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*The Zinicali* BRILL

In stunning illustrations and spellbinding text, visionary artist Ciruelo reveals the secrets of the wondrous creatures known as dragons. In paperback at last, *The Book of the Dragon* describes draconic types--from Earth Dragons, Water Dragons, and Fire Dragons to the legendary Golden Dragon--and illuminates a fascinating culture filled with poetry, magic, and art. Complete with tales of such mythic

heroes as Perseus and Hercules, this singular volume brings the power and mystique of dragons to glowing life.

*The Tears of the Madonna*  
Oxford University Press,  
USA

This handbook collects, for the first time, the state of research on role-playing games (RPGs) across disciplines, cultures, and media in a single, accessible volume. Collaboratively authored by more than 50 key scholars, it traces the history of RPGs, from wargaming precursors to

tabletop RPGs like Dungeons & Dragons to the rise of live action role-play and contemporary computer RPG and massively multiplayer online RPG franchises, like Fallout and World of Warcraft. Individual chapters survey the perspectives, concepts, and findings on RPGs from key disciplines, like performance studies, sociology, psychology, education, economics, game design, literary studies, and more. Other chapters integrate insights from RPG studies

around broadly significant topics, like transmedia worldbuilding, immersion, transgressive play, or player-character relations. Each chapter includes definitions of key terms and recommended readings to help fans, students, and scholars new to RPG studies find their way into this new interdisciplinary field.

**The Historical Anthropology of Early Modern Italy** Simon and Schuster

When humanity falls, four powerful industrial and financial dynasties form a

covenant called Elysium, after the meadows of eternal Spring of Greek mythology. Deep in the bedrock, they build the enclave named Elysium I, designed to weather the long atomic winter. Now, generations later, Elysium I is a gilded prison, a lonely outpost in a sea of quiet destruction. Fear and suspicion grow unchecked, and the four Houses fight on each other over the dwindling resources that remain. A force of Judicators has been established to preserve law and order in

the enclave. You are one of these judicators. It is your duty to investigate all crimes, but never forget that your strongest loyalty is always towards your family. When humanity sets foot on the surface again, it shall be your House that leads the way into the new dawn. Mutant: Elysium is the third major expansion to the award-winning Mutant: Year Zeroroleplaying game. This game tells the origin story of the enclave humans, seeing themselves as the last

torchbearers of human civilization. The four Houses of Warburg, Fortescue, Morningstar and Kilgore struggle for power in the Elysium I enclave, oblivious to a rising power that threatens to end their reign forever. Mutant: Elysium can also be played as a stand-alone game. Made in Sweden. [The Book of the Lion](#) Penguin  
The grudge between the Warring Kingdoms of Nostria and Andergast has burned for almost two millennia. This regional

sourcebook provides detailed background information on these hostile realms in northwestern Aventuria and their combative inhabitants. Explore the hazardous Forest Wilderness, the deadly Bladegrass Steppes in the east, and the rough coasts of the Lakelands. Uncover hidden secrets of sumes (druids) and witches, and pit your heroes against new creatures, such as evil marwolds and predatory giant dragonflies. The Warring Kingdoms

includes the following. · 11 new region-specific character professions, such as Andergastan knights, Nostrian dike builders, all-knowing serpent witches, and mysterious druids · An example Forest Wilderness village · Details on knightly traditions and royal tournaments · New armor and weapons, including the famous two-handed Andergaster sword and the Nostrian longbow · Focus rules for character traits, to give your hero a regional flair · New special

abilities, spells, rituals, and the enigmatic ancestor glyphs · Mysteries and adventure hooks for use by the GM · A poster map of the region, plus city maps of Andergast, Nostria, Joborn, Salta and Salterhaven, and Teshkal **Pirate Wars** Free League Publishing From the author of *Ninety Degrees North*, a spellbinding account of how officers of the British Navy explored the world after the Napoleonic Wars. In 1816, John Barrow, second secretary

to the British admiralty, launched the most ambitious program of exploration the world has ever seen. For the next thirty years, his handpicked teams of elite British naval officers scoured the globe from the Arctic to Antarctica, their mission: to fill the blanks that littered the atlases of the day. *Barrow's Boys* is the spellbinding story of these adventurers, the perils they faced—including eating mice, their shoes, and even each other to survive—and the

challenges they overcame on their odysseys into the unknown. Many of these expeditions are considered the greatest in history, and here they've been collected into one volume that captures the full sweep of Barrow's program. "Here is all the adventure you could want, stirringly and generously told." —Anthony Brandt, *National Geographic Adventure* "History at its most romantic." —The *Columbus Dispatch* "A sure bet for fans of Caroline Alexander's *The*

*Endurance*, this captivating survey of England's exploration during the nineteenth century illuminates a host of forgotten personalities." —Publishers Weekly "Travel history of the best kind: entertaining, informed and opinionated." —The *Sunday Times* *Fire Bringer* Oxford University Press, USA Arranged alphabetically by subject and/or concept, the present handbook has been conceived, for convenience sake and

quick reference, as an aid to students and researchers who are often puzzled or even sometimes intimidated by the 'mysterious' world of Arabic manuscripts and the technical language that goes with it. A companion volume to the recently published *The Arabic Manuscript Tradition* (2001) and its *Supplement* (2008), the *vademecum* comprises some 200 entries of varying lengths dealing with almost all aspects of Arabic manuscript studies (codicology and

palaeography). It is richly illustrated with specimens from manuscripts and expertly executed drawings. The main sequence is followed by a number of appendices covering abbreviations, letterforms, *sūrah*-headings, major reference works and a guide to the description of manuscripts, as well as charts of major historical periods and dynasties. [Polaris Courier Corporation](#) David Clement-Davies's first novel was published to great acclaim, including

a rave review from *Watership Down* author Richard Adams: "it is a riveting story and deserves to be widely read. It is one of the best anthropomorphic fantasies known to me." [Role-Playing Game Studies](#) Princeton University Press The author compares near-death experiences from all over the world, revealing their similarities as well as their differences. [Stories from Wales](#) Grove/Atlantic, Inc. Arthurian legend comes to

life in the first novel in this remarkable, award-winning saga. Thirteen-year-old Arthur de Caldicot lives on a manor, desperately waiting for the moment he can become a knight. One day his father's friend Merlin gives him a shining black stone - a seeing stone - that shows him visions of his namesake, King Arthur. The legendary dragons, battles, and swordplay that young Arthur witnesses seem a world away from his own life. And yet there is something definitely

joining the Arthurs together. It will be Arthur de Caldicot's destiny to discover how his path is intertwined with a king's . . . for the past is not the only thing the seeing stone can see.

**Kulturpflanzen und Haustiere in Ihrem Übergang Aus Asien Nach Griechenland und Italien Sowie in Das Übrige Europa; Historisch-linguistische Skizzen** Legare Street Press

Oxford Children's Myths and Legends bring you the greatest stories ever

told, from around the world and long ago. Heroes and villains, witches and wizards, warriors and royalty - there's something here for everyone. Stories from Wales is filled with spell-binding tales of love, loyalty, greed and jealousy come from the mountains and valleys of Wales. From Pwyll, the prince of Dyfed, to Arthur's court, they tell of a world where peasants and kings live alongside the folk of the faery, and where reality and enchantment intertwine.

One of four collections being published to launch the Oxford Children's Myths and Legends series - other titles are Stories from Scotland, Stories from Ireland and Stories from England

The Honest Courtesan  
Independently Published

The pirates of the Caribbean have a name for kids who can walk on water -- they call them polliwogs. As far as 14-year-old Jolly knows, she's the last polliwog still alive. She is valuable to the pirate captain who raised her, for she can sneak up

on an enemy ship by walking over the waves. When someone sets a trap for Jolly's ship, Jolly alone escapes. She is washed up on a tiny island inhabited by a farming family -- and the ghosts who labor for them. The farmers have a son, Munk, who has been raised almost in hiding. Munk longs to go to sea, but his parents say that they are afraid of pirates, and they have forbidden Munk to reveal his true identity -- he, too, is a polliwog. But pirates are not the only threat in the

Caribbean. Evil forces are stirring, and a demon from the sea attacks and murders Munk's parents. Was the demon really after Munk? And Jolly, too? Why are the polliwogs so valuable, and who wants them enough to kill for them? Jolly and Munk must sail with a strange crew of outcasts, led by the mysterious Ghost Trader, to avenge their loved ones and try to stop an ancient, malevolent force known as the Maelstrom. What it will cost both teens, no one can tell -- in this thrilling,

swashbuckling fantasy from the extraordinary Kai Meyer.

Before and After

Muhammad BRILL

Monumental study of English fashions from 1485 through 1603 surveys clothing worn by all classes and includes headgear, hairstyles, jewelry, collars, footwear, and other accessories. 1,000 black-and-white figures. 24 halftones. 22 color plates.

Pirate Curse Legare Street Press

The Venetian courtesan has long captured the

imagination as a female symbol of sexual license, elegance, beauty, and unruliness. What then to make of the cortigiana onesta—the honest courtesan who recast virtue as intellectual integrity and offered wit and refinement in return for patronage and a place in public life? Veronica Franco (1546-1591) was such a woman, a writer and citizen of Venice, whose published poems and familiar letters offer rich testimony to the complexity of the honest courtesan's position.

Margaret F. Rosenthal draws a compelling portrait of Veronica Franco in her cultural social, and economic world. Rosenthal reveals in Franco's writing a passionate support of defenseless women, strong convictions about inequality, and, in the eroticized language of her epistolary verses, the seductive political nature of all poetic contests. It is Veronica Franco's insight into the power conflicts between men and women—and her awareness of the threat

she posed to her male contemporaries—that makes her literary works and her dealings with Venetian intellectuals so pertinent today. Combining the resources of biography, history, literary theory, and cultural criticism, this sophisticated interdisciplinary work presents an eloquent and often moving account of one woman's life as an act of self-creation and as a complex response to social forces and cultural conditions. "A book . . . pleurably redolent of

Venice in the 16th-century. Rosenthal gives a vivid sense of a world of salons and coteries, of intricate networks of family and patronage, and of literary exchanges both intellectual and erotic."—Helen Hackett, Times Higher Education Supplement The Honest Courtesan is the basis for the film *Dangerous Beauty* (1998) directed by Marshall Herskovitz. (The film was re-titled *The Honest Courtesan* for release in the UK and Europe in 1999.) Barrow's Boys Kazi

### Publications

When an orphan, Niccolo da Pavia saves the life of Ludovico Sforza, Duke of Milan, he is catapulted from the monastery that has sheltered him for nineteen years into the opulence and decadence of court life. The attempt on the Duke's life is attributed to a mysterious assassin. Leonardo da Vinci is artist-in-residence in the the court of the Duke and he and Niccolo soon form a strong bond. The year is 1498 and the court is preparing for an invasion by the French. As

the court attempts to distract from the impending war with lavish celebrations, a series of unexplained deaths in the castle send shock waves through the court. Twenty-seven bodies are found, each murdered in a different way. Leonardo records his observations in a book that exposes corruption, cover-ups and abuse of power that pose a threat to the Duke far greater than the invading armies if it is discovered. As the invading army approaches Leonardo and Niccolo must flee with the

book before the Duke's guards arrive. This is book one in a series of eight adventures which follows Leonardo's life and involves the two friends in challenging situations that require their sleuthing skills. Review from National Advertising "Here's a marvelous treat, the wittiest historical mystery novel that deftly intertwines fact and fiction in a deliciously clever tale".

### **Carnival of Saints**

Cambridge University Press

Although there is broad

agreement about the major components of good reading instruction, many students continue to struggle with reading, and some never achieve high levels of literacy. This book presents an interest-driven model of reading that focuses on students' strengths and abilities, not their deficits. *Beiträge Zur Deutschen Mythologie* Scholastic Inc. Financial skulduggery in ancient Gaul! When local Chief Whosemoralsarelastix wants a cauldron full of money kept out of Roman

hands, the cash disappears while Asterix is guarding it. He and Obelix must earn enough to repay it through fairground gladiatorial contests, trendy theatrical performances, even bank robbery - they'll try anything. But whose morals are really elastic? And how do the pirates, just for once, get an unexpected bonus.

**At the Crossing Places  
(The Arthur Trilogy #2)**

Simon and Schuster  
In diesem Buch liefert  
Franz Josef vonBun  
Beiträge zur deutschen

Mythologie und beschreibt die verschiedenen Götter, Mythen und Legenden, die in der deutschen Kultur und Geschichte eine Rolle spielen. VonBun geht detailliert auf die verschiedenen Elemente dieser Mythologie ein und gibt Einblicke in die Bedeutung und den Einfluss dieser Geschichten auf die Kultur und Gesellschaft Deutschlands. Das Buch ist ein unverzichtbares Werk für alle, die sich für Mythologie und Kulturgeschichte interessieren. This work

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generally available to the public. We appreciate your support of the preservation process, and thank you for being an important part of keeping this knowledge alive and relevant.

*Mutant Year Zero* -

*Mechatron* Hachette UK

In the vast Caribbean Sea, pirates Jolly and Griffin are stranded on a tiny island where a peculiar architect is building an enormous bridge -- but to where? Another world? Before they can find out, the bridge bursts into

flames and the kobalins attack. Jolly and Griffin have nowhere to run until the Ghost Trader mysteriously appears and carries them off to the magical coral city of Aelinium. It is from Aelinium that Jolly and Munk are supposed to descend far, far into the deep to keep out the world-devouring Maelstrom. But Jolly isn't ready for that task. She wants to rescue Captain Bannon, the only father she ever knew, so she steals the ghost ship and

sets sail. Griffin follows her, until he is trapped by the man in the whale. Princess Soledad has her own plans -- to kill Pirate Emperor Kendrick. But the truly terrifying cannibal king stands in her way. Is Soledad ready to become the new pirate emperor? Pirates and magic make an explosive combination in this rollicking tale filled with swashbuckling swordplay, menacing monsters, and outlandish adventures, from the amazing imagination of Kai Meyer.