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The Binding Material

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The Embellishing

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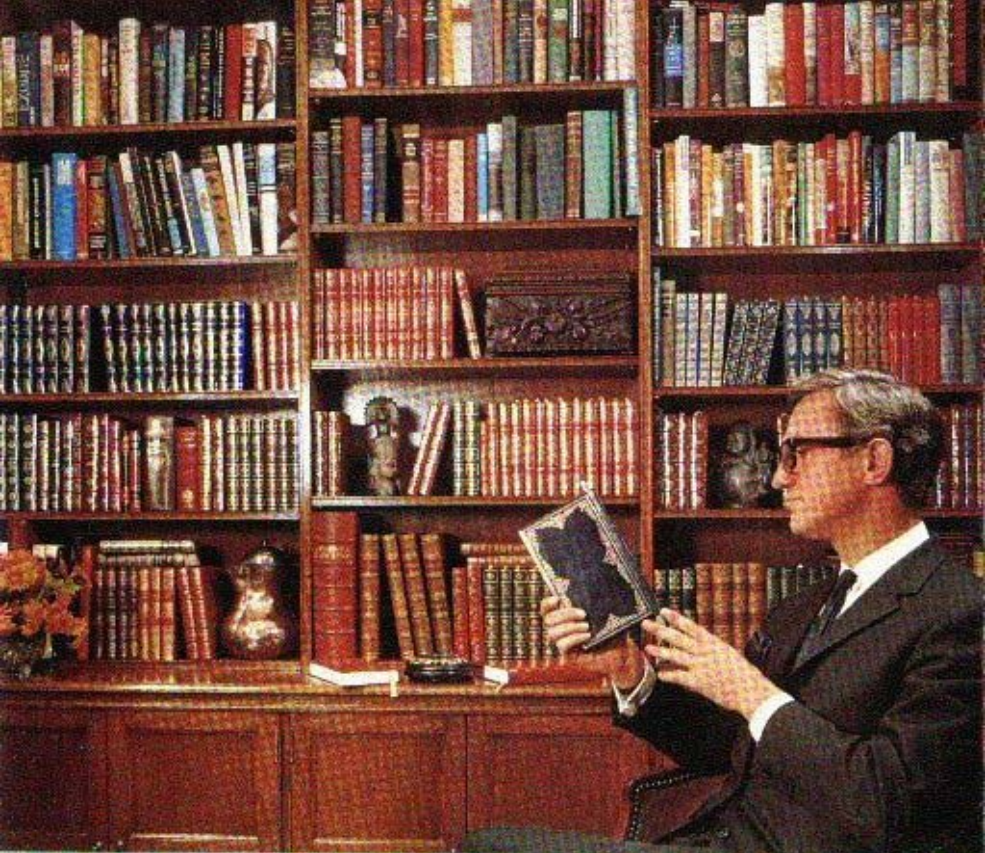
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No one would think of turning down pages of precious volumes like these to mark a place. Heron silken bookmarks are bound firmly into the spine.

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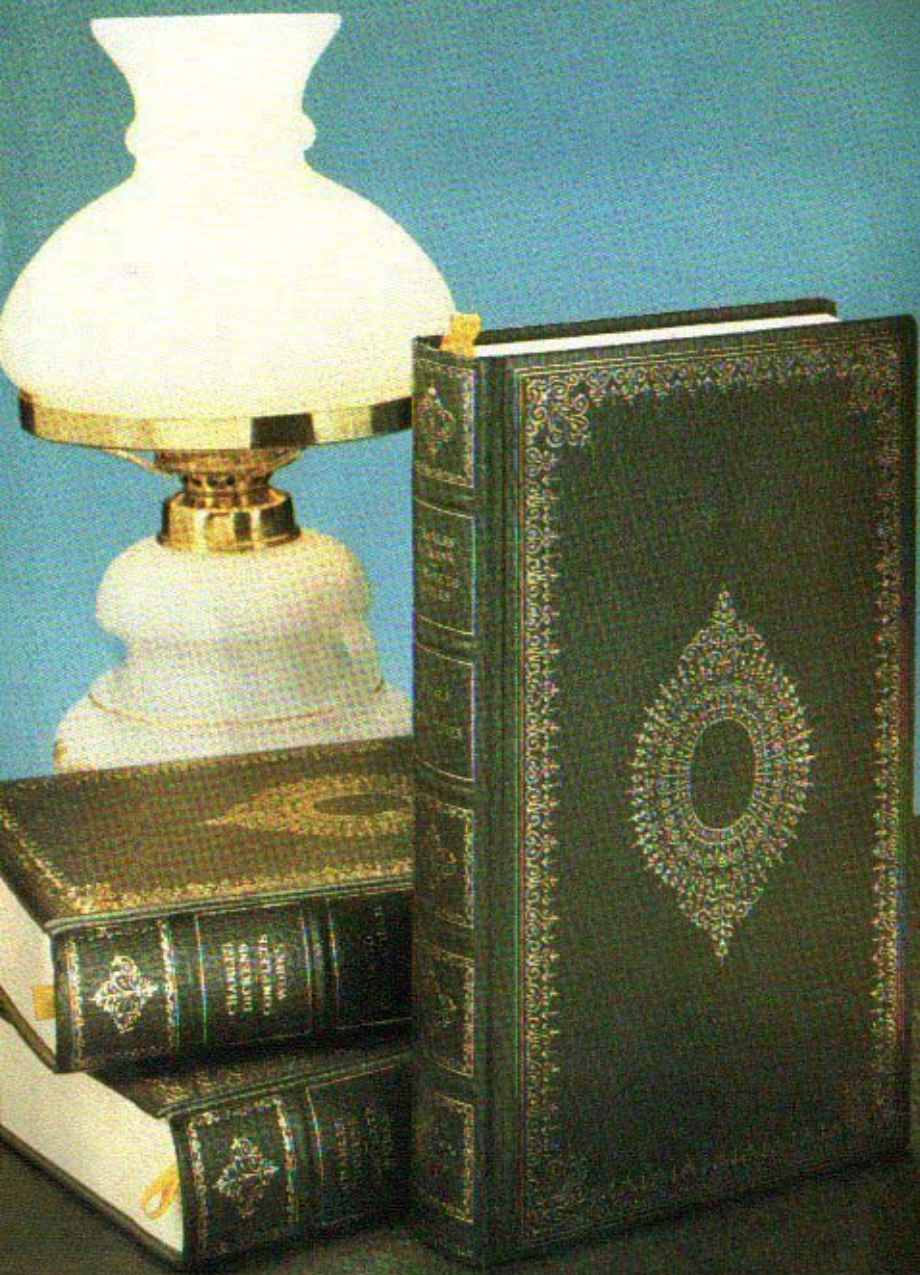
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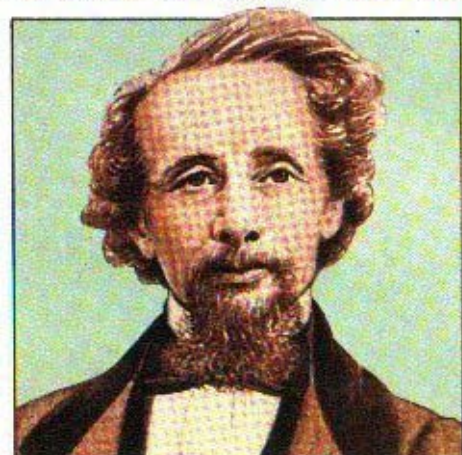


Why is it that Charles Dickens is not only our greatest but one of our most deeply loved novelists?

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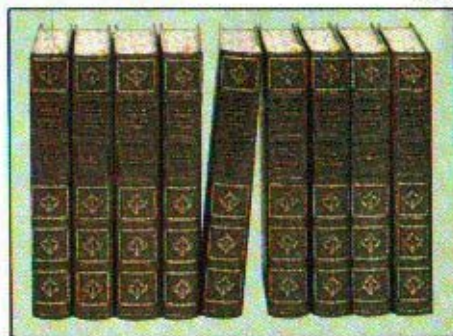
A Tale Of Two Cities FREE with *David Copperfield* Vol. 1 at the subscriber's price plus p&p.

OTHER TITLES

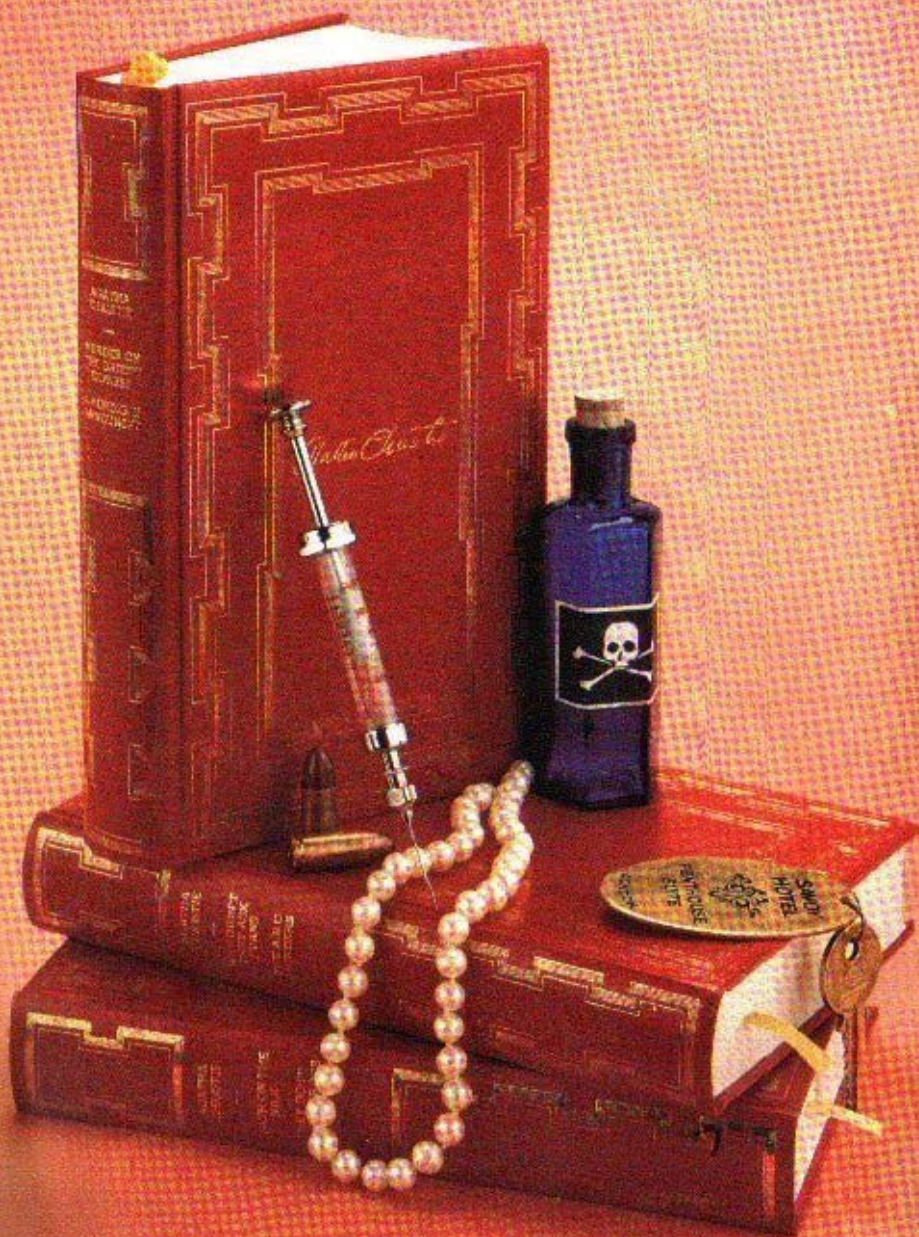
David Copperfield II
Pickwick Papers I
Pickwick Papers II
Old Curiosity Shop I
Old Curiosity Shop II
Master Humphrey's Clock
Christmas Stories I
Christmas Stories II
American Notes
Great Expectations
Nicholas Nickleby I
Nicholas Nickleby II
Bleak House I
Bleak House II
Dombey & Son I
Dombey & Son II
Sketches by Boz I
Sketches by Boz II
Martin Chuzzlewit I
Martin Chuzzlewit II

Oliver Twist
Our Mutual Friend I
Our Mutual Friend II
Little Dorrit I
Little Dorrit II
Christmas Books
The Uncommercial Traveller
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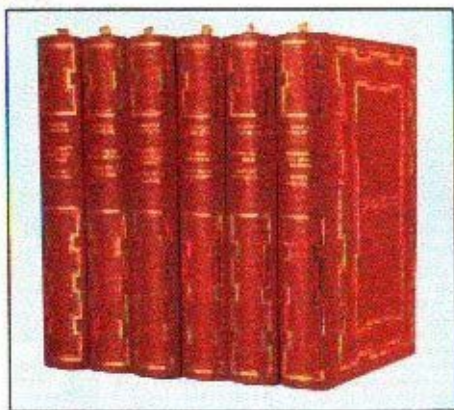
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The Sittaford Mystery/After The Funeral

One, Two, Buckle My Shoe/ Evil Under The Sun

The Secret Adversary/The Murder On The Links

Peril At End House/The Pale Horse

Appointment With Death/Murder Is Easy

Taken At The Flood/Hickory, Dickory, Dock

Mrs. McGinty's Dead/The Labours Of Hercules

The Moving Finger/The Body In The Library

The Mysterious Mr. Quin/Death Comes As The End

The Listerdale Mystery/The Clocks

By The Pricking Of My Thumbs/Parker Pyne Investigates

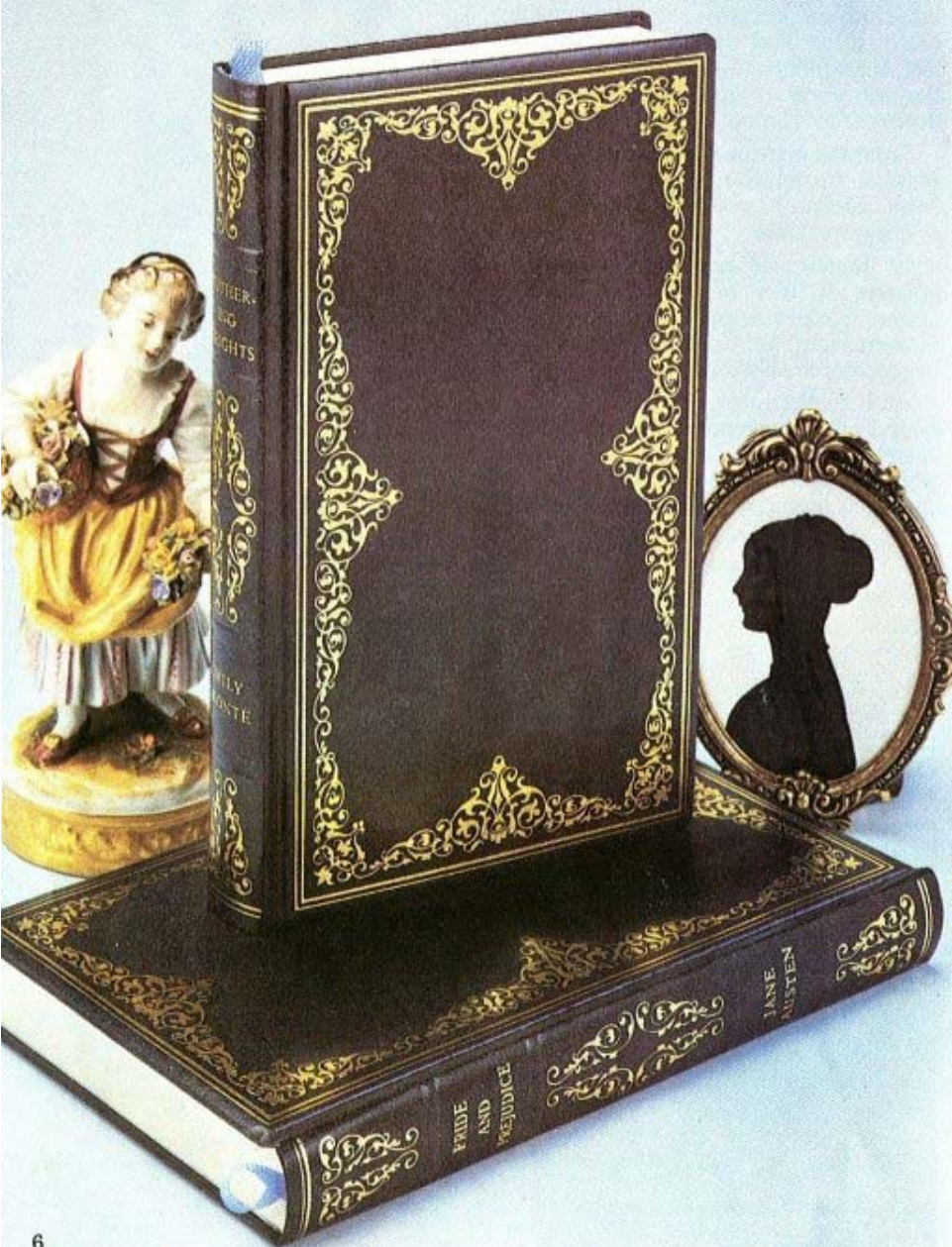
The Adventure Of The Christmas Pudding/The Hound Of Death

The Big Four/Murder In Mesopotamia

A Pocketful Of Rye/Thirteen For Luck

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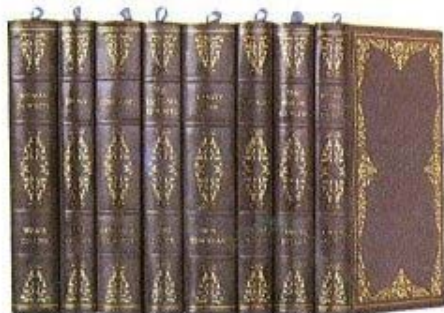
Great Expectations – Dickens
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The Vicar of Wakefield – Goldsmith
Oliver Twist – Dickens
The Mill On The Floss – Eliot
The Way Of All Flesh – Butler
Barchester Towers – Trollope
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Ivanhoe I – Scott
Ivanhoe II – Scott
Lavengro – Borrow
The Moonstone – Collins
Fanny Hill – Cleland
Sense & Sensibility – Austen

Erewhon – Butler
Adam Bede – Eliot
Pilgrim's Progress – Bunyan
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The History Of Henry Esmond – Thackeray
The Master Of Ballantrae – Stevenson
Robinson Crusoe – Defoe
Mansfield Park – Austen
Frankenstein – M. Shelley
The Last Chronicle Of Barset I – Trollope
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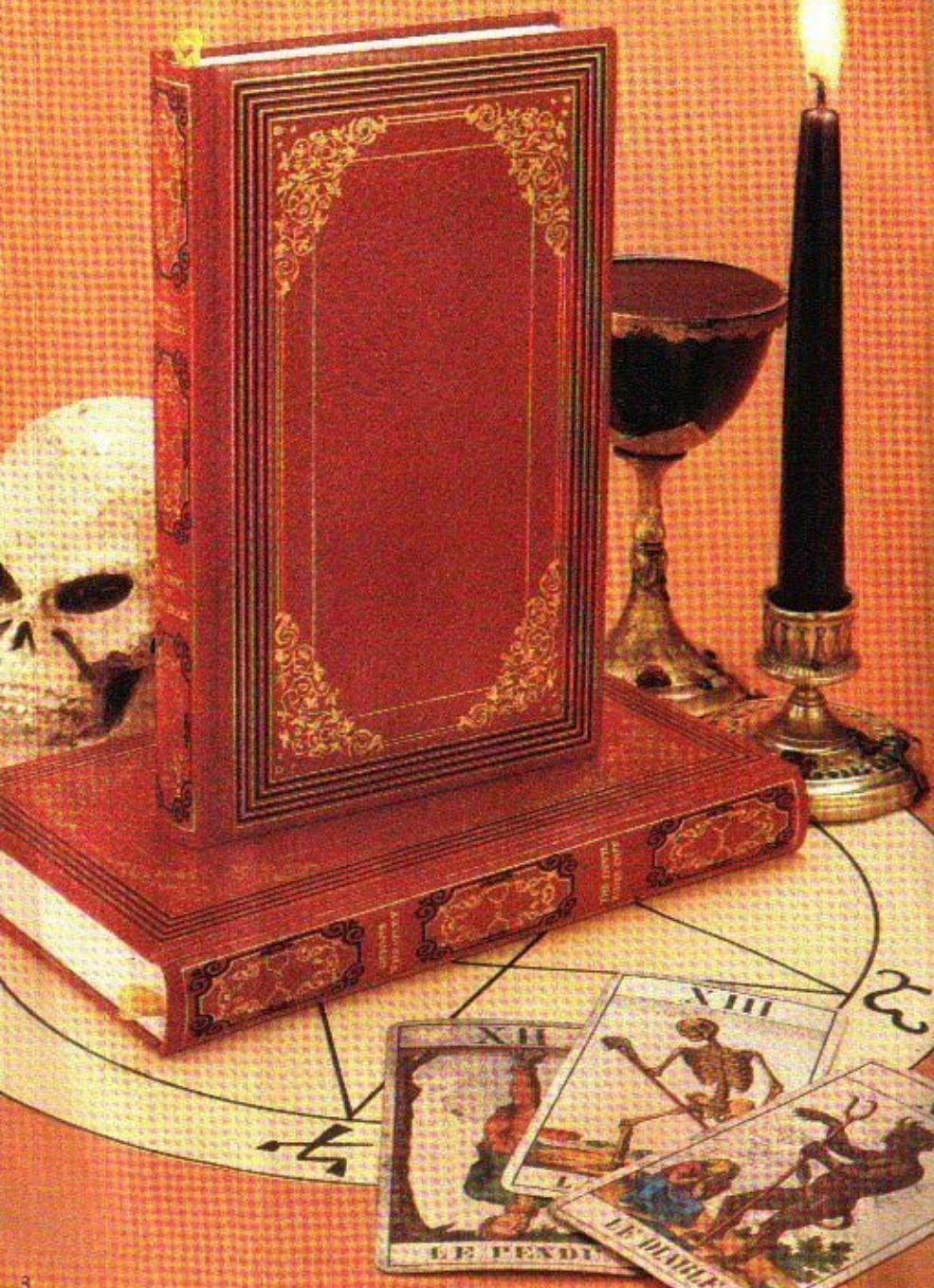
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The Collected Works of **DENNIS WHEATLEY**



A library of witchcraft and adventure

Dennis Wheatley, storyteller supreme, made a lifelong study of the occult. His meticulous research into the black arts reveals almost unbelievable sorcery. He warned, 'By participating in Satanic Rites, however sham, one can make oneself a focus for Evil.'

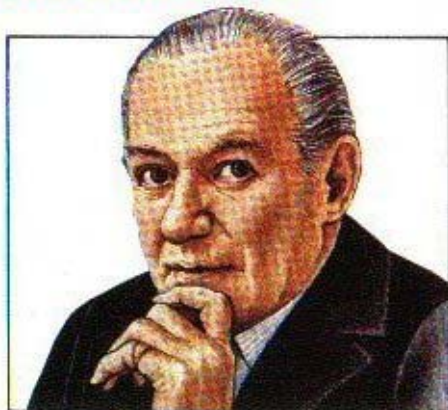
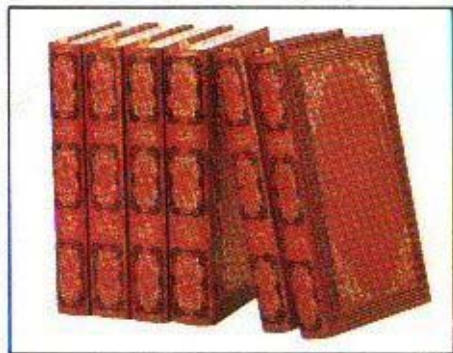
No writer cared more about authenticity. This is true not only of his Satanist books, but also of his many other novels. In his Duke de Richleau stories the historical detail is impeccable. And you can feel his authoritative grasp of the period in the undercover adventures of Roger Brook, Napoleon's super aide-de-camp.

He wrote with great intensity and created an amazing variety of characters and situations. The Heron Edition of Wheatley's novels, which includes his espionage and adventure stories, as well as the occult, is the ONLY finely-bound edition in the world.

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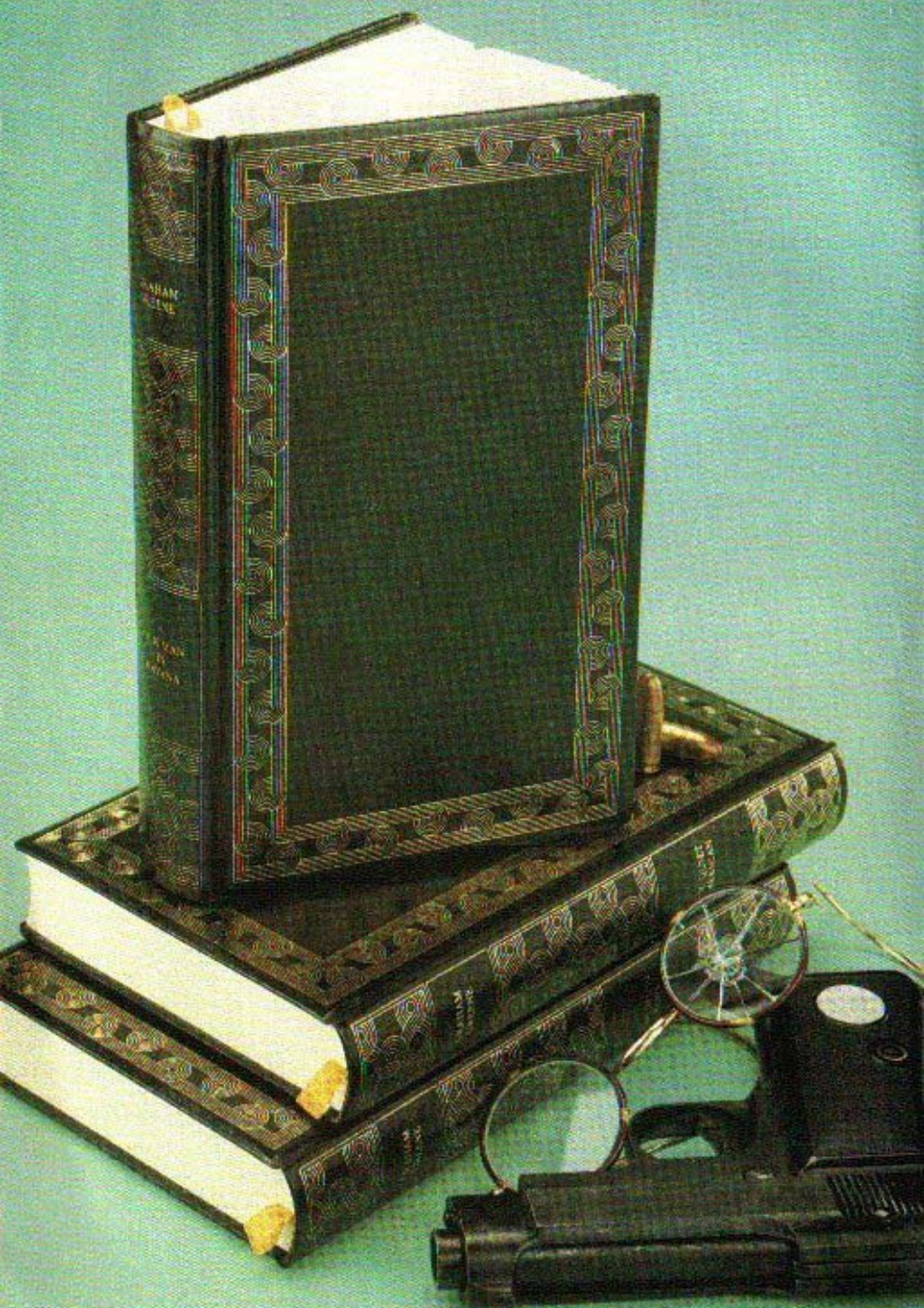


OTHER TITLES

The Satanist
They Found Atlantis
The Forbidden Territory
The Scarlet Impostor
To The Devil A Daughter
The Prisoner In The Mask
The Shadow Of Tyburn Tree
Faked Passports
The Ka Of Gifford Hillary
The Eunuch Of Stamboul
Come Into My Parlour
The Golden Spaniard
Unholy Crusade
The Dark Secret Of Josephine
The Sword Of Fate
Mayhem In Greece
Three Inquisitive People
Mediterranean Nights
They Used Dark Forces
The Rape Of Venice
Contraband
Vendetta In Spain
The Sultan's Daughter
Codeword - Golden Fleece
The Wanton Princess
Strange Conflict
The Quest Of Julian Day

The Black Baroness
Uncharted Seas
The Rising Storm
The Man Who Killed The King
V for Vengeance
The Haunting Of Toby Jugg
The Fabulous Valley
The Second Seal
The Island Where Time Stands Still
Gateway To Hell
Curtain Of Fear
The Ravishing Of Lady Mary Ware
Black August
Dangerous Inheritance
The Irish Witch
Desperate Measures
The Secret War
Such Power Is Dangerous
The Strange Story Of Linda Lee
Traitor's Gate
The White Witch Of The South Seas
Bill For The Use Of A Body
Evil In A Mask

The Best-Sellers of Graham Greene

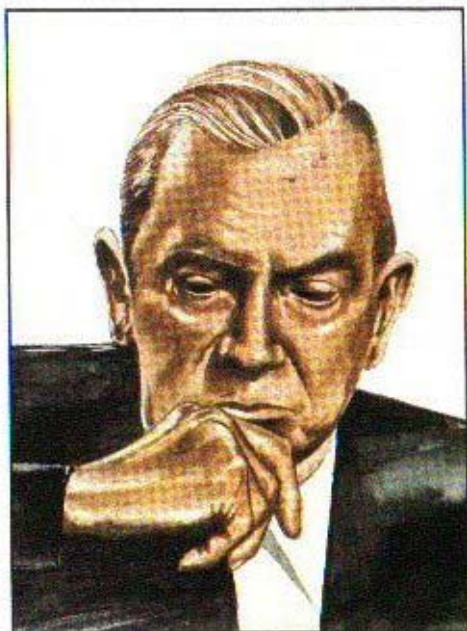


Always at the very edge of danger

Graham Greene is a giant among 20th century authors. A best-seller who also receives critical acclaim.

The man, Graham Greene, is almost as enigmatic as his stories. He once said, 'I am on the side of the victims'. His is a restless spirit which has taken him and his readers to West Africa, Cuba, Mexico and Vietnam. Underlying all his famous novels is a compassionate concern for men and women. His doomed heroes, trying to escape from themselves, are drawn unwillingly into loyalties they do not feel. The whisky priest in *The Power And The Glory*, Pinkie, the teenage gangster in *Brighton Rock*, Scobie, whose love for two women leads him to disaster in *The Heart Of The Matter*, the youthful Pyle who blunders into bloodshed as *The Quiet American*.

Self-betrayal, pursuit and violence are always close at hand, so too is Greene's dark humour. In *Our Man In Havana*, Wormold, a vacuum cleaner salesman short of money, agrees to become the British Secret Service's agent in Havana. To ensure his monthly cheque, Wormold invents information which, unbeknown to him, is very close to the truth. The satire bites like a surgeon's knife. Every volume in this Collection is sumptuously bound in rich Kidron, with the looks and feel of fine leathers.

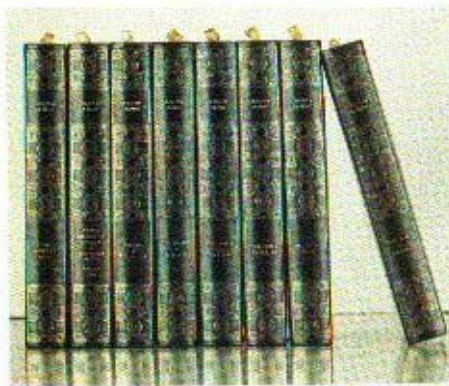


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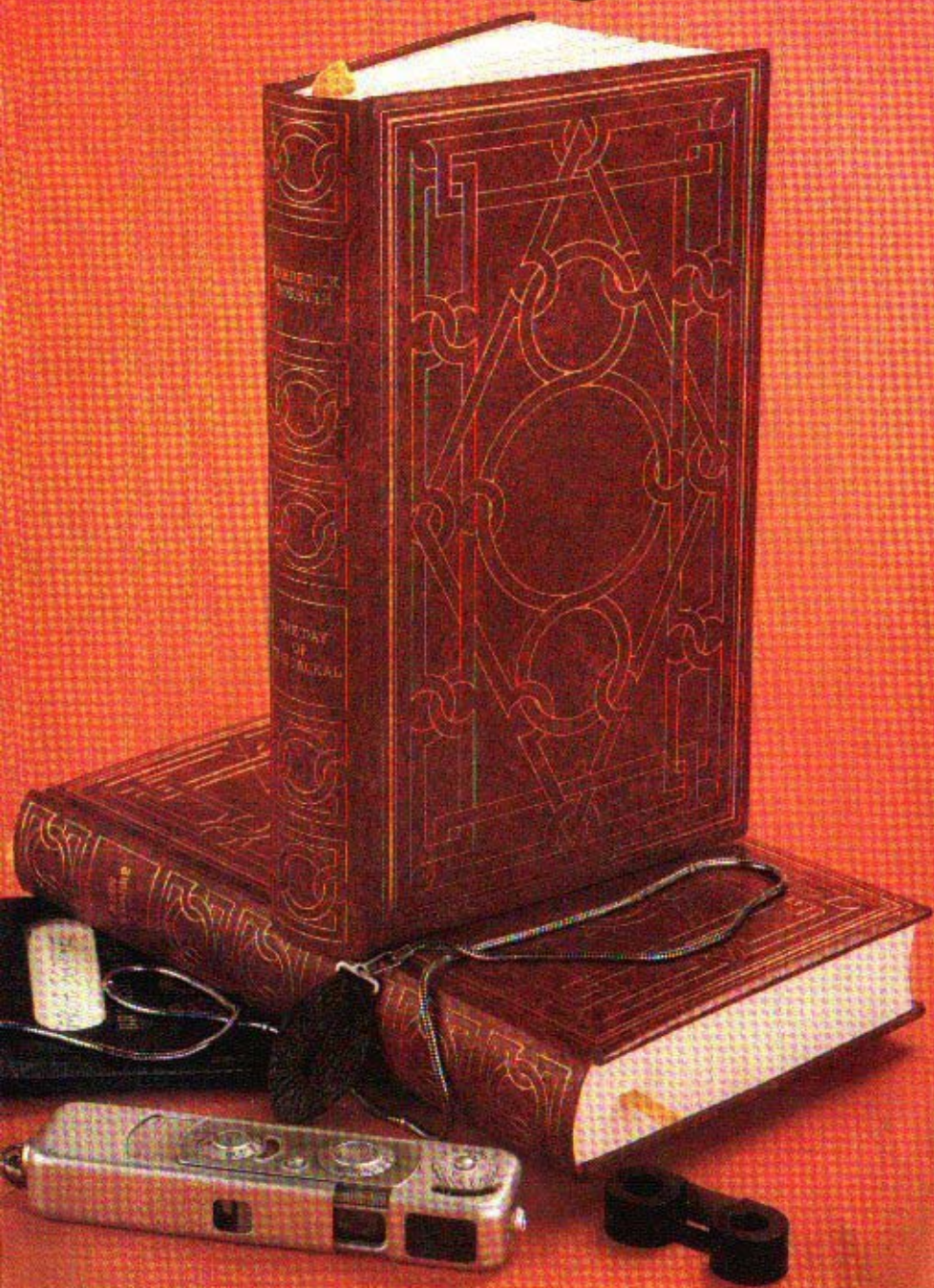
Our Man In Havana FREE with *Brighton Rock* at the subscriber's price plus p&p.

OTHER TITLES

The Heart Of The Matter
The Comedians
Travels With My Aunt
The Honorary Consul
Stamboul Train
England Made Me
A Gun For Sale
The Man Within
It's A Battlefield
A Burnt-out Case
The End Of The Affair
The Quiet American
The Third Man/
Loser Takes All
The Power And The Glory
The Ministry Of Fear
The Confidential Agent
The Human Factor
Doctor Fisher Of Geneva or *The Bomb Party/ The Fallen Idol*



Masterpieces of Espionage



Intrigue, betrayal and sudden death

The name of the deadly game is survival. Lonely men and women, trusting no-one, even questioning their own loyalties, practise their sordid craft in the name of some political cause they only dimly understand. Get in, do the job, then get out as best you can.

Words such as 'safehouse', 'moles' and 'spooks' are understood by most of us these days. Which says much for the popularity of the modern espionage thriller. And what gripping stuff it all is. Intricate plots, sweating fear, tension upon tension, deceit, and quiet, mild mannered killers, who may or may not be on your side. You're never sure – and then it may be too late.

There cannot be a more believable, more committed spy than Leamas, who endures discredit, humiliation and intense peril in *The Spy Who Came In From The Cold*. Nor can there be a more devious spy-master than Smiley. Can you imagine a more cold-blooded killer than the anonymous Englishman stalking the President of a mighty nation in *The Day Of The Jackal*?

Now all your favourite Masterpieces of Espionage have been given a brilliant new 'cover' – magnificent golden embellished editions you will treasure

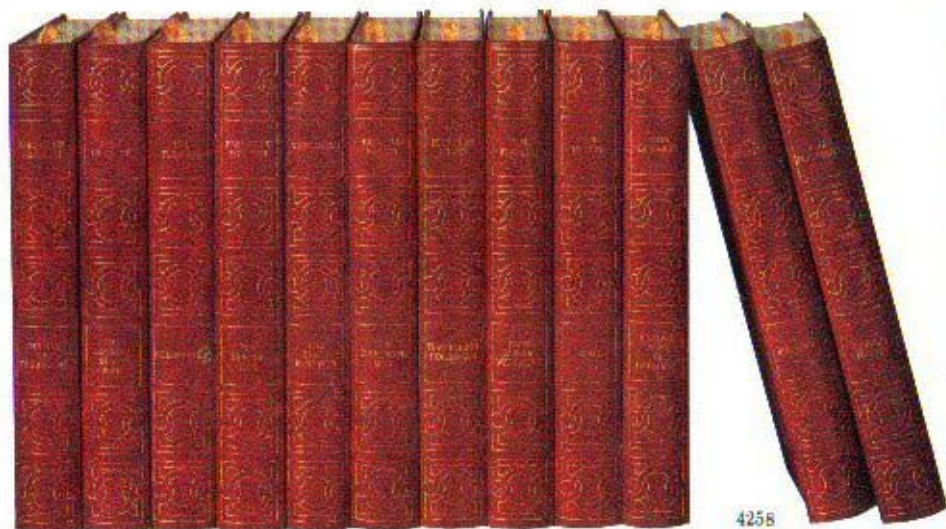
for years to come. *The Quiller Memorandum*, *Shall We Tell The President?* *The Odessa File*, *A Small Town In Germany*, *Goldfinger*, *The Eiger Sanction* – all now in luxurious Kidron. Truly an Heirloom Binding as exciting as the best sellers it graces.

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Goldfinger – Fleming
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Shall We Tell The President – Archer
A Small Town In Germany – Le Carré
The Robespierre Serial – Luard
The Tightrope Men – Bagley
Snowball – Allbeury
The Salamander – West
From Russia With Love – Fleming
The Quiller Memorandum – Hall
Charlie Muffin – Freemantle
The Odessa File – Forsyth
The Eiger Sanction – "Trevarian"
Travelling Horseman – Luard
I, Said The Spy – Lambert
The Looking Glass War – Le Carré
The Scarlatti Inheritance – Ludlum
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The Smash-hits of Alistair MacLean



Fast and furious action at its most exciting

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Many of MacLean's novels have been made into smash-hit movies, notably, *Where Eagles Dare*, *The Guns Of Navarone* and *Ice Station Zebra*. Most of his adventures have sold over a million copies each! But none have been so magnificently bound as the volumes in this Heron connoisseur's collection.

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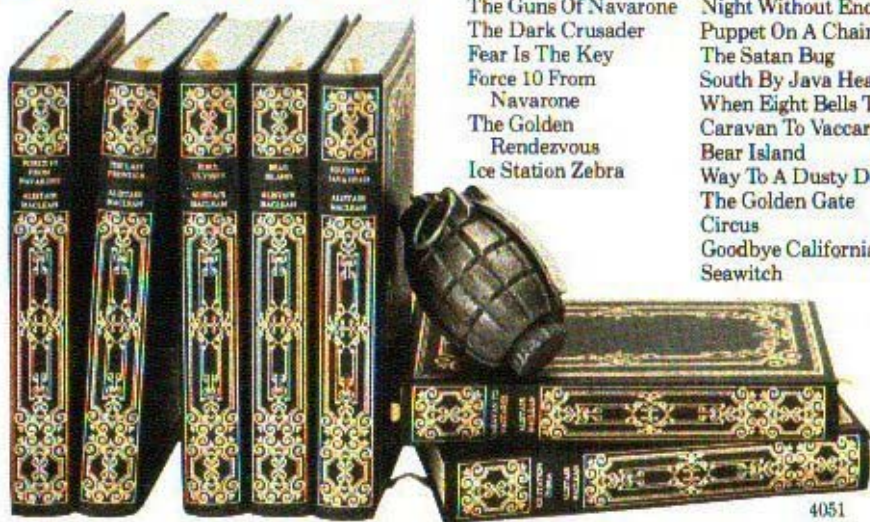


H.M.S. Ulysses FREE with *Breakheart Pass* at the subscriber's price plus p&p.

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Where Eagles Dare
The Guns Of Navarone
The Dark Crusader
Fear Is The Key
Force 10 From Navarone
The Golden Rendezvous
Ice Station Zebra

The Last Frontier
Night Without End
Puppet On A Chain
The Satan Bug
South By Java Head
When Eight Bells Toll
Caravan To Vaccares
Bear Island
Way To A Dusty Death
The Golden Gate
Circus
Goodbye California
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The Best-Sellers of Catherine Cookson



No other writer of our time quite fires the imagination like Catherine Cookson



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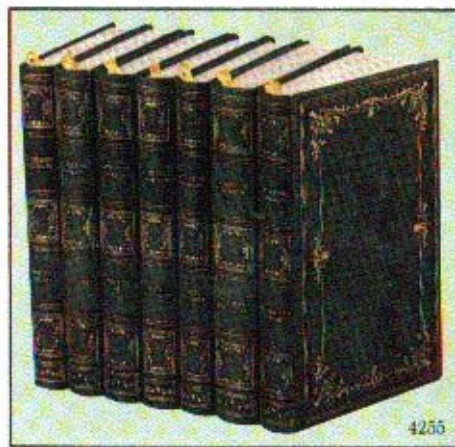
To celebrate the creation of this outstanding Edition our Swiss Craftsmen have produced a sumptuous, golden embellished binding in dark green Kidron.

Truly a Collection to cherish, read and re-read for many years to come.

The Mallen Streak FREE with *The Man Who Cried* at the subscriber's price plus p&p.

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The Nice Bloke
The Mallen Litter
The Dwelling Place
The Gambling Man
The Girl
The Mallen Girl
The Invitation
Feathers In The Fire
Pure As The Lily
Miss Martha Mary Crawford
The Slow Awakening
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Kate Hannigan
The Tide Of Life
The Glass Virgin
Katie Mulholland



The P. G. Wodehouse Collection



For sheer comedy invention— totally without equal

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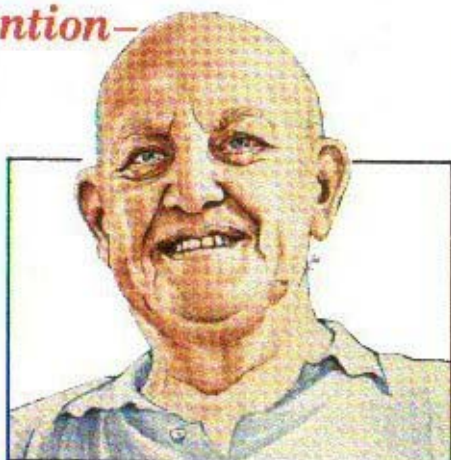
Above all, you'll be astounded, amazed and left helpless with laughter at the loony antics of Bertie Wooster and his suave, know-all butler Jeeves—so beautifully portrayed on TV by Ian Carmichael and Dennis Price.

To honour the Centenary of Wodehouse, our craftsmen specially created a magnificent Heirloom Binding in rich burgundy Kidron, reminiscent of fine leathers, with elegant golden embellishments on spines and covers.

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The Code Of The Woosters/Stiff Upper Lip, Jeeves
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Laughing Gas/Hot Water
Ukridge/Nothing Serious
Heavy Weather/Service With A Smile
Meet Mr. Mulliner/Mr. Mulliner Speaking
The Inimitable Jeeves/Ring For Jeeves
The Luck Of The Bodkins/Big Money
Uncle Dynamite/Cocktail Time
Leave It To Psmith/Summer Moonshine
The Mating Season/Jeeves In The Offing
Pelican At Blandings/Full Moon
Psmith In The City/Psmith Journalist
Pigs Have Wings/Spring Fever
Uneasy Money/Aunts Aren't Gentlemen
The Heart Of A Goof/Indiscretions Of Archie

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The Best-Sellers of Wilbur Smith

The world's greatest adventure writer. For sheer power, pace and excitement.

As a spinner of red-blooded adventure stories Wilbur Smith is bigger, tougher, wilder than any other novelist around today!

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A Sparrow Falls •
The Sound Of Thunder •
The Diamond Hunters •
Wild Justice •

Eagle In The Sky •
The Sunbird •
The Dark Of The Sun •
Hungry As The Sea •
A Falcon Flies •
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The Selected Works of Daphne du Maurier

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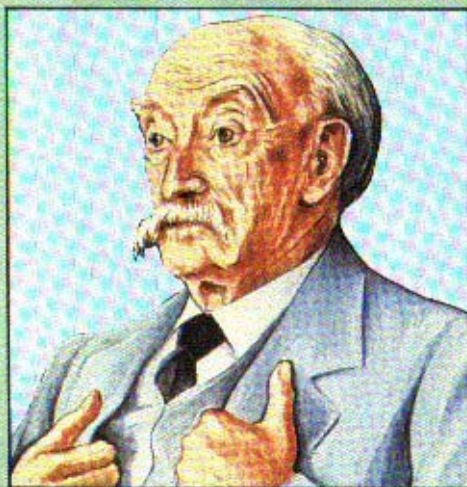
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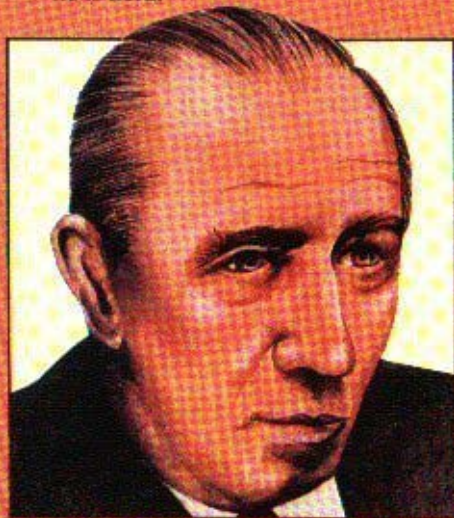
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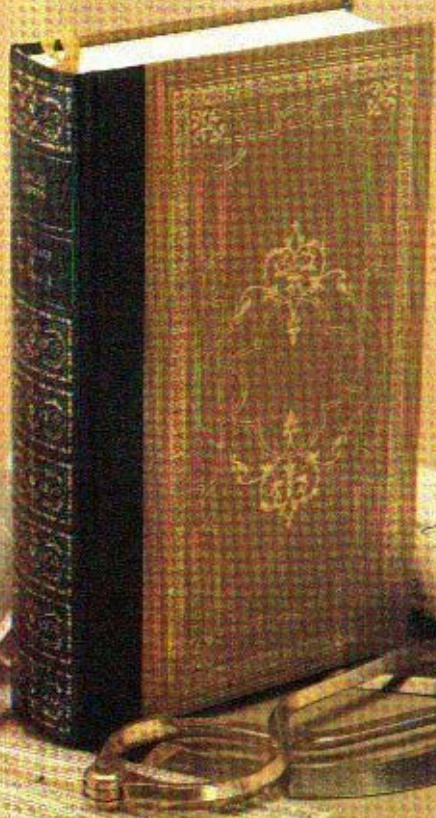
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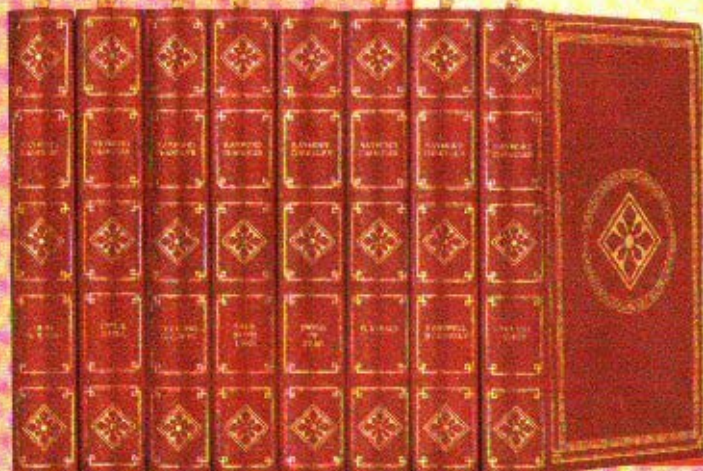
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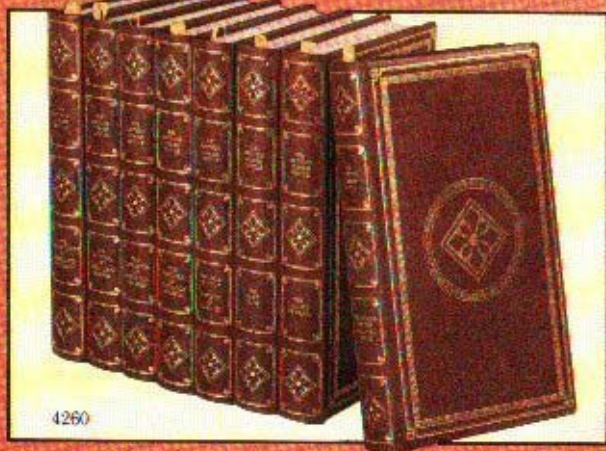
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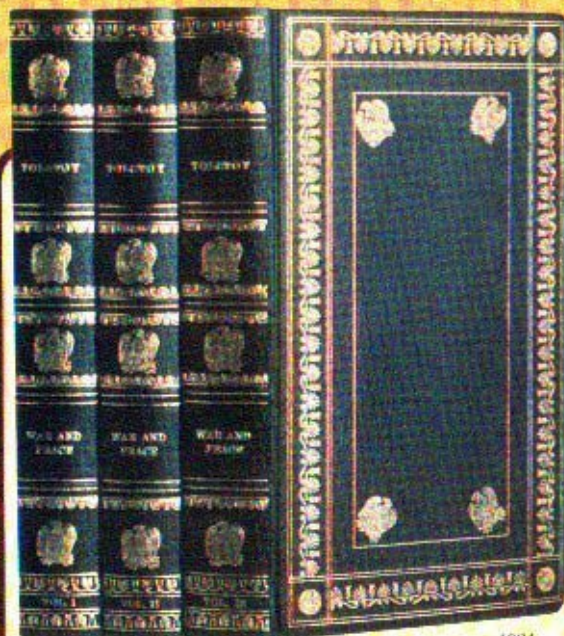
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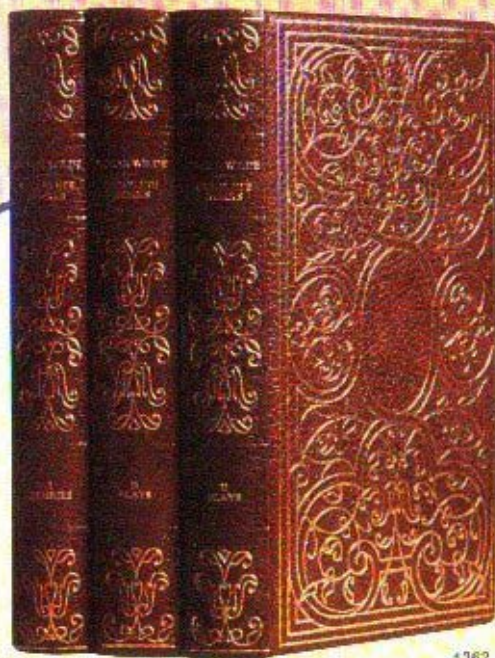
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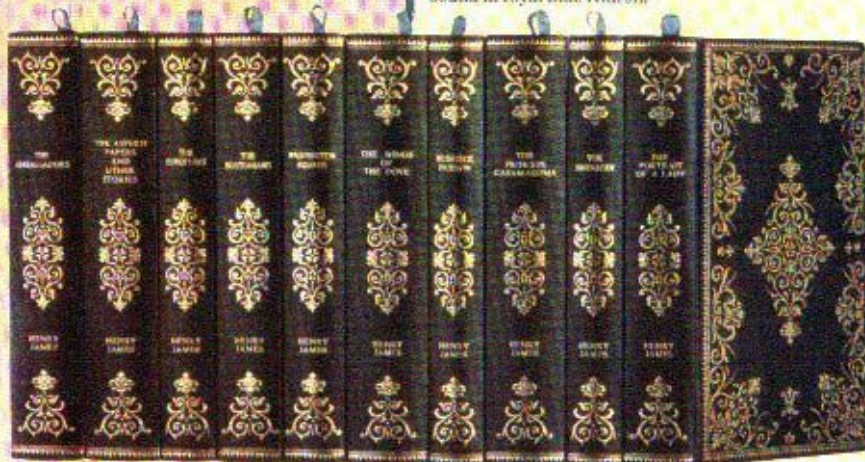
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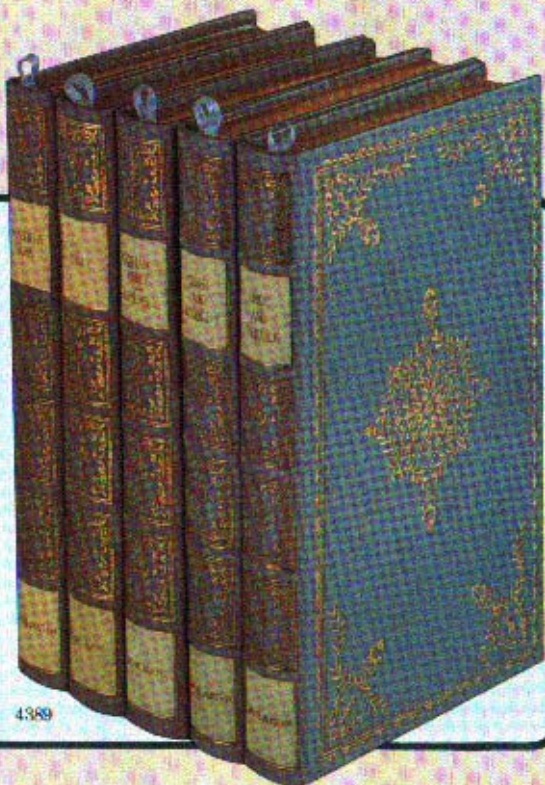
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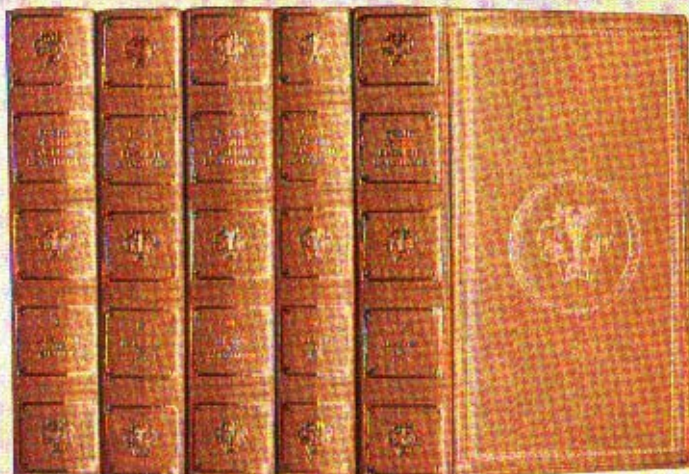
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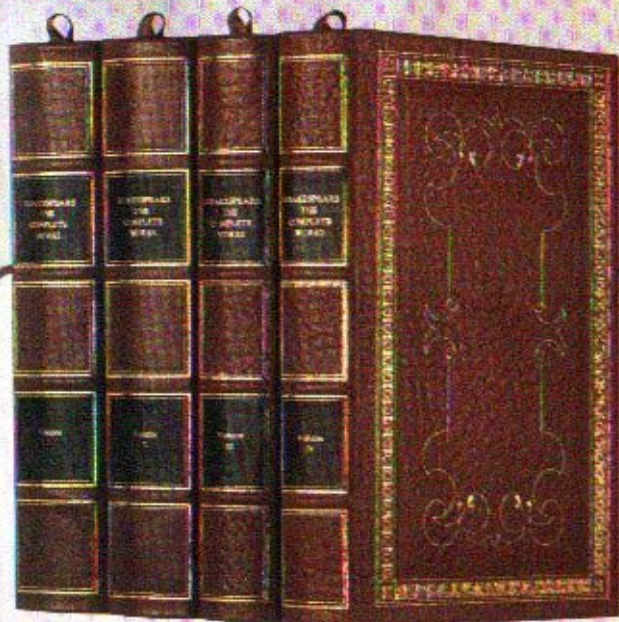
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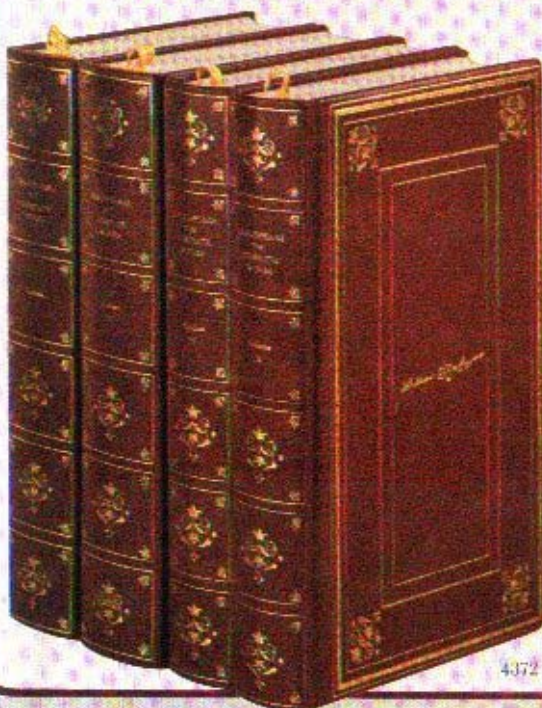


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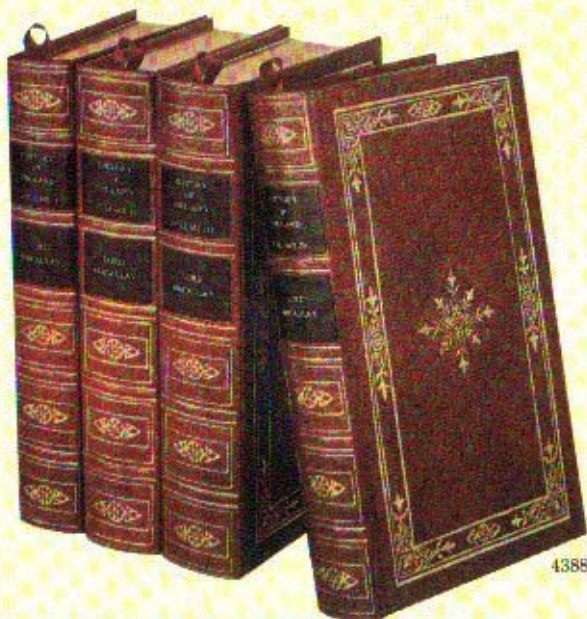
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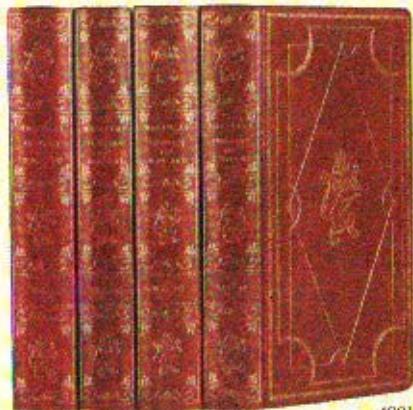
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