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While much has been achieved in understanding and managing weather effects and erosion phenomena affecting ancient imagery within the relatively protected environments of caves and rock-shelters, the same cannot be said of rock-art panels situated in the open-air. Despite the fact that the number of known sites has risen dramatically in recent decades there are few examples in which the weathering and erosion dynamics are under investigation with a view to developing proposals to mitigate the impact of natural and cultural processes. Most of the work being done in different parts of the world appears to be ad-hoc, with minimal communication on such matters between teams and with the wider archaeological community. This richly illustrated book evaluates rock-art conservation in an holistic way, bringing together researchers from across the world to share experiences of work in progress or recently completed. The chapters focus on a series of key themes: documentation projects and resource assessments; the identification and impact assessment of weathering/erosion processes at work in open-air rock-art sites; the practicalities of potential or implemented conservation interventions; experimentation and monitoring programs; and general management issues connected with public presentation and the demands of ongoing research investigations. Consideration is given to the conservation of open-air rock-art imagery from many periods and cultural traditions across the Old and New Worlds. This timely volume will be of interest to conservators, managers, and researchers dealing with aesthetic and ethical issues as well as technical and practical matters regarding the conservation of open-air rock-art sites.

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Bridges, the least known and understood of China's many wonders, are one of its most striking and resilient feats of architectural prowess. *Chinese Bridges* brings together a thorough look at the marvels of Chinese bridge design from one of the world's leading experts on Chinese culture and historical geography, Ronald G. Knapp. While many consider bridges to be merely utilitarian civil engineering, the bridges of China move beyond that stereotype, as many are undeniably dramatic, even majestic and daring. *Chinese Bridges* illustrates in detail 20 well-preserved ancient bridges along with descriptions and essays on the distinctive architectural elements shared by the various designs. For the first time in an English-language book, *Chinese Bridges* records scores of newly discovered bridges across China's vast landscape, illustrated with over 400 color photographs, as well as woodblock prints, historic images, paintings and line drawings.

*China at the Court of the Emperors* presents almost two hundred masterpieces, various in form and rich in beauty, coming from thirty-two museums and institutes in Shaanxi, Henan, Gansu, and Jiangsu provinces, many of them never seen in the West before. It examines the vast period from the Eastern Han dynasty (25-220) through the Tang (618-907), during which Chinese civilization underwent radical transformation. As a matter of fact, Tang China synthesized foreign and indigenous elements that had been present for centuries, thus creating a new, distinctive, and extraordinary cosmopolitan civilization, made possible by tolerance--a message as important today as it was 1,500 years ago. The book includes essays by some of the foremost experts in the field, including Roderick Whitfield (School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London), Felix Schoeber (University of Westminster, London), Lillian Lan-ying Tseng (Yale University), Nicola di Cosmo (Institute for Advanced

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Study, Princeton), Stefano Zacchetti (Università Ca' Foscari, Venice), and Chao-Hui Jenny Liu (New York University).

Magic is dying. And I'm the only one who can stop it. Human. Weak. Sick. That's what I've been told I am all my life. But when magic hunters attack the castle where I've been kept hidden since birth, I discover my whole world is built on lies. Because the hunters after me. Running for my life, I'm rescued by four dangerously handsome gargoyle shifters. They say they're here to save me...but maybe they only want to save themselves. Because, as it turns out, I'm not merely human. I am a Protector of Magic-if I die, magic will vanish from the world. And my four winged guardians will turn to stone forever. Wings of Stone is the first book in a new reverse harem urban fantasy series full of romance, danger, and magic.

DK Eyewitness Travel Guide: Tokyo will lead you straight to the best attractions this city has to offer. The guide includes unique illustrated cutaways, floor plans, and reconstructions of Tokyo's stunning architecture, along with 3-D aerial views of the key districts to explore on foot. You'll find detailed listings of the best hotels, restaurants, bars, and shops for all budgets in this fully updated guide, plus insider tips on everything from where to find the best markets and nightspots to which attractions appeal most to children. DK Eyewitness Travel Guide: Tokyo shows you what other guidebooks only tell you.

In 1970 a concrete replica of the St John's Cross arrived in Iona sitting incongruously on the deck of a puffer delivering the island's annual supply of coal. What is the story behind this intriguing replica? How does it relate to the world's first ringed 'Celtic cross', an artistic and technical masterpiece, which has been at the heart of the Iona experience since the eighth century? What does it tell us about the authenticity and value of replicas? In this fascinating

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book, Foster and Jones draw on extensive interdisciplinary research to reveal the composite biography of the St John's Cross, its concrete replica, and its many other scale copies. They show that replicas can acquire rich forms of authenticity and value, informed by social relations, craft practices, creativity, place and materiality. Thus, the book challenges traditional precepts that seek authenticity in qualities intrinsic to original historic objects. Replicas are shown to be important objects in their own right, with their own creative, human histories — biographies that people can connect with. The story of the St John's Cross celebrates how replicas can 'work' for us if we let them, particularly if clues are available about their makers' passion, creativity and craft.

The Art of Letter Carving in Stone portrays the beauty of this age-old craft alongside practical instruction. Written by an eminent practitioner and teacher, it guides the novice through the basics of letter carving, drawn lettering and making simple designs, and for the more experienced it explains a new proportioning system for classical Roman capitals and demonstrates a useful approach to designing letterform variations. Topics include: the development of twentieth-century letter carving; detailed instruction for V-incising the key strokes of letters; tools, materials, stone and making a letter carving easel; drawing a range of alphabets for use in letter carving; making inscriptions, gilding and painting letters, and simple fixings for inscriptions; designing headstones and plaques, house names, alphabets and poetry texts. This beautiful book illustrates a wide range of exciting and creative pieces, and celebrates the inspiring work of contemporary letter carvers. Superbly illustrated with 380 colour photographs and

diagrams.

Han Dynasty (206 BC–AD 220) stone carved tombs were constructed from carved stone slabs or a combination of moulded bricks and carved stones, and were distributed in Central and Eastern China. In this book, the origins, meanings and influences of these tombs are presented as a part of the history of interactions between different parts of Eurasia.

This book results from discussions at the 1982 World Archaeological Congress on 'Public Archaeology and Cultural Resource Management'. It brings to everyone's notice the common need of a coherent, well-planned response to the potentially destructive threats of development and tourism to archaeology.

Anstoß zur Entdeckung eines unbekanntes Kults der Dogon in Mali gab eine in den 1950er- und 1960er-Jahren zusammengetragene Privatsammlung mit mehr als 500 steinernen Objekten. Der Kult mit Fokus auf kunstvoll skulptierten Steinen kam Anfang des 20. Jahrhunderts zum Erliegen. Formenreichtum und stilistischer Ausdruck der anthropomorph oder zoomorph geformten Steine beeindrucken und erinnern an archäologische Funde aus Guinea oder Sierra Leone. Der Autor stellt die Sammlung vor, beleuchtet Hintergründe und Ausrichtung des Kults und belegt, dass Stein in Afrika häufiger zur Herstellung sakraler Objekte verwendet wurde als bislang angenommen. For the past thirty years, the United States government has secretly trained a select corps of military personnel in the art of "remote viewing" -- the psychic ability to

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perceive the thoughts and experiences of others through the power of the human mind.... Now, for the first time, Lyn Buchanan -- a world-renowned expert on remote viewing and its potential -- tells the complete, candid story of his experiences. Assigned for nearly a decade to a clandestine U.S. Army intelligence group, Buchanan trained military personnel who utilized their inherent psychic abilities as a data-collection tool during the Iran hostage crisis, the Chernobyl disaster, and the Gulf War. In this incredible account, Buchanan tells how he was selected for his unique psychic abilities, and how he was transformed from an ordinary soldier into one of our nation's leading psychic spies. Working on top-secret government and military projects using "mental espionage" created permanent, life-altering changes within Buchanan. Now, after many years of analysis and interpretation, he reveals the techniques and mental exercises used to train remote viewers, and demonstrates that each of us carries a dormant psychic ability that we can explore and use ourselves. For anyone interested in a hard, scientific look at the reality of psychic covert operations in the world today, or anyone who has ever wondered if he or she could have the inherent skills to become a remote viewer, this fascinating chronicle of life as a psychic spy will reveal the answers.

Is research in stone conservation "on the rocks?" This volume, part of the GCI's Research in Conservation series, offers an in-depth critical appraisal of the status of stone conservation research today, identifying areas of strength and weakness in the field as a whole. C. A. Price, a noted British archaeological conservation scientist,

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discusses recent research on the causes of stone decay, as well as current preventive measures, assessment tools, and treatment durability. He also reviews current research on methods of evaluating the effectiveness of these methodologies and treatments. The book includes a comprehensive survey of the literature, draws from conversations with professionals in the field, and provides recommendations for increasing the effectiveness of research, including the improvement of training, symposia, and research programs and the establishment of conservation policy.

Volume eight: New aliens, old adversaries, and planetary disasters confront Enterprise. The loyalty of the Bridge crew to Kirk is tested when Sulu and Chekov, labeled traitors, are helped by Dr. McCoy and Scotty, along with Kirk, Spock, and Klingon commander Kang, to bring the real traitors to justice. Kirk faces a Dohlman and with Uhura's help everts a war and establishes the true Dohlman on the throne. Kirk is sorely tested by the joy machine created by a planet seeking unbounded joy if one gives control to the machine. Enterprise and crew, thrown back in time during military maneuvers, discover their home planet never evolved humans. A landing team must stop a group of Ru determined to destroy the asteroid that changed the evolutionary line of earth. New comrades come from the future seeking help against the suffocating control of the Consilium. Enterprise meets new aliens: the Tauteans who nearly destroy themselves in the search for unlimited energy; the Rimillians facing a civil uprising as one group attempts to re-start their planet's spin; Furies, a dedicated group of new aliens, who

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threaten the Klingon Empire; and the yagghorth, a radiation-sensitive alien. Dr. McCoy faces the news of an unknown daughter while Sulu embraces the daughter he didn't know he fathered. An aging Kirk, called upon to witness the launch of a new hospital ship, which he fears will be disastrous as it has no captain, finds his fears confirmed. Deciding he doesn't want to grow old and give up adventuring in space, Kirk agrees to help the planet Chal.

Britain's pagan past, with its astonishing number and variety of mysterious monuments, atmospheric sites, enigmatic artefacts, bloodthirsty legends and cryptic inscriptions, has always enthralled and perplexed us. 'Pagan Britain' is a history of religious beliefs from the Old Stone Age to the coming of Christianity. This ambitious book integrates the latest evidence to survey our transformed - and transforming - understanding of early religious behaviour; and, also, the way in which that behaviour has been interpreted in recent times, as a mirror for modern dreams and fears. From the Palaeolithic era to the coming of Christianity and beyond, Hutton reveals the long development, rapid suppression and enduring cultural significance of paganism. Woven into the chronological narrative are numerous case studies of sacred sites both well-known - Stonehenge, Avebury, Seahenge and Maiden Castle - and more unusual far-flung locations across the mainland and coastal islands.

In this first-person tale of archaeological adventure in the tropical forest, Jeffrey Quilter tells the story of his excavation of Rivas, a great ceremonial center at the foot of the

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Talamanca Mountain range, which flourished between A.D. 900 and 1300, and its fabled gold-filled cemetery, the Panteón de La Reina. Beginning with the 1992 field season and ending with the last excavations in 1998, Quilter discusses Rivas' builders and users, theories on chiefdom societies, and the daily interactions and surprises of modern archaeological fieldwork. Writing in the first person with a balance between informal language and academic theory, Quilter concludes that Rivas was a ceremonial center for mortuary rituals to bury chiefly elite on the Panteón. Through use of his narrative technique, he provides the reader with accounts of discoveries as they occurred in fieldwork and the development of interpretations to explain the ancient refuse and cobble architecture his team uncovered. As his story progresses amid the enchantment of the Costa Rican landscape, research plans are adjusted and sometimes completely overturned as new discoveries, often serendipitous ones, are made. Such changing circumstances lead to new insights into the rise and fall of the people who built the cobble circles and raised the standing stones at Rivas, a thousand years ago. The only book in English that focuses on a single archaeological site in Costa Rica, which continues to develop as a destination for archaeological tourism, *Cobble Stones and Standing Circles* will appeal to laypeople and professionals alike. This travel guide to Malaysia and Singapore profiles the natural wonders of Sarawak and Sabah--from the largest cave to the world's biggest flower. Maps. Photos. Notable Acquisitions at The Art Institute of Chicago

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Power-hungry male government officials of eleven planets had created eleven black holes by imploding their planets and jettisoning ruling-class members to free zones created on the other sides of the black holes. By isolating themselves in these free zones, the officials believed they would obtain the power of creation. These arrogant men theorized that they could replace the Great Oneness, the life force of the E, and the vortex of energy known to all as the Ancient One, thus creating a New World Order. The officials found out, however, that the black holes were portals that allowed passage back into dimensions that were parallel to those that they destroyed. The officials theorized that they needed to destroy these parallel dimensions to attain ultimate power. A plot was therefore devised to implode planet Clarion and jettison its ruling-class members to a free zone on the other side of a twelfth black hole while simultaneously imploding the parallel dimensions associated with the eleven previously formed free zones. E-Masters, whose duty was to maintain balance in the universe, met to discuss the impending plot. The E-Masters were told that the Ancient One had placed an evolutionary leap of awareness within a boy named MZ, who was born in hiding on planet Clarion. The E-Masters recognized that MZ must develop mastership to avert universal disaster caused by the impending implosions of Clarion and the eleven black holes. E-Master Traveler Z was working to prepare MZ for his E-Master development and his escape from Clarion. It was hoped that instruction received at mystery temples and during his travels, along with guidance from Traveler Z, would

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allow MZ to pass tests of Master-E and attain mastership before it was too late. The DK Eyewitness Tokyo Travel Guide will lead you straight to the best attractions the world's largest metropolis has to offer. From the looming skyscrapers, neon-bathed streets and flashing video screens of the labyrinthine Shinjuku district to the traditional shrine complex of Meiji Jingu, this guide provides all the insider tips every visitor needs, with comprehensive listings of the best hotels, restaurants, shops and nightlife for all budgets. It's fully illustrated and covers all the major areas of the city, plus you'll find floorplans of all the must-see sites and reliable street maps. The DK Eyewitness Tokyo Travel Guide explores the culture, history and architecture, not missing the best in entertainment, shopping, tours and scenic walks, in this fascinating city. DK Eyewitness Tokyo Travel Guide – showing you what others only tell you. Now available in ebook(PDF) format.

Quintus Ambustus is a slave—Adiona Leonia is a wealthy socialite. He fights for his life in the gladiator's ring—she plays cutthroat politics in Rome's high society. He's sacrificed everything for his Christian faith—she believes in nothing and no one. But when Adiona's life is threatened, Quintus is chosen as her bodyguard, and their fascination with one another shocks them both. Neither thought to find joy in a match society would condemn...but their feelings cannot be denied. Have they lost too much to believe in happiness? Or will their growing love let them leave the past behind—and build a new future together?

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Sounding 7 begins with Echo 107 titled CONTEMPORARY EUROPEAN EYES ON THE OZ CULTURE-CLASH FRONTIER followed by echoes on BUCKLEY REVISITED, AFTER THE PROTECTORATE CRUMBLLED and WHAT OF PROTECTOR ROBINSON? Echoes follow on salvaging tribal ways, the Merri Creek black orphanage, 'going round the bend' at the Asylum and Echo 114: THE CELESTIALS OF VICTORIA, being the resented Chinese gold miners. Exploring the contrasting fate of Batman, La Trobe and Derrimut, leads into echoes on fringe-dwelling, cultural resistance and Oz racism, in particular the mass psychology of racist ideology that culminated with World War 2. After the gold rush era, life and right behaviour at the Healesville Coranderrk mission station and re-thinking William Thomas the Aboriginal Guardian lead to the pleasant notion of civilizing British colonies through sport. The life and exploits of Tom Wills is celebrated in Echo 122: THE MAKING & BREAKING OF VICTORIA'S FIRST SPORTING HERO. Turning to political history, Oz class struggles – convicts, capitalism and nation-building asks the question with Echo 124: WHITHER MARXISM [?] and then BRITISH EMPIRE POLICY REFORMS IN THE 1840s to contain a Chartist-led revolution. Facets of Victorian 'quality of life' since the land grab are followed by echoes on the astrology of the 1802 Port Phillip Crown possession claim and an echo titled TOWARDS AN ASTROLOGY OF CIVILIZATION. The Sounding concludes with approaches to researching Aboriginal society, an undergraduate essay on the Dreamtime and finally with Echo 130: A RAINBOW

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SERPENT BRIDGE. Today in the 21st century, I wonder how differently Oz would have developed if the then ruling British government in Sydney and London had not used censorship to delay the gold rush for almost 40 years! Sounding 8 begins with Echo 131: HISTORY DISTORTION & CENSORSHIP and is backed up with a critique of Britannia's pirate empire that together spawn two more echoes of doubtful but controversial polemics in 1421 – THE YEAR CHINA DISCOVERED THE WORLD suggesting they were here in Oz many centuries before Captain Cook. Echo 135: THE KADAITCHA SUNG MEETS THE DRUID INHERITANCE pits Palm Islander Sam Watson's 1990s fiction The Kadaitcha Sung [the 'clever' occult Oz Dreamtime] in occult war with the equally ancient European / Celtic / Druid magic in the psyche of the Aryan 'race', so to speak. Going even further out on a limb, the focus shifts to recent light shed on 'dark ages barbarians' now considered by some historians to have been more culturally refined than the modern city individual. Back in Oz with Echo 137: WHITE MAN'S LAW – BLACKFELLOW LAW and Echo 138: McLEOD'S BUCKET FROM SKULL CREEK brings Western Australia after WW2 into wider awareness with the Pilbara pastoral workers strike of 1946-49 that won half-decent wage rights for Aboriginal stockmen. Moving further north, Echo 141: RECENT ARNHEMLAND CONNECTIONS Part 1: Taming the NT is the stuff of White Australia's race-based patriotism as depicted in Ion Idriess's once-mainstream fascist fictions counterpointed by Part 2: James Gaykamangus's Striving to bridge the chasm: my cultural learning

journey. The final echo 142 talks treaty.

As their story is told on the hit Starz series, the unforgettable adventures of steadfast Highland warrior Jamie Fraser and time-traveling Englishwoman Claire Randall continue in the ongoing Outlander novels. This eBook bundle includes the fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth books in the series: *THE FIERY CROSS* *A BREATH OF SNOW AND ASHES* *AN ECHO IN THE BONE* *WRITTEN IN MY OWN HEART'S BLOOD* The year is 1771, and war is coming. Jamie Fraser's wife tells him so. Little as he wishes to, he must believe it, for hers is a gift of dreadful prophecy—a time-traveler's certain knowledge. Claire's unique view of the future has brought him both danger and deliverance in the past. Her knowledge of the oncoming revolution is a flickering torch that may light his way through the perilous years ahead—or ignite a conflagration that will leave their lives in ashes. Praise for Diana Gabaldon's Outlander novels "Marvelous and fantastic adventures, romance, sex . . . perfect escape reading."—San Francisco Chronicle, on Outlander "History comes deliciously alive on the page."—New York Daily News, on Outlander "A grand adventure written on a canvas that probes the heart, weighs the soul and measures the human spirit across [centuries]."—CNN, on The Fiery Cross "The large scope of the novel allows Gabaldon to do what she does best, paint in exquisite detail the lives of her characters."—Booklist, on A Breath of Snow and Ashes "Features all the passion and swashbuckling that fans of this historical fantasy series have come to expect."—People, on Written in My Own Heart's

### Blood

Remains to be Seen is a fascinating series which looks at the past through the archeological evidence that remains today. Exploring the Aztecs discusses who the Aztecs were, and how their ancient civilisation in Mexico developed. Who was Moctezuma, and what was it like to live in Tenochtitlan, the Aztec capital city built on a lake? The reader is taken on a guided tour of the Aztec world, exploring their capital city, and discovering a world of emperors, nobles, priests, warriors, commoners and slaves who belonged to one of the greatest civilizations in the Americas.

“Carving The Way Of Stone – A Sculptor’s Art” provides a definitive and clear insight into the world of stone sculpture. Barry Baldwin, one of the most respected European sculptors, expounds in detail the knowledge gained over almost half a century from his ‘hands on’ experience in working stone. The wealth of information the book contains constitutes a valuable, must-read guide to sculptors at all levels, as well as those in the field of education and research who wish to be wisely informed. Not least, the book will also serve to enlighten and provide a clearer understanding to people who readily express a fascination for the subject of stone sculpture but all too often in the past have been left mystified by it. The book, comprising of 13 chapters, contains 150 photographs and illustrations, with written content amounting to 34,000 words.

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This book brings together papers by scientists, conservators and building surveyors active in

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stone decay and conservation research within the UK. It addresses issues of stone weathering, mechanisms and rates, the effects of urban pollution, cleaning methods, and the role of the conservator within research. The concepts regarding the value of stone heritage are also discussed as an important aspect towards retaining our diverse building heritage. Contents: Gravestones: Problems and Potentials as Indicators of Historic Changes in Weathering (R J Inkpen) Role of Atmospheric Sulphur Dioxide in the Sulphation Reaction of Frescoes (N Schiavon & G Schiavon) Moisture Loss from Stone Influenced by Salt Accumulation (B J Smith & E M Kennedy) Characterisation of Decay Features on Sandstone Following Cleaning: Preliminary Observations (P A Warke et al.) Removal and Analysis of Soluble Salts from Chemically Cleaned Sandstones (S P Fernandez et al.) Contingent Valuation Comes to Town (N Gomersall) Cleaning of Stone Buildings: The Applicability of Established Value Assessment Methodologies (R A Laing & D Urquhart) Carved Stones (I A G Shepherd) Effect of Hydrocarbons on Biofilm Development on Sandstone (R V Yordanov & K Nicholson) Heat and Mass Transfer at the Surface of Two Sandstone Types Under Different Atmospheric Conditions (S P Fernandez & P Martin) New Instruments for Monitoring Algae Populations on Stone Surfaces (E Brechet et al.) and other papers Readership: Conservators and building surveyors. Keywords: Stone Decay; Conservation; Urban Pollution; Cleaning Methods; Building Heritage

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