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the taxonomy and natural history of wildfowl, through a history of domestication world wide, to wildfowling, decoys, conservation and captive breeding, conflicts with agriculture, and wildfowl in legend and literature. Throughout, the text abounds with little-known facts and insights to intrigue the general reader and expert alike - a reflection of the author's wide reading and affection for her subject. Jacket illustrations by Joe Blossom."--Bloomsbury Publishing.

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