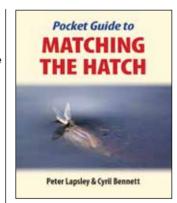
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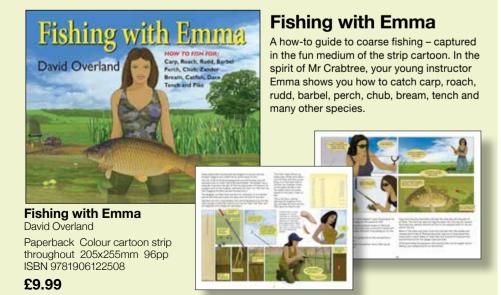
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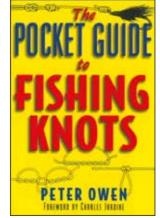
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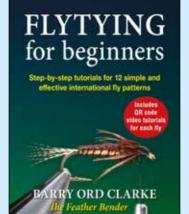




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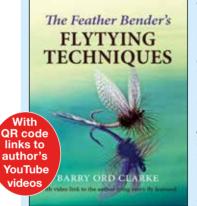
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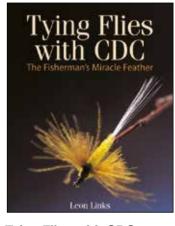
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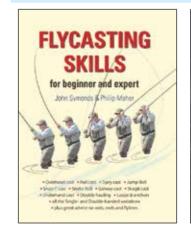


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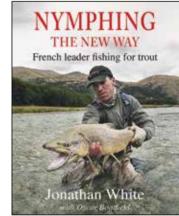


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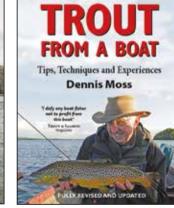
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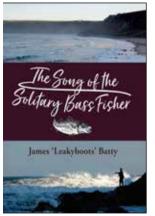
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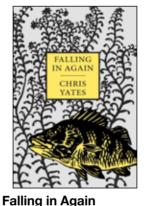
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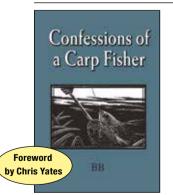
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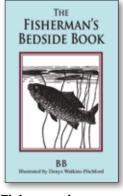
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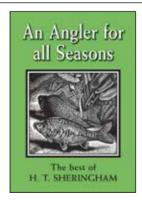
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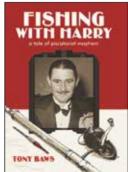
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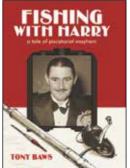


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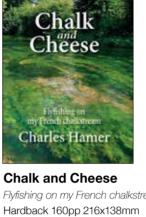
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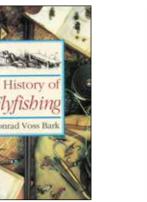
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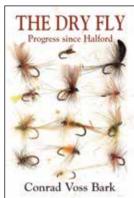
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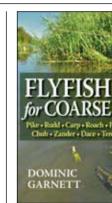
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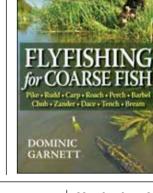
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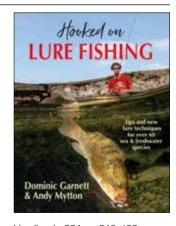
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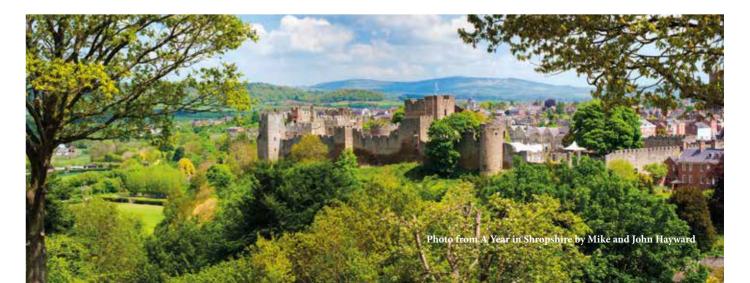


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