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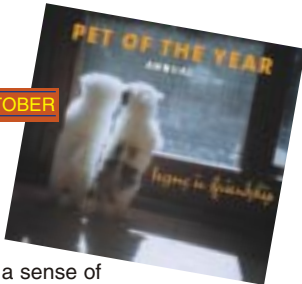
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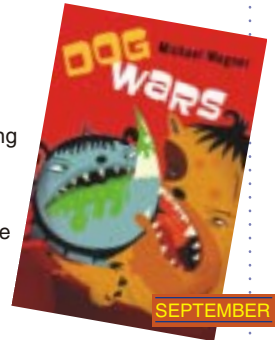
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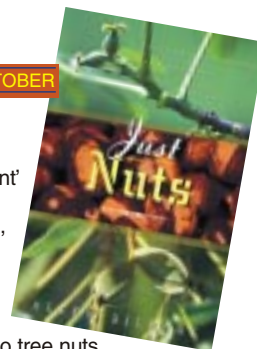
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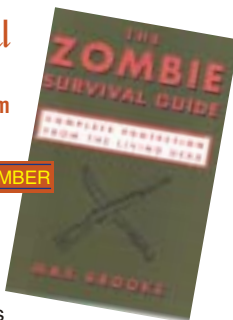
encountered. Granted, you probably already

know that skills such as wilderness survival,

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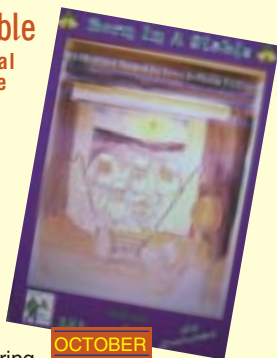
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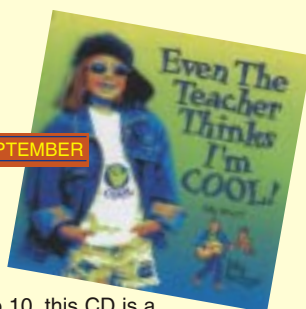
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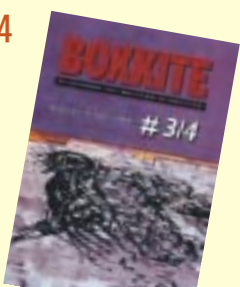
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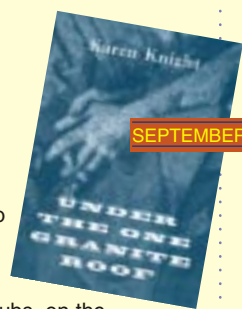
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Karen Knight

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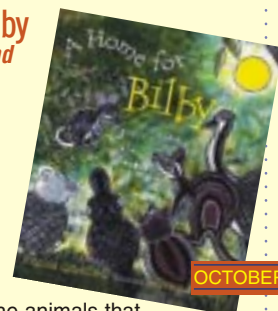
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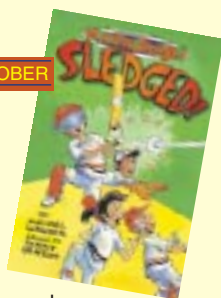
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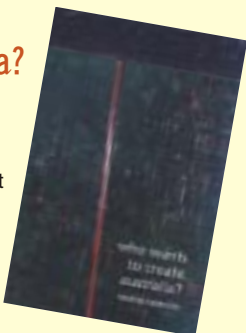
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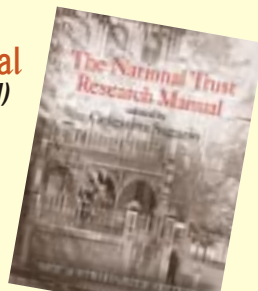


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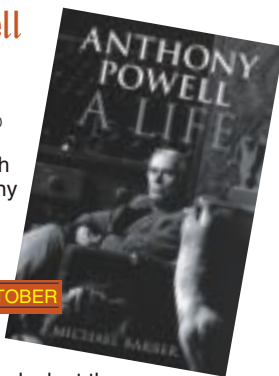
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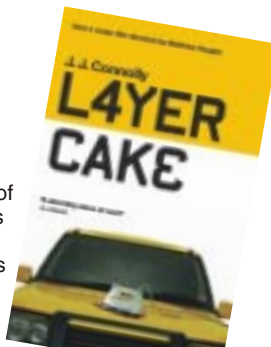
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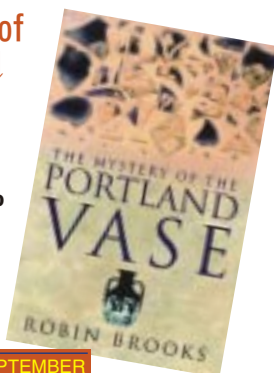
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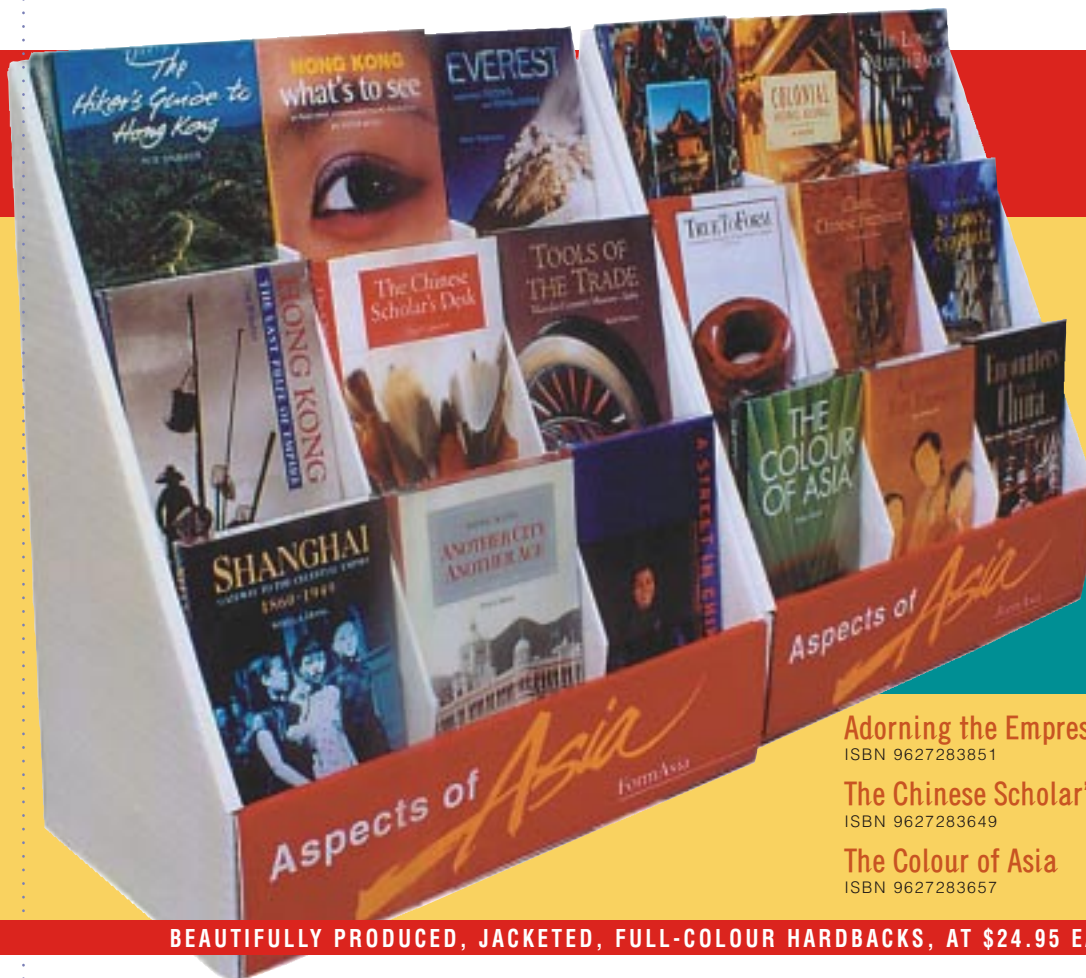
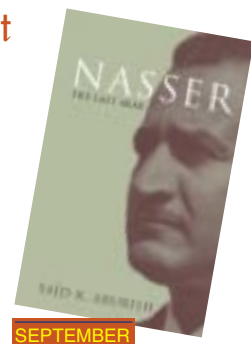
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Said Aburish

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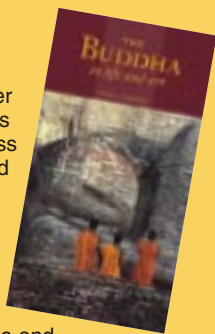
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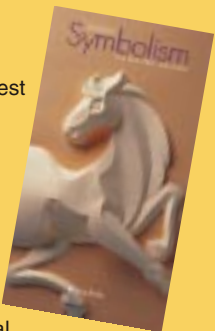


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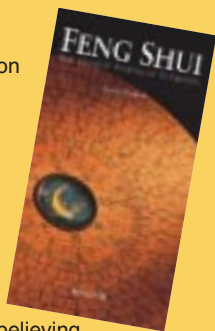
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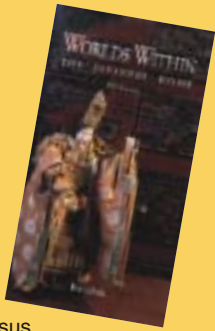


Worlds Within

The Japanese Home

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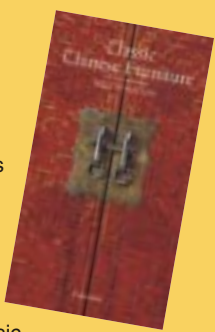
As their cities grew, the ever inward-looking Japanese retreated to worlds within worlds, transforming their homes into sanctuaries. Centuries of earthquake, typhoon and fire obliged them to live lightly but exquisitely, with few – but superbly crafted – tansu (furnishings), often serving secondary functions. Folding screens and sliding rice-paper doors enclosed jewelled temples of the inner self.



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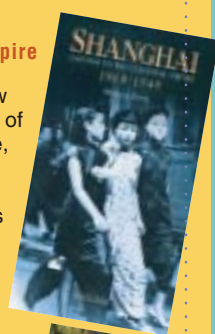
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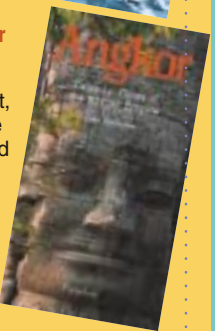


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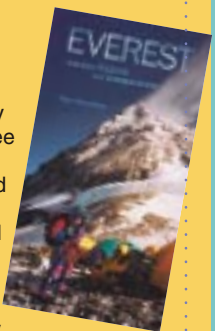


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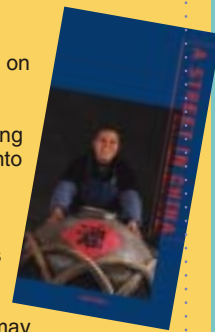
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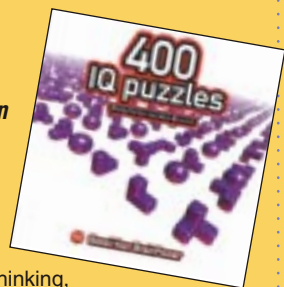
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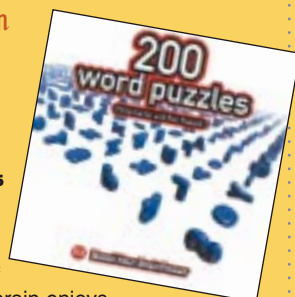
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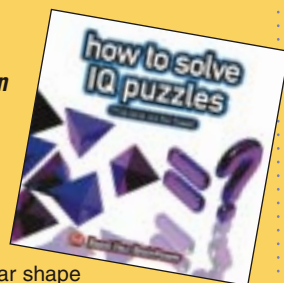


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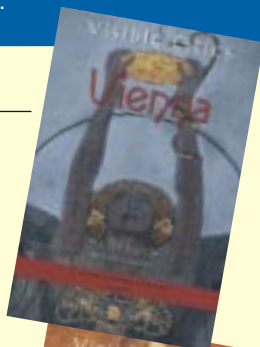
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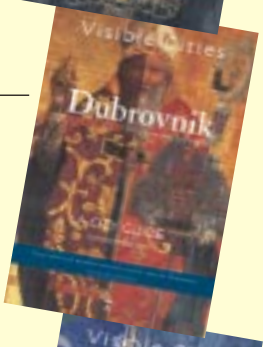
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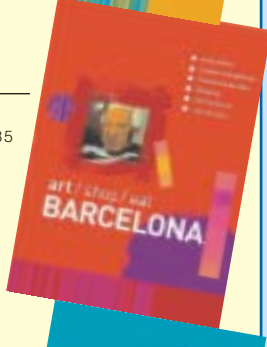
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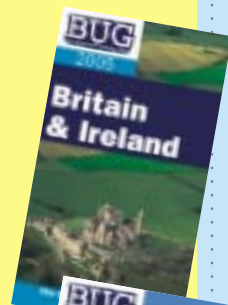
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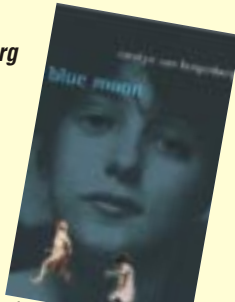
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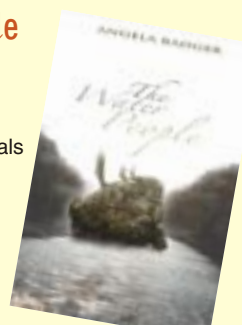
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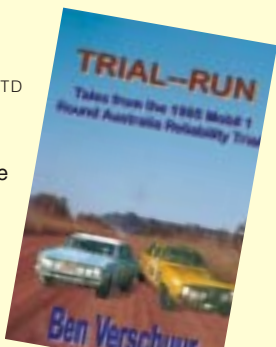
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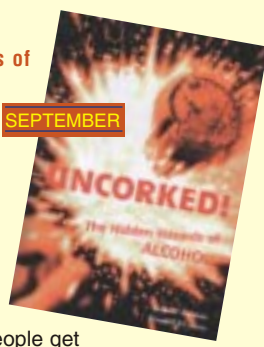
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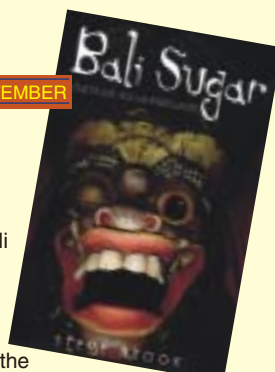
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