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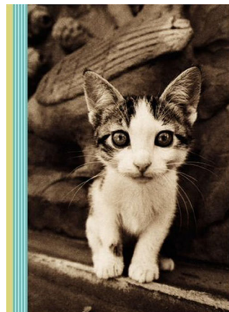
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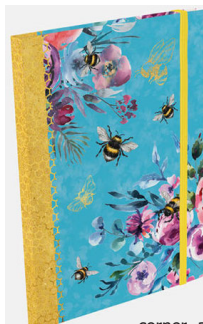


92722 A6 NOTEBOOK QUEEN BEE

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Dazzling gold honeycomb cover in foil with back and yellow and white bees in four different sizes on the front and back cover matching the spine of the complementary A5 and A4 sized notebooks, this would make a beautiful set. On its own it is pocket sized and softback with a shiny feel. Honey yellow page edges and elastic fastener. Similarly 160 lined pages with Date and / / in the top right hand corner.

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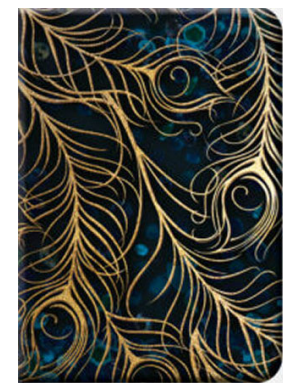
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92155 BEHIND THE STEAM

by Bill Morgan and Bette Meyrick

First published in 1973, Behind the Steam received huge critical acclaim from day one. It is the working memoir of one Bill Morgan who, in 1916, signed on as a cleaner at the GWR terminus in Neyland, Pembrokeshire, aged just 14, with an ambition to go all the way to the top - become a GWR express driver. When he retired 50 years later, he had indeed achieved his ambition, driving the newly introduced British Rail diesels, but what a weird and wonderful career path it was! By the age of 15 he already had one derailment to his credit and his rise up the ranks, next to fireman (his vivid description of keeping a coal-hungry express up to steam on a run to Paddington is captivating) and right to the top is recounted in such warm-hearted, hilarious and compelling words that you feel you are on the footplate - or the coal truck, his lodgings, the cloakrooms, the markets, the pubs... As well as cleaning, fuelling and driving the trains, his "off the track" recollections add immense interest. An unofficial purveyor of anything from lobsters to rabbits, he turned the Neyland line into a mobile grocer he also recounts tales of making wireless sets, cockle-gathering, training greyhounds and absconding bookies, and here too are grimmer events - the General Strike, wartime work on the potentially lethal ammunition trains and the bombing of Swansea. This book is the 2003 revised edition which includes many more photos from Bette's collection of the Neyland area than the original and is sure to lapped up by all steam enthusiasts, a book that just oozes with the flavour of the railways and the characters that ran then. 222pp with 20 pages of b/w photos.

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91226 ANTIPATER'S DYNASTY: Alexander the Great's Regent and his Successors by John Grainger

Antipater was a key figure in the rise of Macedon under Philip II and instrumental in the succession of Alexander III (the Great). Alexander entrusted Antipater with ruling Macedon in his long absence and he defeated the Spartans in 331 BC. After Alexander's death he became regent of the co-kings, Alexander's mentally impaired half-brother Philip III Arrhideus and infant son Alexander IV. The earliest explicit mention of Antipater is in 346, when he was probably around 50 years old. Well educated and a friend of Aristotle, he spoke classical Greek fluently enough to address the assembly in Athens. On seizing the throne, Alexander moved with speed to suppress rebellious states in Thrace and Illyria, leaving Antipater in charge of the Macedonian army, and although the subsequent Theban revolt was reported to have come as a surprise, Antipater had been keeping Alexander informed about trouble brewing. Although Antipater did not nominate his son Kassander to be his successor as regent, Kassander eventually did become King of Macedon. 271pp.

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92650 BISMARCK: The Chase and Sinking of Hitler's Goliath by G. H. Bennett et al

Originally published as a classified Battle Summary, Bismarck is a unique record written by British and German naval officers during WWII, and soon after 1945, with maps, plans and first-hand accounts held at Britannia Royal Naval College in Dartmouth. Launched in 1939, Bismarck displaced over 55,000 tons when fully loaded, and was armed with eight 38-cm guns in four main turrets. Sunk on her first and only war cruise on 27th May 1941, only 114 of her 2,200 crew survived the Royal Navy's final storm of shells and torpedoes. How did the Royal Navy stop the massive battleship? Was she sunk in the action, or did her own crew scuttle her in a last act of defiance? The introduction includes the Kriegsmarine's purpose in building the ship, the Royal Navy's tactics of destruction, and the post-war controversy. 156pp, large softback, maps.

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91993 AIRLINE MAPS: A Century of Art and Design by Mark Ovenden and Maxwell Roberts

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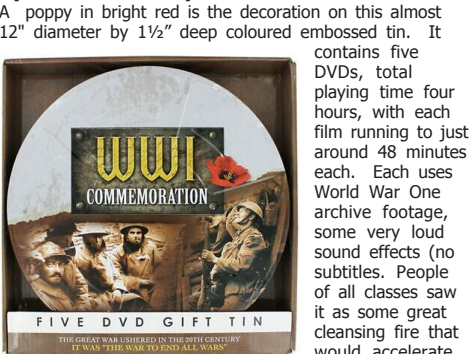
93692 BELIEVE: A Pop-Up Book to Inspire You by Robert Sabuda

When I grow up I will stand TALL and as you open the pages the 3D fantastic paper engineering shows a huge white fir tree rising to the sky. When I strive for my goals I will savour the outcome. When I share my dreams we will fly together as a flock of white birds literally leap from the page. When I dream of the future I will dream big as the huge sailing ship with six sails and two decks lifts from the grey lilac and pale green background. When I build my life I will reach high - and a huge castle with church-like and crenelated turrets appears before your eyes. From a humble beginning to a life among the stars - the space rocket takes off on the final page of this most imaginative pop-up book by the world acclaimed paper engineer Robert Sabuda. Colour.

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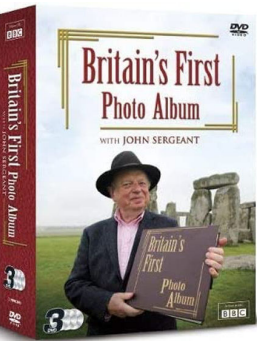
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91843 MONACO GRAND PRIX: Race of Kings DVD

by Zeta Productions

Among the yachts, casinos, nightclubs and hotels, death-defying racing cars rocket through the narrow streets on Monaco at an unbelievable 300km per hour. Despite its difficult and unforgiving track, the Monaco Grand Prix is the highlight of the Formula One racing calendar. With previously unseen action and archive footage, this film offers a rare insight into the world of such legends as Michael Schumacher, Mika Hakkinen, Jackie Stewart, Bernie Ecclestone and Ayrton Senna. 50 min film, colour.

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91836 BRITAIN'S FIRST PHOTO ALBUM: 3 DVD Box Set by Francis Frith

These ten BBC documentaries follow in the footsteps of pioneering Victorian photographer Francis Frith who set himself the formidable task of photographing as much of Britain as possible in the latter half of the 19th century. The three

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91855 TURNING THE TIDE: WWII IN COLOUR DVD

narrated by Robert Powell

Rare and unseen colour footage collection features Turning the Tide, the Soviet Steam Roller and Overlord. Sir Arthur 'Bomber' Harris thought the answer to defeat the Allies might lie in 'strategic bombing' attacking Germany's infrastructure and cities. But it led directly to the tragedy of Dresden. The Red Army slowly pushed the Germans back out of Russia through Ukraine, Poland, the Balkans and Hungary. It was also a war fought by a small band of partisans, men like Tito in Yugoslavia, leading guerrilla bands against Nazi forces. It shows how the Americans were very nearly driven off Omaha Beach and the film ends with the Liberation of Paris. 150 mins, colour.

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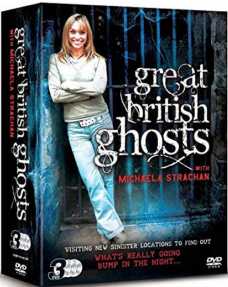
91967 BRITISH STEAM IN SCOTLAND DVD directed by Jeremy English

The mountains of the Highlands and the shores of the Lowlands provides some of the most glorious railway images north of the Border. The classic Caledonian Railway's blue livery can still be seen on the SRPS Line at Bo'ness, whilst Highland grandeur lives along the valley of the River Spey

on the Strathspey Railway. Numerous iconic steam trains travel the Scottish main lines and in this programme we see them heading towards Kyle of Lochalsh, across Rannoch Moor, over the Highland mountains at places such as Slocht Summit, eastward near Aberdeen and of course over the legendary Forth Bridge. Colour film 48 mins.

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91840 GREAT BRITISH GHOSTS: 3 DVD Box Set by Michaela Strachan

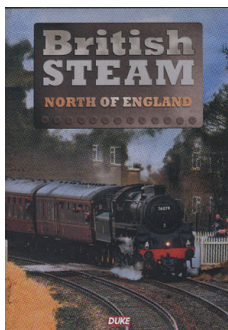
Travels around England and Wales to visit the spookiest locations that nation has to offer, uncovering gems of Britain's haunted history. At St Osyth and Bromley Michaela visits a coaching inn where multiple ghosts have been seen over the years, and an Essex cottage in which there have been reports of wall-scratching and bloodied floors. There is a tour of Berkeley Castle Gloucestershire, and the George and Pilgrim Hotel in Glastonbury. Strachan then heads to Shropshire where she visits the Feathers Hotel in Ludlow and Shrewsbury's Prince Rupert Hotel which is rumoured to be haunted by a maid and a coachman. In the last of the six films she visits the Ribble Valley and Preston and the Sun Inn in Chipping which is reputedly the most haunted pub in Lancashire and she takes a tour of Samlesbury Hall. All in colour, 138 minutes.

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91080 CARD GAMES: DVD and Book Set by Liam McCann

For young and old alike, the DVD features 12 of the most popular card games and explains the rules and principles following a game through from beginning to end. Discover or refresh your memory on how to play Beggar My Neighbour, My Ship Sails, Go Fish, Cheat, Old Maid, Black Maria, Rummy, Gin Rummy, 500 Rummy, Whist, Knock Out Whist and Nap. Diagrams in black, white and red.

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91971 NORTH OF ENGLAND BRITISH STEAM DVD directed by Jeremy English

It all began in the great iron and steel works and the coal mines that powered railway transport. Industrial steam keeps the original pioneering spirit alive, and we go to the Tanfield Railway where the world's oldest railway bridge still stands. In the magnificent North

Yorkshire Moors an historic line built by the great George Stephenson still carries millions of passengers every year, and we see locomotives working flat out up the fierce gradients. Lines of the LMS and LNER all have industrial roots, and we reflect upon how things have changed. Gleaming locos, 48 minute colour DVD.

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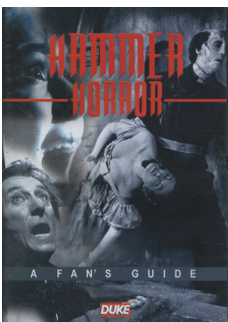


91848 LAST KING OF SCOTLAND / WALK THE LINE DVD

All on one disc, two terrific films which includes bonus material of deleted scenes and exclusive documentaries and an audio commentary. The Last King of Scotland stars Forest Whitaker as Ugandan dictator Idi Amin, his story seen through the eyes of Nicholas Garrigan (James McAvoy), a young Scotsman who becomes the volatile leader's

personal physician. The second film is Walk the Line featuring Joaquin Phoenix and Reese Witherspoon powerfully portraying Johnny Cash and the greatest love of his life, June Carter. The music alone is beautiful. 117 minutes and 130 minutes, one colour DVD.

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91983 HAMMER HORROR: A Fan's Guide DVD by Rorie Sherwood and Marcus Heam

Famous for its blood-curdling creations which brought Dracula, Frankenstein's Monster, Zombies and The Mummy to the silver screen, the Hammer production company was responsible for a massive variety of movies including One Million Years BC featuring

Raquel Welch in that iconic fur-lined bikini! This fascinating 51 minute film includes legendary directors, producers and writers Roy Ward Baker, Brian Clemens and Jimmy Sangster, key members of the Hammer story who reveal the truth behind the on-screen myth. Rare behind-the-scenes photos.

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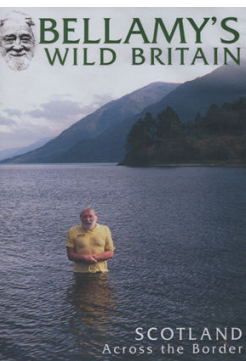


91988 ROYAL AIR FORCE STORY DVD

narrated by Robert Powell

The Royal Air Force has defended Britain's skies and those of her Allies since the early part of the 20th century, following the tradition of the Royal Flying Corps and the Royal Naval Air Service. This DVD combines rare and unseen footage with newly shot film and expert opinion. It includes the aerial battles of Spitfire and Hurricane against fearsome ME109s. Experience mass bomber raids over Germany and follow the RAF through more than 50 years of the jet age from the first Meteors to the low-level Tornado attacks of the Gulf War. Stunning footage in colour and black and white 125 minute DVD.

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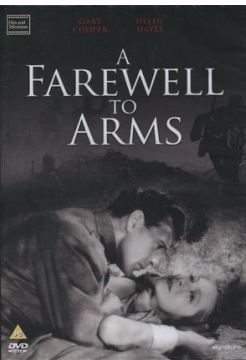
91976 SCOTLAND ACROSS THE BORDER: BELLAMY'S WILD BRITAIN DVD

by Brendan Quayle

Our irrepressibly enthusiastic narrator and naturalist David Bellamy explores from ground and air the natural environments of Britain's premier wilderness landscapes - the dramatic Highlands and Lowlands of Scotland. We enter a world of wild heather

and open water, high mountains, ancient settlements and deep forests with the odd bit of bog and marsh. Stories abound with adventurous spirits, King Arthur, Wallace and Montrose. 92 minute colour film.

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91979 FAREWELL TO ARMS DVD by Gary Cooper and Helen Hayes

The classic 1932 film adaptation of Ernest Hemingway's classic novel stars Gary Cooper and Helen Hayes who won two Oscars and were nominated for two more. It is a classic romantic drama directed by Frank Borzage. Frederick Henry (Cooper) is an American serving as

an ambulance driver in World War One. When his friend Captain Ronaldi (played by Adolphe Menjou) introduces him to the beautiful English nurse Catherine Barkley (Hayes), Frederick immediately falls for her. The pair share a brief idyllic interlude together, but the jealous Ronaldi does his best to come between them. Set in war-torn Italy. One hour 20 min original black and white film on DVD.

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91969 BRITISH STEAM IN THE 1950s AND 1960s DVD

by Green Umbrella Productions

The last two decades of steam locomotive operation on British Railways was the 1950s and the 1960s. Out of the cameras of keen amateur railway photographers came some fascinating cine film footage recording the end of an era.

This two hour long programme is aimed at covering some of the unique movies taken during this period. Part One features the steam workings at Clapham Junction, former GWR 'Kings' and 'Castles', the Great Central Line, Birmingham's two main line stations, Stanier Pacific on the Westcoast Main Line, BR 'Standards' plus many more. Part Two features former LNER passenger and freight trains, Wellingborough on the Midland Main Line, Bulleid Pacifics on the Southern region, 'Britannia's' at Liverpool Street Station, trains at Weedon plus many more. Archive footage.

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It is 1851. When Lily Bell is sold by her father to a 'Professor of Ghosts' to settle a bad debt, she dreams of finding fame on the London stage, but Erasmus Salt wants Lily not as an actress but as his very own ghost. Obsessed with perfection, Erasmus goes to extreme lengths to ensure his illusion is realistic. When Lily comes across her own obituary in the paper, and then her headstone in the cemetery, she realises that she is trapped, her own parents think she is dead, and that her fate is soon to become even darker. 362pp.

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93719 MASTERS OF ART PUZZLE BOOK by Tim Dedopulos

Published in association with The National Gallery, we explore the world's greatest artists in 100 visually stunning puzzles. We zoom in on focal points of famous paintings by Degas like Combing the Hair, match the missing grid, find the twins, work out which is a fake or fortune. Discover little known facts about masterpieces like Canaletto's Venice: The Grand Canal and the quality and level of light in Rembrandt's Self Portrait at the age of 34 and the graceful postures of the figures in Piero della Francesca's The Baptism of Christ and the glowing skin with pallor perfection and blushing pink at points of Velázquez's naked woman in The Toilet of Venus. There are quizzes by century, several versions of artworks, but are they by the same artist? Constable's The Hay Wain or Millet's The Church at Arbonne? Mythic, cryptic, obscure, with answers. 240 page large paperback, hundreds of colour illus.

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91003 COMPLETE DO-IT-YOURSELF edited by John McGowan

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92939 ATTACHE OR SAM SLICK IN ENGLAND by Thomas Chandler Haliburton

Phrases coined by Sam Slick from this novel include: 'He drank like a fish', 'The early bird gets the worm', 'It's raining cats and dogs', 'You can't get blood out of a stone', 'As quick as a wink', 'Six of one and half a dozen of the other'. Regarded by many as the equal of Charles Dickens, Thomas Chandler Haliburton's incisive social commentary is always expressed with sparkling wit. Sam is the Yankee observer sent as an attaché in an American diplomatic mission to the British Imperial Government. Haliburton uses his character to satirise the traditions and politics of Britain, from colonial policy to girls' boarding schools. 249 page paperback.

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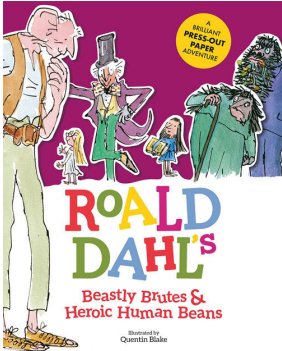
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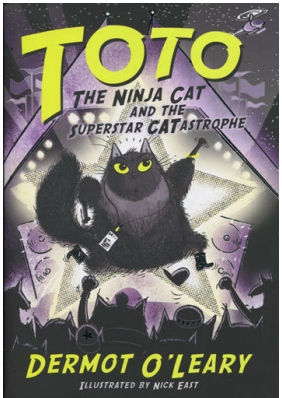
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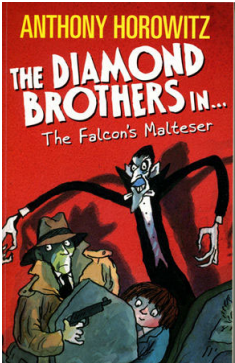
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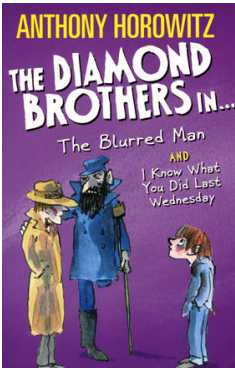
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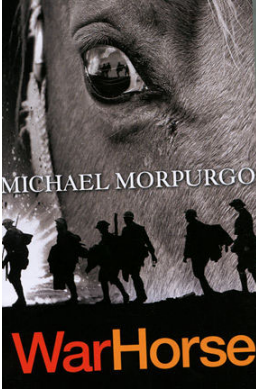


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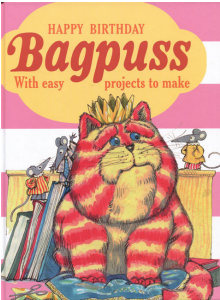
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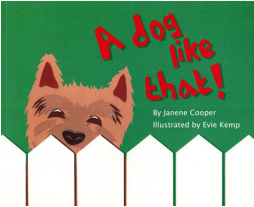


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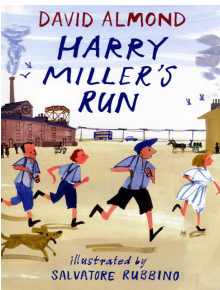
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