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Jingle, the Christmas Clown

Joachim discovers a magic Advent calendar which contains the story of a little girl who traveled through time to be present at the birth of Jesus.

Sophie's World

Maurice Sendak's Christmas Mystery comes in an

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elegant gift box, festively decorated with Sendak art. Inside, you will find a charming little picture book, chockablock with visual clues to help you solve the mystery. You'll also find a jigsaw puzzle with 50 jumbo pieces. Put the puzzle together and the surprise solution to Sendak's merry Christmas mystery will be revealed in all its glory.

Hello? Is Anybody There?

From the author of SOPHIE'S WORLD, a modern fairy tale with a philosophical twist. 'My father died eleven years ago. I was only four then. I never thought I'd hear from him again, but now we're writing a book together' To Georg Røed, his father is no more than a shadow, a distant memory. But then one day his grandmother discovers some pages stuffed into the lining of an old red pushchair. The pages are a letter to Georg, written just before his father died, and a story, 'The Orange Girl'. But 'The Orange Girl' is no ordinary story - it is a riddle from the past and centres around an incident in his father's youth. One day he boarded a tram and was captivated by a beautiful girl standing in the aisle, clutching a huge paper bag of luscious-looking oranges. Suddenly the tram gave a jolt and he stumbled forward, sending the oranges flying in all directions. The girl simply hopped off the tram leaving Georg's father with arms full of oranges. Now, from beyond the grave, he is asking his son to help him finally solve the puzzle of her identity.

Maya

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A startlingly original presentation of the Nativity story, woven into an enthralling and mysterious novel. Fifty years ago a girl disappeared from her home in Norway. She ran after a lamb and found herself travelling right across Europe to Palestine, and back through 2000 years to meet the Holy Family in Bethlehem. There she met angels, shepherds, wise men and other biblical characters who joined her on her pilgrimage; and she heard of many of the things that happened in the world in the last 2000 years. In present-day Norway, a boy acquires a strange old Advent calendar. Hidden in each of the windows is a tiny piece of paper. Little by little these pieces unfold the girl's story and as we learn what happened to her, another story is revealed - that of the strange old man who made the calendar.

Those Who Are Loved

A story that re-tells the birth of Christ.

Song of the Stars

A new face in the royal palace.

Sophie's World

In dark, wintry Lochdubh, Christmas Cheer is about as welcome as a flat tyre on a deserted road. The Calvinist element in town has always resisted what they view as secular frivolity, so for most of the townsfolk there'll be no carols, feasting, gifts - or even whisky on Christmas Day! And for PC Hamish Macbeth

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there's no holiday from crime - he finds himself hunting for a missing cat belonging to a lonely spinster. Curt and unfriendly, the woman is convinced her pet has been stolen but once behind her heavily-bolted door, Hamish can spot her true problem - she lives in fear, though of who or what he cannot guess. Then someone steals a Christmas tree and lights from the nearby village of Cnothan. So it is up to Hamish to sort all these problems out - and he had better do it quickly, for the church bells will soon peal on the eve of Christmas. This one-off standalone story is a special Christmas treat for all fans of Hamish Macbeth and can be read at any point in the ongoing series. Praise for the Hamish Macbeth series: 'First rate deft social comedy and wonderfully realized atmosphere.' Booklist 'It's always a treat to return to Lochdubh.' New York Times 'Readers will enjoy the quirks and unique qualities of the cast Beaton catches the beauty of the area's natural geography and succinctly describes its distinct flavour.' Library Journal 'Befuddled, earnest and utterly endearing, Hamish makes his triumphs sweetly satisfying.' Publishers Weekly

The World According to Anna

Originally published in London in 1937 by Wright & Brown.

The Puritan Princess

From the creative genius of Jostein Gaarder, author of modern classic Sophie's World, comes a novel about

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Loneliness and the power of words Jakop is a lonely man. Divorced from his wife, with no friends apart from his constant companion Pelle, he spends his life attending the funerals of people he doesn't know, obscuring his identity in a web of improbable lies. As his addiction spirals out of control, he is forced to reconcile his love of language and stories with the ever more urgent need for human connection. An Unreliable Man is a moving and thought-provoking novel about loneliness and truth, about seeking a place in the world, and about how storytelling gives our lives meaning. Decades after his global bestseller Sophie's World, Jostein Gaarder has written a poignant and funny book for our times - full of life and hope. Praise for Sophie's World 'A TOUR DE FORCE' Time 'EXTRAORDINARY' Newsweek 'A UNIQUE POPULAR CLASSIC' The Times 'A SIMPLY WONDERFUL, IRRESISTIBLE BOOK' Daily Telegraph

Jesus Storybook Bible

A celebrated artist. A baker's daughter. A love that will change everything.

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever

'She brings Greek history to compelling life' The Sunday Times 'Hislop has done her research and handles the great sweep of complex Greek history with skill and confidence' Daily Mail Athens, 1941. Nazi forces occupy Greece and a nation falls apart. Victoria Hislop's NEW Sunday Times Number One bestseller takes you into the darker days of Greek

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history and, through the eyes of its extraordinary heroine, illuminates the courage it takes to live in peace. After decades of political uncertainty, Greece is polarised between Right- and Left-wing views when the Germans invade. Fifteen-year-old Themis comes from a family divided by these political differences. The Nazi occupation deepens the fault-lines between those she loves just as it reduces Greece to destitution. She watches friends die in the ensuing famine and is moved to commit acts of resistance. In the civil war that follows the end of the occupation, Themis joins the Communist army, where she experiences the extremes of love and hatred and the paradoxes presented by a war in which Greek fights Greek. Eventually imprisoned on the infamous islands of exile, Makronisos and then Trikeri, Themis encounters another prisoner whose life will entwine with her own in ways neither can foresee. And finds she must weigh her principles against her desire to escape and live. As she looks back on her life, Themis realises how tightly the personal and political can become entangled. While some wounds heal, others deepen. This gripping new novel from bestselling author Victoria Hislop sheds light on the complexity and trauma of Greece's past and weaves it into the epic tale of an ordinary woman compelled to live an extraordinary life. Victoria Hislop. Discover for yourself why 10 million readers worldwide love her books Here's what the critics said about Those Who Are Loved: 'A searing and powerful story full of passion, showing how one woman's ideals and beliefs shape everything that she becomes. It's both a beautifully woven love story and a spellbinding, heart-breaking depiction of a country torn apart by hatred'

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Daily Express 'A glorious Greek setting and rich historical detail form the backdrop of this captivating and poignant story' Woman & Home 'An eye-opening and moving read' Mirror 'Anyone who reads Victoria Hislop's novels falls in love with Greece A moving read that sweeps you through time' S Magazine 'A wonderfully researched and beautifully written piece of historical fiction' CultureFly

The Castle in the Pyrenees

It is the year 1657, and following her father's unprecedented ascent to de facto ruler of England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales, Frances Cromwell has moved from her rural childhood home to the sumptuous surroundings of the palaces of Hampton Court and Whitehall. These are uncertain times however, and after an assassination attempt on her whole family, Frances realises that her fortune and future is no longer in her own hands. But when Oliver Cromwell is officially offered the crown, Frances's hand in marriage suddenly assumes diplomatic and dynastic importance. Will she become a political pawn or can Frances use her new status to further her own ambitions?

The Solitaire Mystery

Relates the story of the making of an hour book as a wedding gift from King Louis of France to Lady Anne of Brittany and the good fortune it brought to little Gabriel, Brother Stephen's color grinder.

How Winston Delivered Christmas

Maya

In the hours before his brother is born, eight year old Joe has an unusual visitor, Mika, who falls out of a spaceship and lands upside down in an apple tree in Joe's garden. Hens, dinosaurs, an astronaut and a white rabbit all play their part in this magical story in which the encounter between Earth-boy and alien opens up the wonders of the universe. Tender and enchanting as *The Little Prince* and with the same classic quality, *HELLO? IS ANYBODY THERE?* confirms Jostein Gaarder as an exceptional writer for children. Sally Gardner's lively pencil drawings on almost every page make this a delightful package.

Gabriel and the Hour Book

This is the heart-warming story of how three of the Kitson children help the wealthy merchant woo their older sister Annapple with a different gift for each of the twelve days of Christmas - with hilarious results! But as the house groans at the seams with partridges, calling birds, swans, maids-a-milking, etc., will Annapple really succumb to the romance of it all, or will she just want the house returned to its normal, tidy state!

The Christmas Mystery

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intertwines the stories of John Spooke, an English author who is grieving for his dead wife; Frank Andersen, a Norwegian evolutionary biologist estranged from his wife Vera; and an enigmatic Spanish couple, Ana and Jose, who are absorbed in their love for each other. Why does Ana bear such a close resemblance to the model for Goya's famous Maja paintings? What is the significance of the Joker as he steps out of his pack of cards? As the action moves from Fiji to Spain, from the present to the past, unfolding further stories within the stories, the novel reveals an astonishing richness and complexity. As bold and imaginative in its sweep as *Sophie's World*, it shows again that Jostein Gaarder's unique and special gift is to make us wonder at the awe-inspiring mystery of the universe.

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Families will treasure this fresh perspective on the nativity for years to come. *Song of the Stars*, written by bestselling author Sally Lloyd-Jones, enhances Advent traditions and adds depth to Christmas Eve readings of the Christmas Story. Beautifully illustrated and told from the perspective of the animals and all creation, *Song of the Stars* features: Easy-to-read text perfect for ages 4-8 that explores the joy, excitement, and celebration of creation and the coming of Jesus. Meaningful text that discusses the concept behind observing Advent. This gorgeous picture book is great for Christmas-themed story times and a thoughtful addition for your family library that will be treasured for many years.

The Wisdom of Sally Red Shoes

If you are a parent, grandparent, pastor, or teacher looking for a way to teach the children in your life about God's never stopping, never giving up, unbreaking, always and forever love, look no further than The Jesus Storybook Bible. What makes The Jesus Storybook Bible different from other kids' Bibles? While other kids' Bibles contain stories from the Old and New Testaments, The Jesus Storybook Bible tells the Story beneath all the stories in the Bible, pointing to Jesus as our Savior. From the Old Testament through the New Testament, as the Story unfolds, children will clearly see that Jesus is at the center of God's great story of salvation - and at the center of their story too. The Jesus Storybook Bible: Visually brings scripture to life for children ages 4-12 Contains 21 stories from the Old Testament & 23 stories from the New Testament Presents the best-loved stories of the Bible in an easy-to-understand format Features the bestselling writing of Sally Lloyd-Jones & award-winning illustrations of Jago Includes a durable hardcover and bright illustrations Is also ideal for adults looking to explore the Bible in a new way The Jesus Storybook Bible has sold over 2 million copies! Check out the rest of the series, The Jesus Storybook Bible Coloring Book, and the text-based version, The Story of God's Love for You.

Green is the Colour

From the author of SOPHIE'S WORLD, 'A masterful mixture of fantasy and reality simply wonderful read'

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SHE. Panina Manina, a trapeze artist, falls and breaks her neck. As the ringmaster bends over her, he notices an amulet of amber around her neck, the same trinket he had given his own lost child, who was swept away in a torrent some sixteen years earlier. This tale is narrated by Petter, a precocious child and fantasist, and perhaps Jostein Gaarder's most intriguing character since Sophie. As an adult, Petter makes his living selling stories and ideas to professionals suffering from writer's block. But as Petter sits spinning his tales, he finds himself in a trap of his own making.

Maurice Sendak's Christmas Mystery

"There was a smell of blood mingling with the smell of burning that still clung about scorched timber and blackened thatch, and a great wailing rose from the watching crowd. The old High Priest dipped a finger in the blood and made a sign with it on Phaedrus's forehead, above the Mark of the Horse Lord." So began the ceremony that was to make young Phaedrus, ex-slave and gladiator, Horse Lord of the Dalriadain. Phaedrus had come a long way since the fight in the arena that gained him his freedom. He had left behind his old Roman life and identity and had entered another, more primitive, world—that of the British tribes in the far north. In this world of superstition and ancient ritual, of fierce loyalties and intertribal rivalry, Phaedrus found companionship and love, and something more—a purpose and a meaning to his life as he came fully to understand the significance of the Mark of the Horse Lord. First

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published in 1965 but long out of print, *The Mark of the Horse Lord* has been acclaimed by many readers as the finest of Rosemary Sutcliff's many novels, imparting true insight into the nature of leadership, identity, heroism, loyalty, and sacrifice.

Berlin Poplars

A Charles Dickens short story that was actually the inspiration for "A Christmas Carol." In this story, a gravedigger that hates Christmas gets kidnapped by goblins while digging a grave and then they help him get into the Christmas spirit. The beginning of this version has a biography of the author.

The Mark of the Horse Lord

"Exquisite."--The New Yorker Isobel English, a novelist of the 1950s, wrote three brief books about adultery and damnation. *Every Eye* concerns Hattie, a woman not really at home anywhere, least of all among her manipulative family, which has assigned her the role of shabby-genteel London spinster. She has understood little about her existence, and about her strange, aborted love affair with a much older man--the central mystery of her life. Now, while in Ibiza with her new young husband, the meaning of her past is becoming clear, its hidden patterns emerging from gray English shadows into the blazing Mediterranean sun. "It is in Ibiza that the story breaks free from its resentments," said Anita Brookner in praise of this remarkable neglected novel, "a lucidly written account of various kinds of confusion and a

valuable lesson in where to look for freedom."

Every Eye

A picture book with fundamental philosophical questions, posed in a way only Jostein Gaarder is capable of. The illustrator has made an independent visual narrative that underscores the existential aspect of Jostein Gaarder's philosophical questions. Questions Asked shows confidence in a child's capacity to think deeply and read between the lines. The book follows a little boy traveling alone in an open landscape. Soon we realize he is on a journey of thoughts and dreams, asking questions about loss, myth, language, magic, and what it means to be a human being. Jostein Gaarder's philosophical questions merge with the beautiful illustrations of Akin Düzakin into a tale of friendship, love, and grief - and about daring to think about life as you live it.

The Story of the Goblins Who Stole a Sexton

One day Sophie comes home from school to find two questions in her mail: "Who are you?" and "Where does the world come from?" Before she knows it she is enrolled in a correspondence course with a mysterious philosopher. Thus begins Jostein Gaarder's unique novel, which is not only a mystery, but also a complete and entertaining history of philosophy.

How Far to Bethlehem?

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First published by Landmark Books in 1993, *Green is the Colour* explores how people of different races face the challenges of living together. The story centres on Yun Ming and Siti Sara falling in love with each other in the post-1969 period in Malaysia. Both characters are not only from different racial backgrounds and faiths but are also married to different people. In addition, Siti Sara's father is a respected religious figure. How do the protagonists resolve their excruciatingly different circumstances in their fight to stay together?

A Rumpole Christmas

Out of the lands in the chill, far north come legends from long ago. This is the story of Wayland Smith, the strangest of all I know. This beautifully told tale reinvents the northern legend of Wayland the blacksmith, whose craft and skill spread his fame far and wide. But Wayland's talents bring him nothing but pain. Following the loss of his swan-bride and his enslavement by a greedy king, Wayland has to rely on hope, courage and cunning to get by. "I've read nothing so enthralling for a long time. Tony Mitton's verse rings with the power and clarity of an ancient ballad, and is perfectly matched by the force and splendour of John Lawrence's illustrations . . . I think it's a marvellous piece of work, and I'm sure anyone who reads it will agree" Philip Pullman

The Benefit of Hindsight

Two former lovers are brought back together but can

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they really trust their pasts? The new novel from the bestselling author of SOPHIE'S WORLD. Through five intense years in the 1970s, Steinn and Solrunn had a happy life together. Then they suddenly parted ways, for reasons that are unclear to both. In the summer of 2007 they meet again on a balcony of an old wooden hotel by a fjord in western Norway. It is a place they both have fond memories from, and their meeting turns out to be fateful. But is it purely coincidental that they meet at that particular spot at that particular time? Over a couple of weeks that summer they write emails to each other, and it becomes clear that they have been living with very different interpretations of their shared past

Questions Asked

Twelve-year-old Hans Thomas lives alone with his father, a man who likes to give his son lessons about life and has a penchant for philosophy. Hans Thomas' mother left when he was four (to 'find' herself) and the story begins when father and son set off on a trip to Greece, where she now lives, to try to persuade her to come home. En route, in Switzerland, Hans Thomas is given a magnifying glass by a dwarf at a petrol station, and the next day he finds a tiny book in his bread roll which can only be read with a magnifying glass. How did the book come to be there? Why does the dwarf keep showing up? It is all very perplexing and Hans Thomas has enough to cope with, with the daunting prospect of seeing his mother. Now his journey has turned into an encounter with the unfathomable or does it all have a logical explanation?

The Thirteen Days of Christmas

From Alex T. Smith, bestselling author of the Claude series, comes How Winston Delivered Christmas – the irresistible story of the brave little mouse who sets out on an adventure on Christmas Eve. Featuring beautiful colour artwork from the author and Christmassy activities to make-and-do throughout, this gorgeous book is sure to become a festive family tradition that will be enjoyed year after year. Winston the mouse is on a Very Important Mission. On Christmas Eve, he finds a letter that has gotten lost on its way to Father Christmas – so, with no time to lose, he sets out to deliver it himself in time for Christmas Day! He has a lot of Very Exciting Adventures on his Very Important Mission and makes some wonderful friends along the way. Each chapter includes its very own festive activity for all the family to enjoy together – including writing a letter to Father Christmas, making mince pies, designing your very own Christmas cards, making presents, creating decorations, and so much more! This beautiful hardback features a festively foiled jacket, a ribbon marker and head and tail bands, making it the perfect Christmas gift.

An Unreliable Man

The first ever collection of Rumpole Christmas stories? just in time for the holidays A Rumpole Christmas is a collection of five holiday stories?never before published in book form? depicting the Old Bailey Hack at his lovable best. In ?Rumpole and

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Father Christmas,? the English barrister encounters a familiar-looking Santa who he thinks is a thief. In ?Rumpole?s Slimmed Down Christmas,? he goes to a new-age spa when ?She who must be obeyed? insists that he lose a few pounds. In ?Rumpole and the Christmas Break,? he protects Hilda as a shady judge flirts with her while on a holiday that turns out to be anything but relaxing. Witty and compulsively readable, this irresistible new collection will provide solace to the legions of fans lamenting John Mortimer?s death early this year.

Through a Glass, Darkly

A mysterious novel by the author of the international bestseller SOPHIE'S WORLD. A chance meeting on the Fijian island of Taveuni is the trigger for a fascinating and mysterious novel that intertwines the stories of John Spooke, an English author who is grieving for his dead wife; Frank Andersen, a Norwegian evolutionary biologist estranged from his wife Vera; and an enigmatic Spanish couple, Ana and Jose, who are absorbed in their love for each other. Why does Ana bear such a close resemblance to the model for Goya's famous Maja paintings? What is the significance of the Joker as he steps out of his pack of cards? As the action moves from Fiji to Spain, from the present to the past, unfolding further stories within the stories, the novel reveals an astonishing richness and complexity. As bold and imaginative in its sweep as Sophie's World, it shows again that Jostein Gaarder's unique and special gift is to make us wonder at the awe-inspiring mystery of the universe.

HENRY THE QUEEN'S CORGI: A feel-good festive read to curl up with this Christmas!

The story of a boy and his father on a car trip through Europe, searching for the boy's mother, who left many years ago to find herself. Structured as a deck of cards -- each chapter is one card in the deck -- The Solitaire Mystery subtly weaves together fantasy and reality, fairy tales and family history.

A Highland Christmas

When fifteen-year-old Anna begins receiving messages from another time, her parents take her to the doctor. But he can find nothing wrong; in fact he believes there may be some truth to what she is seeing. Anna is haunted by visions of the desolate world of 2082. She sees her great-granddaughter, Nova, roaming through wasteland with a band of survivors, after animals and plants have died out. The more Anna sees, the more she realises she must act to prevent the future in her visions becoming real. But can she act quickly enough? 'Compelling' Sunday Times

Mystery in White

Serrailer must confront his demons as Lafferton experiences a series of shocking crimes in this 10th book in Susan Hill's shattering crime series Susan Hill stuns readers once again in The Benefit of Hindsight, the 10th book in her celebrated mystery series. Now

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recuperated after the violent incident that cost him his arm—and nearly his life—DCS Serrailer has returned to work, though he prefers to spend his spare time sketching the medieval angels being restored on the cathedral roof. With crime rates down, Lafferton has been quiet, until one night when two men open their front door to a distressing scene. Serrailer makes a serious error of judgment when handling the incident, and the stress of this, combined with the ongoing trauma of losing his arm, takes its toll. In the tradition of the fabulous mysteries of Ruth Rendell and P. D. James, *The Benefit of Hindsight* is Susan Hill's best work yet—a chilling new addition to a highly acclaimed series.

The Solitaire Mystery

The six mean Herdman kids lie, steal, smoke cigars (even the girls) and then become involved in the community Christmas pageant.

The Woman in the Painting

On a remote farm in northern Norway, eighty-year-old Anna Neshov is rushed to hospital after suffering a stroke. Her three sons have not spoken in some time. Margido, a devout Christian, works in Trondheim as a funeral director. Erlend, a successful window dresser, lives a life of luxury in a penthouse in Copenhagen, while Tor, the eldest brother, remains rearing pigs on the decaying family farm. Aware of her failing health, the trio reluctantly reunite over the winter holidays, where unexpected guests and the question of

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inheritance prompt the revealing of some bizarre, and devastating, truths. Winner of the Riksmål Prize in Norway.

Wayland

It's almost Christmas. Cecilia lies sick in bed as her family bustle around her to make her last Christmas as special as possible. Cecilia has cancer. An angel steps through her window. So begins a spirited and engaging series of conversations between Cecilia and her angel. As the sick girl thinks about her life and prepares for her death, she changes subtly, in herself and in her relationships with her family. Jostein Gaarder is a profoundly optimistic writer, who writes about death with wisdom, compassion and an enquiring mind. 'Through a Glass, Darkly' will not only bring comfort to the bereaved. It will move and amaze everyone who reads it.

The Ringmaster's Daughter

Ruth Hogan, the international bestselling author behind the *The Keeper of Lost Things* returns with an irresistible novel of unexpected friendships, second chances—and dark secrets They say friends make life worth living Once a spirited, independent woman with a rebellious streak, Masha's life was forever changed by a tragic event twelve years ago. Unable to let go of her grief, she finds comfort in her faithful canine companion Haizum, and peace in the quiet lanes of her town's swimming pool. Almost without her realizing it, her life has shuddered to a halt. It's only

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when Masha begins an unlikely friendship with the mysterious Sally Red Shoes, a bag lady with a prodigious voice and a penchant for saying just what she means, that a new world of possibilities opens up: new friendships, new opportunities, and even a chance for new love. For the first time in years, Masha has the chance to start living again. But just as Masha dares to imagine the future, her past comes roaring back Like her beloved debut, *The Keeper of Lost Things*, Ruth Hogan's second novel introduces a cast of wonderful characters, both ordinary and charmingly eccentric, who lead us through a moving exploration of the simple human connections that unite us all.

The Orange Girl

Staying behind when their circus moves on, a young clown and a troupe of baby animals put on a special Christmas Eve show for an Italian village too poor to celebrate the holiday.

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