

## Truffles from the Invisible Library.

There is more to our bookstock than meets the eye. Besides the volumes on our open shelves, we also maintain a store of older titles in the basement of Twickenham Library. They may no longer be so physically attractive, but they will have proved their worth over the years. Often they were famous, infamous, or outrageously popular when new, and they have been sought by readers ever since. Or they may perhaps be the only book on their subject. And some will be of local interest. Whatever the reason for their enduring usefulness, we endeavour to retain these titles for some time (often many years) after the peak of their popularity has passed.

You will find them all listed on our catalogue, but their home is unfortunately not suitable for public access and browsing. Therefore each month we will present on these pages a small selection of titles. They may have some current resonance, or simply a quirky appeal which may tickle your fancy.

Should you wish to borrow any of them, please enquire at your usual library.

So, in no particular order, we present:

James KEMBLE St Helena During Napoleon's Exile: Gorrequer's diary.  
(1969)

*Major Gorrequer, aide-de-campe to the Governor of St Helena kept a private, coded diary in which he freely expressed his impressions and views of events during Napoleon's time on the island. The diary was decoded by James Kemble and published here for the first time.*

A.F. TSCHIFFELY Southern Cross to Pole Star: 10,000 miles in the saddle through the Americas from Argentina to Washington. (1982)

*Classic account of adventure as the author spends two and a half years riding from Buenos Aires to New York. First published in 1933 and also known as 'Tschiffely's Ride'.*

Steven RUNCIMAN The White Rajahs: a history of Sarawak from 1841 to 1946. (1960)

*Account of the colourful career of James Brooke who became the reluctant but absolute ruler of the little state, and of the continued experiment in personal rule which his descendants maintained until 1946.*

Janet DUNBAR Golden Interlude: the Edens in India 1836 - 1842. (1955)

*This account of the time Emily and Fanny Eden spent in India with their brother Lord Auckland, Governor-General, brings to life the splendours and barbarities they found there, and sets people and events in their political and social contexts.*

Norman PRICE *The Derbyshire Dales.* (1953)

*A discursive, celebratory ramble through the history of this area of rivers and their valleys, illustrated with delightful paintings by Frederick J. Knowles.*

Geoffrey MARCUS *Before the Lamps Went Out* . (1965)

*Detailed evocation of the social and political scene in Britain in the last few months before the catastrophe of the Great War.*

H.R. TREVOR-ROPER *Religion, the Reformation and Social Change*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. (1972)

*Essays on English and European history centring on the crisis in government, society and ideas which occurred between the Reformation and the mid 17<sup>th</sup> century.*

John GEIPEL *The Viking Legacy: the Scandinavian influence on the English language.* (1971)

*Comprehensive survey of the linguistic impact of the Norsemen as evidenced in place and personal names, and in much of our everyday vocabulary.*

Lucinda LAMBTON *Beastly Buildings: the National Trust book of architecture for animals.* (1985)

*Whether as housing or memorial, buildings associated with animals domestic, edible or sporting have inspired some truly eccentric structures over the past few centuries. This book celebrates and photographs many prime examples.*

Brendan LEHANE *The Quest of the Abbots: pioneers of Ireland's Golden Age.* (1968)

*Retrieves from obscurity the achievements of the anchorite holy men who spread out from Ireland across Europe and had a profound influence on the development of Christianity throughout the continent.*