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The story of Mr. Whippy begins in 19th century Italy where Enrico Facchino and his wife, Angela Maria, made the decision to move from Sora outside Rome to Birmingham where they began selling ice cream traded from handcarts. It was Enrico's third son, Dominic Facchino, who became the driving force behind the launch of the Mr. Whippy brand and in 1958 decided to use the advertising agency Longleys & Hoffman to help create a professional and uniquely identifiable image. The book celebrates Mr. Whippy's success using advertising and promotional material from the 1960s and 1970s. Paperback, colour, 64pp. **£7.99 WAS £4.50 NOW £2.25**

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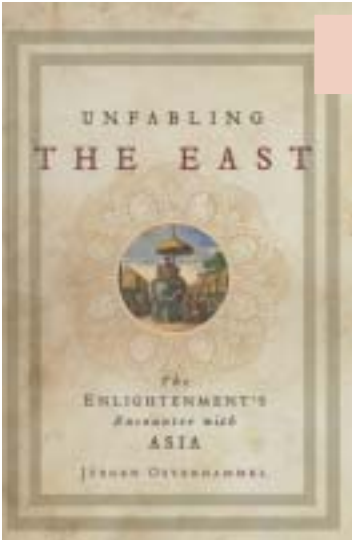


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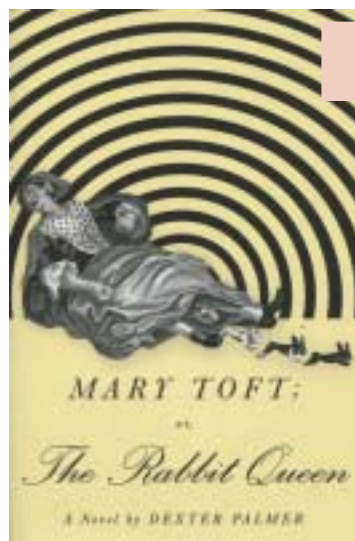
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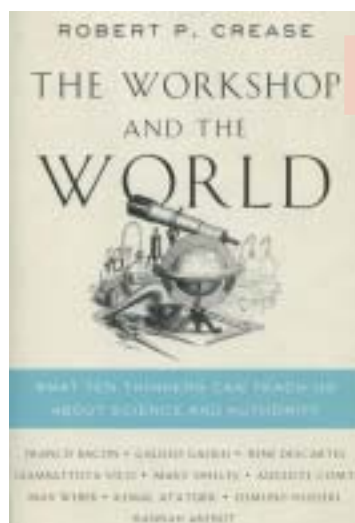
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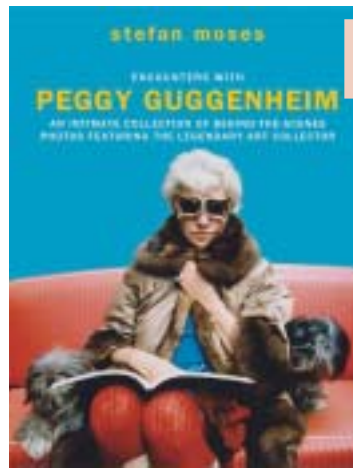
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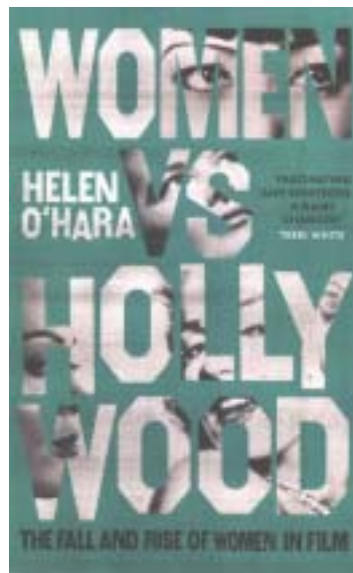
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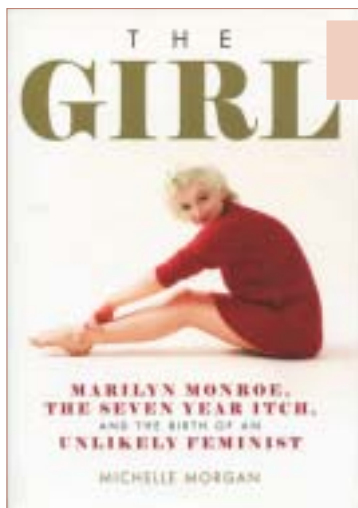
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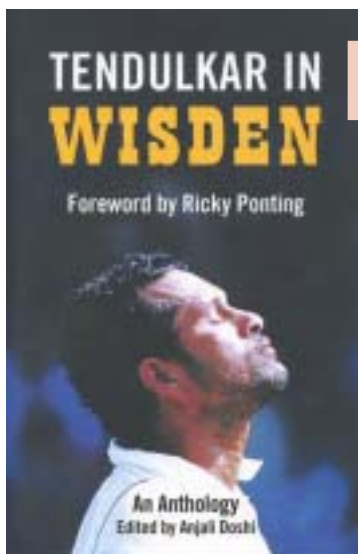
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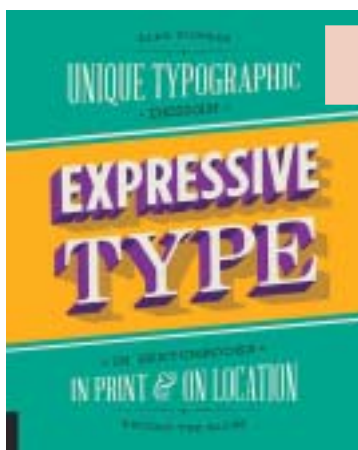
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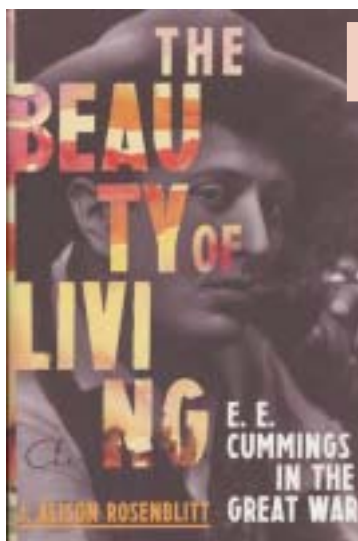
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