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*The Defence of Duffer's Drift* World Conservation Union

This tale of a dream is dedicated to the "gilded Popinjays" and "hired assassins" of the British nation, especially those who are now knocking at the door, to wit the very junior. It embodies some recollections of things actually done and undone in South Africa, 1899-1902. It is hoped that its fantastic guise may really help to emphasise the necessity for the practical application of some very old principles, and assist to an appreciation of what may happen when they are not applied, even on small operations. This practical application has often been lost sight of in the stress of the moment, with dire results, quite unrealised until the horrible instant of actual experience. Should this tale, by arousing the imagination, assist to prevent in the future even one such case of

disregard of principles, it will not have been written in vain. The dreams are not anticipations, but merely a record of petty experiences against one kind of enemy in one kind of country only, with certain deductions based thereupon. But from these, given the conditions, it is not difficult to deduce the variations suitable for other countries, or for those occasions when a different foe with different methods of fighting and different weapons has to be met.

**Magic Spanner** Routledge

This exciting new book marks a major shift in the study of the South African War. It turns attention from the war's much debated causes onto its more neglected consequences. An international team of scholars explores the myriad legacies of the war - for South Africa, for Britain, for the Empire and beyond. The extensive introduction sets the contributions in context, and the elegant afterword offers thought-provoking reflections on their cumulative significance.

**The Holy Terror** DARLINGTON PRESS

Following the bestselling novels *The Left Hand of God* and *The Last Four Things* comes the final installment of Paul Hoffman's stark, epic trilogy. Thomas Cale has been running from the truth....

Since discovering that his brutal military training has been for one purpose—to destroy God's greatest mistake, mankind itself—Cale has been hunted by the very man who made him into the Angel of Death: Pope Redeemer Bosco. Cale is a paradox: arrogant and innocent, generous and pitiless. Feared and revered by those who created him, he has already used his breathtaking talent for violence and destruction to bring down the most powerful civilization in the world. But Thomas Cale's soul is dying. As his body is racked with convulsions, he knows that the final judgment will not wait. As the day of reckoning draws close, Cale's sense of vengeance leads him back to the heart of darkness—the Sanctuary—and to confront the person he hates most in the world....

*The Defence of Duffer's Drift* Read Books Ltd

*So Far and Yet So Close* provides a comparative study of frontier cattle ranching in two societies on opposite ends of the globe. It is also an environmental history that at the same time centres on both the natural and frontier environments. There are many points at which the western Canadian and northern Australian cattle frontiers evoke comparisons. Most obviously they came to life at about the same time: late 1870s-early 1880s. In both cases corporations were heavy investors and

utilized an open range system in which tens of thousands of cattle roamed over thousands of square acres. Rancher.

*The Book of Ayub: Known in the West as Job* Tordotcom

A classic in small unit tactics in the British and U.S. Army, this book is recommended, without qualification, for the modern professional soldier. What would you do? Lieutenant Backsight Forethought (BF to his friends) has been left in command of a 50-man reinforced platoon to hold Duffer's Drift, the only ford on the Silliasvogel River available to wheeled traffic. Here is his chance for fame and glory. He has passed his officer courses and special qualifications. "Now if they had given me a job like fighting the Battle of Waterloo...or Bull Run, I knew all about that, as I had crammed it up...." While BF's task appears simple enough, the Boer enemy causes a multitude of problems, but you, astute reader, with a sharp mind and quick intellect, will no doubt, solve the problem before the first shot is fired. This version of Duffer's Drift is published by Army Flashcards. Army Flashcards produces premier military educational material. In this edition, the lessons of Duffer's Drift are related to the present day experience of the American Soldier and Officer. When I was a young Army Captain and Assistant Professor at the United States Military Academy, I came across Duffer's Drift lying on a random book case in our offices. I remember picking it up, flipping through the pages, and wondering at what kind of curiosity I'd stumbled across. I remember reading about the adventures, and subsequent demises, of LT Backsight Forethought and how eerily similar it sounded to my own adventures as a LT (without all of the recurring deaths obviously)! War is timeless. We come to the battlefield with new equipment and weapons, but the same humannature. In my decade plus in the Army (and more years to come!), I've found that our nature in war is to become complacent and overconfident. War is a dull bore punctuated by moments of intense conflict and emotions. It's during the lulls where we begin to believe that what we are doing is good enough and that our enemy is not as capable as we once thought. Then, inevitably, we suffer a loss, whip ourselves back into the shape and state we should have been in, and perform better.... for a time. I've spent the majority of my career training Soldiers, Cadets, and other leaders to master their profession of combat during a time that we collectively call the War on Terror. Starting with the fall of our towers and the tragic loss we all felt, the War on Terror has spanned nearly 20 years and several conflicts across the planet. In the military we are guilty of looking at these conflicts as "counter-insurgency" fights, then we excuse ourselves for neglecting our doctrine and basic war-fighting principles as if they don't apply anymore. I saw this tendency over and over again intraining, and have yet to master a way to break the mind set. To be completely honest, one of the best ways I've found is to make others read Duffer's Drift! There is something about this tale that terrifies us. Though we read about BF far away in South Africa, we can't help picturing ourselves in places more familiar. I'm transported to Shir Khan Afghanistan, where as a young LT, I supervised the construction of an outpost on a remote and dusty hilltop on the Tajikistan border. Had I been attacked like LT BF, would we have survived? After reading Duffer's Drift, I must honestly answer no! I likely would have suffered the same fate as the heroes of our story! I encourage you take this tale to heart. Even if you have yet to see combat, do your best to picture yourself in the most dire of circumstances, then consider how you can apply the lessons from LTBF to that situation. I'm here to tell you, it could make all of the difference.

*The Defence of Duffer's Drift* University of Chicago Press

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*The Defence of Duffers Drift* CreateSpace

1999 North American Society for the Sociology of Sport Annual Book Award Sport Matters offers a comprehensive introduction to the study of modern sport from a sociological perspective. It covers such topics as the history of sport, the development of ideas of 'fair play', sport and the emotions,

the professionalization of sport, race-relations and sport and sport and gender. Unique in its cross-cultural analysis, it uses examples from around the globe, including sports spectator violence in North America, the growth of international soccer and the role of sport in the European identity. *Buyology* London : Blackie and son

Herbert Simon's classic work on artificial intelligence in the expanded and updated third edition from 1996, with a new introduction by John E. Laird. Herbert Simon's classic and influential *The Sciences of the Artificial* declares definitively that there can be a science not only of natural phenomena but also of what is artificial. Exploring the commonalities of artificial systems, including economic systems, the business firm, artificial intelligence, complex engineering projects, and social plans, Simon argues that designed systems are a valid field of study, and he proposes a science of design. For this third edition, originally published in 1996, Simon added new material that takes into account advances in cognitive psychology and the science of design while confirming and extending the book's basic thesis: that a physical symbol system has the necessary and sufficient means for intelligent action. Simon won the Nobel Prize for Economics in 1978 for his research into the decision-making process within economic organizations and the Turing Award (considered by some the computer science equivalent to the Nobel) with Allen Newell in 1975 for contributions to artificial intelligence, the psychology of human cognition, and list processing. *The Sciences of the Artificial* distills the essence of Simon's thought accessibly and coherently. This reissue of the third edition makes a pioneering work available to a new audience.

*The Sailor's Word-book* High Stakes

A favorite of the United States Army Infantry School, "The Defence of Duffer's Drift" is a valuable instruction in the art of close quarters combat. One veteran recently observed that the war in Afghanistan might have fared better if commanders had not ignored the basic lessons taught in "Duffer's Drift." Originally published in 1904 by Major General Sir Ernest Dunlop Swinton, when he was still a captain, it remains relevant even in today's battlefields. The fictional main character is Lieutenant N. Backsight Forethought, commander of a 50-man reinforced platoon during a fictional encounter in the Boer War. BF, as he is known to his friends, is ordered to hold at all costs a key piece of ground known as Duffer's Drift. This is BF's big chance to prove himself on the battlefield and he is ready for the glory, or so he thinks. In a series of six scenarios he calls dreams, BF tries to solve tactical issues facing a young commander and his men assigned to a remote location with minimum supplies and maximum exposure to the enemy. In the first dream BF makes basic tactical errors that he summarizes in lessons learned at the end of the dream. In the second dream, he incorporates the lessons learned from the first dream and builds on them to improve his tactical effectiveness. Still, he makes new errors based on new challenges and at the end of the second dream, converts them as well into lessons learned. This continues until the sixth dream when he finally succeeds, drawing on all the lessons learned in the previous five dreams. General Swinton's contribution to the revolution in military affairs of the 20th century is illustrated in this book and its tutelage in the art of tactical warfare. It presages Swinton's ultimate contribution to tank warfare, which would come to dominate the battlefields of World War II. These lessons remain as relevant today as they were one hundred years ago and as long as our military keeps deploying to remote and austere regions in defense of our country.

*Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* MIT Press

This scarce antiquarian book is included in our special Legacy Reprint Series. In the interest of creating a more extensive selection of rare historical book reprints, we have chosen to reproduce this title even though it may possibly have occasional imperfections such as missing and blurred pages, missing text, poor pictures, markings, dark backgrounds and other reproduction issues beyond our control. Because this work is culturally important, we have made it available as a part of our commitment to protecting, preserving and promoting the world's literature.

*Musicians of Mars II* Penguin

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • "A fascinating look at how consumers perceive logos, ads, commercials, brands, and products."—Time How much do we know about why we buy? What truly influences our decisions in today's message-cluttered world? In *Buyology*, Martin Lindstrom presents the astonishing findings from his groundbreaking three-year, seven-million-dollar neuromarketing study—a cutting-edge experiment that peered inside the brains of 2,000 volunteers from all around the world as they encountered various ads, logos, commercials, brands, and products. His startling results shatter much of what we have long believed about what captures our interest—and drives us to buy. Among the questions he explores: • Does sex actually sell? • Does subliminal advertising still surround us? • Can "cool" brands trigger our mating

instincts? • Can our other senses—smell, touch, and sound—be aroused when we see a product? *Buyology* is a fascinating and shocking journey into the mind of today's consumer that will captivate anyone who's been seduced—or turned off—by marketers' relentless attempts to win our loyalty, our money, and our minds.

*The Defence of Duffer's Drift* Currency

Turning the envelope over, his hand trembling, Harry saw a purple wax seal bearing a coat of arms; a lion, an eagle, a badger and a snake surrounding a large letter 'H'. Harry Potter has never even heard of Hogwarts when the letters start dropping on the doormat at number four, Privet Drive. Addressed in green ink on yellowish parchment with a purple seal, they are swiftly confiscated by his grisly aunt and uncle. Then, on Harry's eleventh birthday, a great beetle-eyed giant of a man called Rubeus Hagrid bursts in with some astonishing news: Harry Potter is a wizard, and he has a place at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. An incredible adventure is about to begin! Having become classics of our time, the Harry Potter eBooks never fail to bring comfort and escapism. With their message of hope, belonging and the enduring power of truth and love, the story of the Boy Who Lived continues to delight generations of new readers.

*Confessions of an IT Manager* DIANE Publishing

"It's all on. Every pound left in the account. Why am I doing this?" This is what Iain Fletcher's one year as a "pro" on the betting exchanges had come down to—80 minutes on a mid table Rugby League game. The author of the acclaimed *On Tilt* was given money by a leading matched betting company, and given 12 months to turn a profit and learn the intricacies of the new online betting phenomenon. Game, Set and Matched is the fascinating diary of his efforts to master Matched Betting. Along the way he details how to bet successfully on the exchanges on all types of sports from horse racing to soccer and rugby to golf. Additionally, he highlights the financial and psychological disciplines required to come out ahead.

*The Defence of Jisr al-Doreaa* Red Gate Books

This manual is a dual-Service US Army and US Marine Corps publication introducing new terms and definitions and updating existing definitions as reflected in the latest editions of Army field manuals and Marine Corps doctrinal, warfighting, and reference publications. It complies with DOD Military Standard 2525. When communicating instructions to subordinate units, commanders and staffs from company through corps should use this manual as a dictionary of operational terms and military graphics.

*The Defense of Duffer's Drift* CreateSpace

Origins of pidgins and creoles; Northern Territory history in linguistic perspective; contact with Macassans and British settlements, Overland Telegraph and mining camps.

*The Beating of His Wings* Pottermore Publishing

Following the invasion of Iraq in 2003 the U.S. military found itself in a battle with a lethal and adaptive insurgency, where the divisions between enemy and ally were ambiguous at best, and working with the local population was essential for day-to-day survival. From the lessons they learned during multiple tours of duty in Iraq, two American veterans have penned *The Defense of Jisr al-Doreaa*, an instructional parable of counterinsurgency that addresses the myriad of difficulties associated with war in the postmodern era. In this tactical primer based on the military classic *The Defence of Duffer's Drift*, a young officer deployed for the first time in Iraq receives ground-level lessons about urban combat, communications technology, and high-powered weaponry in an environment where policy meets reality. Over the course of six dreams, the inexperienced soldier fights the same battle again and again, learning each time—the hard way—which false assumptions and misconceptions he needs to discard in order to help his men avoid being killed or captured. As the protagonist struggles with his missions and grapples with the consequences of his mistakes, he develops a keen understanding of counterinsurgency fundamentals and the potential pitfalls of working with the native population. Accompanied here by the original novella that inspired it, *The Defense of Jisr al-Doreaa* offers an invaluable resource for cadets and junior military leaders seeking to master counterinsurgency warfare—as well as general readers seeking a deeper understanding of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Just as its predecessor has been a hallmark of military instruction, *The Defense of Jisr al-Doreaa* will draw the road map for counterinsurgency in the postmodern world. Visit a website for the book here: [www.defenseofAD.com](http://www.defenseofAD.com)

*The Defense of Duffer's Drift* Createspace Independent Publishing Platform

Smoke Signals gathers 71 of Professor Simon Chapman's authoritative, acerbic and often heretical essays written in newspapers, blogs and research journals across his 40-year career. They cover

major developments and debates in tobacco control, public health ethics, cancer screening, gun control and panics about low risk agents like wi-fi, mobile phone towers and wind turbines. This collection is an essential guide to the landscape of many key debates in contemporary public health. It will be invaluable to public health students and practitioners, while remaining compelling reading for all interested in health policy. When is Simon Chapman the academic, intellectual, self-appointed chief wower of the nanny state gunna leave us alone? Steve Price, Australian radio broadcaster His insane wibblings are worrying yes, but still bloody funny to read. Christopher Snowden, Institute of Economic Affairs, London Simon Chapman is emeritus professor in public health at the University of Sydney. He has won the World Health Organization's medal for tobacco control (1998), the American Cancer Society's Luther Terry Award for outstanding individual leadership in tobacco control (2003), and was NSW Premier's Cancer Researcher of the Year medal (2008). In 2013 he was made an Officer in the Order of Australia for his contributions to public health and named 2013 Australian Skeptic of the Year. In 2014, the Australian right-wing think tank, the Institute of Public Affairs, named him as one of Australia's Dirty Dozen all-time "opponents of freedom".

**Smoke Signals** Bloomsbury Publishing

"A bizarre yet effective yoking of the spy and horror genres." —The Washington Post Book World

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The Lovecraftian Singularity has descended upon the world in The Labyrinth Index, beginning an exciting new story arc in Charles Stross' Hugo Award-winning Laundry Files series! Since she was promoted to the head of the Lords Select Committee on Sanguinary Affairs, every workday for Mhari Murphy has been a nightmare. It doesn't help that her boss, the new Prime Minister of Britain, is a manipulative and deceptive pain in the butt. But what else can she expect when working under the thumb of none other than the elder god N'yar Lat-Hotep a.k.a the Creeping Chaos? Mhari's most recent assignment takes her and a ragtag team of former Laundry agents across the pond into the depths of North America. The United States president has gone missing. Not that Americans are alarmed. For some mysterious reason, most of the country has forgotten the executive branch even exists. Perhaps it has to do with the Nazgûl currently occupying the government and attempting to summon Cthulhu. It's now up to Mhari and her team to race against the Nazgûl's vampire-manned dragnet to find and, for his own protection, kidnap the president. Who knew an egomaniacal, malevolent deity would have a soft spot for international relations? [The New Machiavelli](#) Springer

I Recall: Collections and Recollections is a memoir by Robert Henderson Croll. Croll was an Australian author, lyricist, bushwalker, and civic servant. Excerpt: "Central Australia, where I have

now been five times, was long a place of desire. When my Sister Elizabeth and her husband, Albert Watts, went to live at Quorn, a township sitting at the foot of the Flinders Range in South Australia, I paid her two visits. They quickened my wish to see more of the remarkable country on the edge of which Quorn is placed. That was some forty years ago. The first, a Spring journey, left two vivid memories. One is of the seemingly endless fields of young wheat which made much of South Australia so beautiful just then; the other is of a shooting trip to which we were invited. Our hosts were two young men of the district, tall and powerful, sons of a German settler. The conveyance was a light open cart with one fixed seat which held the two brothers. Behind them, a board rested its ends on the sides of the cart and was secured to the front seat by a stout rope."

[Impact of the South African War](#) Sagwan Press

"Any fool can get into a hole."-Old Chinese proverb. "If left to you, for defence make spades."- Bridge Maxim. I felt lonely, and not a little sad, as I stood on the bank of the river near Duffer's Drift and watched the red dust haze, raised by the southward departing column in the distance, turn slowly into gold as it hung in the afternoon sunlight. It was just three o'clock, and here I was on the banks of the Silliaasvogel river, left behind by my column with a party of fifty N.C.O.'s and men to hold the drift. It was an important ford, because it was the only one across which wheeled traffic could pass for some miles up or down the river.