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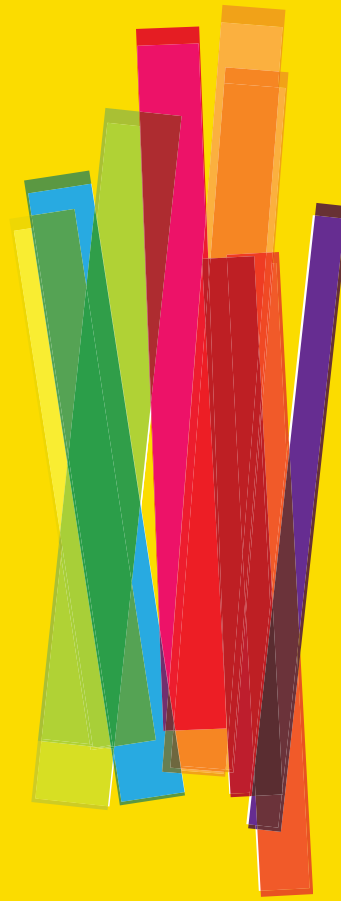
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**Meet your favorite
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new writers!
Purchase books!**

The Iowa Center for the Book has joined with the Iowa Library Association, the Des Moines Public Library, and Beaverville Books to host a book signing with forty-eight outstanding writers from Iowa!

Stop by the Children's Department for a free Storytelling Concert from 6:00 to 7:30 PM featuring stories and plenty of fun!

Fred Arroyo * James Autry * Larry Baker * Marvin Bergman * Jan Blazanin * Carol Bodensteiner *
Eileen Boggett * Sharelle Byars Moranville * Tricia Currans-Sheehan * Shirley Damsgaard * David
Faldet * Bill Friedrichs * Ken Fuson & Kent Stock * Mary Gottschalk * Donald & Maxine Huffman *
Bob Jennings & J. Barry Griswell * Gretchen Kauffman & Charles Newton * Michael Lemberger *
Sandra Levins * Stephen Lovely * Debra Marquart * Amy Maurer * Cynthia Scarlett Mercati *
Leigh Michaels * Vicki Myron * Craig McCue * Carson & Connie Ode * Lisa Ossian * Joseph Plum *
John T. Price * Loree Rackstraw * Keith Ratzlaff * Lauren Rice * Pamela Riney-Kehrberg *
Linda & Robert Scarth * Robert A. Schanke * Mary Kay Shanley * Susan Maupin Schmid *
Marilyn Schirck Setzler * Bill Sherman * Ryan Sloth * Ty Smedes * Larry A. Stone * Kimberly Stuart
Kali VanBaale * Victor Verney * Robert Waggoner * Dennis Weidemann * Michael Wellman



Fred Arroyo

The Region of Lost Names

Fred Arroyo is currently an assistant professor of English (fiction writing) at Drake University. He has an M.A. in creative writing from Purdue University and an MFA from the Programs for Writers at Warren Wilson College, as well as a PhD in English from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. He was named a 2009 Top Ten “New” Latino Author to Watch (and Read) By LatinoStories.com.



James Autry

Looking Around for God: The Oddly Reverent Observations of an Unconventional Christian | The Spirit of Retirement | The Servant Leader

James Autry is an author, poet, and former Fortune 500 executive whose work has had significant influence on leadership thinking. He is the author of ten published books. Autry lives in Des Moines, Iowa, with his wife, Lt. Governor Sally Pederson, and their twenty-one-year-old son. He has two grown sons by a previous marriage and is a proud grandfather of two.



Larry Baker

A Good Man | Flamingo Rising

Larry Baker started writing short stories at the age of fourteen and had his very first one published when he was fifteen. He is now settled in Iowa City with his wife. He has two adult children in Iowa and one in Seattle, two dogs and two cats. His first book *Flamingo Rising* remains one of America’s best loved coming of age novels, both heartbreaking and joyous. *A Good Man* tells the story of Harry Ducharme, a washed up DJ whose life becomes intertwined with contemporary politics, old time religion and Flannery O’Conner’s classic story “A Good Man is Hard to Find.”



Marvin Bergman

The Biographical Dictionary of Iowa | Iowa History Reader

Marvin Bergman received his Ph.D. in American religious history from the University of Chicago Divinity School. He has edited the Annals of Iowa for the State Historical Society of Iowa since 1987. He lives in Iowa City with his wife and has four grown children who with Marv are cofounders of Musick’s Feast, an early music ensemble that donates all the proceeds from its concerts to organizations engaged in hunger relief.



Jan Blazanin

Fairest of Them All

Jan Blazanin, a retired English teacher from the Des Moines Public Schools, earned her BA at Iowa State University and her MST. at Drake University. She has completed three courses from the Institute of Children’s Literature, taken classes at the Iowa Summer Writing Festival, and participated in numerous writing conferences. Jan is a member of the Society of Children’s Book Writers and Illustrators. Ms. Blazanin lives in Waukee, Iowa, with her life partner Mike, three dogs, two cats, and a flock of guinea fowl. Her first young adult novel, *Fairest of Them All*, was released by MTV Books on April 21, 2009.



Carol Bodensteiner

Growing Up Country: Memories of an Iowa Farm Girl

Carol Bodensteiner was born in Maquoketa, Iowa, in 1948 and raised on her family’s dairy farm in eastern Iowa, between Maquoketa and Preston. She is a writer and public relations counselor in Des Moines, Iowa. Throughout her career, Carol has written and edited a magazine, provided public relations counsel to, and written for, the clients of two public relations agencies. Her numerous articles appear in professional journals.



Eileen Boggess

Mia the Meek | Mia the Melodramatic

Eileen Boggess is a former middle school teacher with a Master’s Degree in Middle Level Education. Eileen enjoys exploring the humorous side of the topsy-turvy teenage years. She currently lives in Urbandale with her husband and two children.



Sharelle Byars Moranville

The Snows | A Higher Geometry

Sharelle Byars Moranville’s first novel, *Over the River* (2002), was a Booklist Top 10 Historical Fiction for Youth and a finalist for the Iowa Children’s Choice Award. *A Higher Geometry* (2006) was a Bank Street College of Education Best Book and a Booklist Top 10 Youth Romance. Sharelle’s most recent young adult novel, *The Snows*, was released in August, 2007. She holds a PhD in English literature and has taught at various colleges and universities.



Tricia Currans-Sheehan

The Egg Lady and Other Neighbor | The River Road: A Novel in Linked Stories

Tricia Currans-Sheehan is a native of Emmetsburg, Iowa. She is a professor of English/Writing at Briar Cliff University and founding editor of The Briar Cliff Review. For 22 years she has nurtured the magazine from a regional to a national publication. Recently she won the Headwaters Literary Competition, sponsored by New Rivers Press, for her collection of short stories, *The Egg Lady and Other Neighbors*. Her new novel in stories, *The River Road*, was published in October 2008.



Shirley Damsgaard

Witch Way to Murder | Charmed to Death | The Trouble With Witches | Witch Hunt | The Witch Is Dead | The Witch's Grave

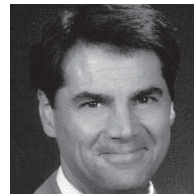
Shirley Damsgaard is an American writer living in small town Iowa. In addition to short stories, she has published seven suspense novels. Shirley has lived in the same town for over twenty years and is its Postmaster. She enjoys gardening, reading, needlepoint and writing about the paranormal.



David Faldet

Oneota Flow

David Faldet has spent forty years in the basin of the Upper Iowa River, which winds from the flat farm fields of southern Minnesota through the wooded valleys of northeast Iowa to the Mississippi. Both sides of his family have lived in the area for five generations. Faldet is a Professor of English at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa where he teaches literature, writing, and environmental studies.



Bill Friedrichs

Investing in Iowa: The Life and Times of F. M. Hubbell

William Friedrichs is a professor of history and director of the Iowa History Center at Simpson College. A native Californian, he received his BA from the University of California, San Diego, and his MA and PhD from the University of Southern California. He has written several books on the history of Iowa, most recently *Investing in Iowa: The Life and Times of F. M. Hubbell*. He is the inaugural recipient of the Iowa History Prize, a biennial award given by Humanities Iowa.



Ken Fuson & Kent Stock

Heading for Home: My Journey from Little League to Hollywood!

Ken Fuson fell in love with baseball by listening to radio broadcasts of the St. Louis Cardinal games. He has won many writing awards during his thirty-year newspaper career, and is a freelance writer from Des Moines, Iowa. With Kent Stock, he has written the story that inspired the motion picture *The Final Season*.

Co-author Kent Stock, born and raised in Iowa, spent twenty-three years in education and is currently working as a relationship manager with a bank. He is also a powerful inspirational speaker. Kent resides with his wife and children in Marion, Iowa.



Mary Gottschalk

Sailing Down the Moonbeam

Mary was born and raised in the Midwest. On finishing graduate school, she headed to New York City to build a career. Over the next fifteen years, she worked as an economist, a commodity banker and corporate treasurer. *Sailing Down the Moonbeam* is her memoir about a three-year journey on a sailboat with her husband. At present, she is working on a novel and writes regularly for the Iowan.



J. Barry Griswell & Bob Jennings

The Adversity Paradox: An Unconventional Guide to Achieving Uncommon Business Success

J. Barry Griswell is former Chairman and CEO of the Principal Financial Group. He currently serves as President of the Community Foundation of Great Des Moines. Much lauded for his expertise and generosity, he continues to serve on numerous boards in both the private and nonprofit sectors. In 2008 he founded The Harvest Initiative, an endeavor to bring economic help to the people of Crow County in South Dakota.

Bob Jennings is President of Lean Management Inc. and was COO and then President of EFCO Corp., a world leader in the design and supply of forms for concrete construction, with operations in twelve countries. He holds five patents, has participated in many of the world's largest construction projects, and has been published in various trade magazines.



Donald & Maxine Huffman

Mushrooms and Other Fungi of the Midcontinental United States | Mushrooms in Your Pocket

Both Maxine and Don, professors emeriti at Central, taught in the Central College Study Program in Yucatan [12 terms], and the Central College Study Program in China [8 semesters], where they taught writing and conversational English at Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, China. Both were awarded the West Lake Award from Zhejiang Province in China for contributions to

development of higher education. They wrote content items and served as English Editors for two editions of *New College English*, a highly regarded series of English language textbooks [more than 2 million books sold to date] for use by Chinese university students. They received honorary doctorates from Central College in 2008.



Gretchen Kauffman & Charles Newton

A Disgrace to the Profession

Gretchen Kauffman grew up in Des Moines, Iowa, and received BA and MA degrees in English from the University of Iowa.

She taught Advanced Placement English at Lincoln High School in Des Moines. She was a freelance editor and writer for Perfection Learning Corporation, the Iowan and Welcome Home magazines, Meredith Corporation and other publishers across the country.



Charles Newton was born at Stuart, a small agricultural community in west central Iowa, where he spent his boyhood. After graduating from the local school system, he pursued a degree in education at Northwest Missouri State University. He earned a master's degree in history at the University of New Hampshire after the military and began a teaching career that spanned a period of 36 years, 34 of which were spent in Des Moines, Iowa. During his teaching career, he taught world history and English in grades 7-12.



Michael Lemberger & Leigh Michaels

Ottumwa, Iowa (Images of America Series) | Focus on Photos | One Man's Vision | St. Patrick's Georgetown, Iowa | Mars Hill | Buxton Roots | 1904 World's Fair | Creating Romantic Characters | Writing Between the Sexes | Ottumwa (postcard history)

Michael W. Lemberger, a longtime resident of Ottumwa, is an award-winning photographer, artist, and author who has collected historic photographs for more than 50 years. He has co-worked with Leigh Michaels on several private postcard collections to select vintage images that illustrate the varied history of their hometown.

Leigh Michaels is the author of nearly 100 books, including 80 contemporary novels and more than a dozen non-fiction books.

Her work has been translated and published in 120 countries in more than 25 languages, including Japanese, Korean, Hungarian, Polish, Portuguese, and much more. She wrote her first romance novel when she was fifteen and burned it, then wrote and burned five more complete manuscripts in the next ten years before submitting to a publisher.



Sandra Levins

Was It the Chocolate Pudding? A Story for Little Kids about Divorce | Do You Sing Twinkle? A Story about Remarriage and New Family

Sandra Levins is a published author of children's books. She lives in Burlington, Iowa with her husband and stepson. She loves writing children's books because of the message behind the stories and what it can bring into children's lives.



Stephen Lovely

Irreplaceable

Stephen Lovely was born in Dallas, Texas and spent most of his childhood in Ohio. He attended Kenyon College, where he majored in English and made his first awkward forays into fiction writing. After graduating from Kenyon he moved to Boston and spent two years working on the editorial staff of Cell. In 2005 he became the Director of the Iowa Young Writers' Studio, a summer, residential creative writing program for high school students. He currently lives in Iowa City with his girlfriend and their three dogs and three cats. His widely praised debut novel tells the story of a wife's death, the gift of her transplanted heart and the families touched forever by happenstance.



Debra Marquart

Everything's a Verb | The Hunger Bone: Rock & Roll Stories | The Horizontal World: Growing Up Wild in the Middle of Nowhere

Critically acclaimed writer-performer Debra Marquart is a professor of English at Iowa State University. She teaches in the MFA Program in Creative Writing & Environment at Iowa State University and the Stonecoast Low-Residency MFA program at the University of Southern Maine. Marquart's work has received numerous awards and commendations including the 2007 PEN USA's Creative Nonfiction Award and an "Elle Lettres" Award from Elle Magazine.



Amy Maurer

A Purple Hippopotamus Pillow and Pink Penguin Sheets

Amy earned an MA in Speech-Language Pathology from the University of Northern Iowa (UNI) where she currently teaches. While working as a Behavioral Therapist, she found a need for books that contained speech and language rich text, along with vivid illustrations, for children with language disabilities.



Cynthia Scarlett Mercati

Ya Gotta Have Goop | Shakespeare and Me

Cynthia has written over 20 books for young people and also published several books for adults, including From The Flames. She loves to combine theater and writing, and often performs in the plays such as Kate Shelly: The Heroine of the Bridge that she has written for young people.



Vicki Myron

Dewey: There's a Cat in the Library | Dewey: The Small-Town Library Cat Who Touched the World

Vicki Myron was born in Spencer and grew up on a farm south of Moneta, Iowa--a town that no longer exists. Vicki graduated from Hartley Iowa High School and moved to Mankato, Minnesota. She has a bachelor's degree from Mankato State and a master's from Emporia State University in Kansas. In 1982, she returned to Spencer to begin working at the public library. In 1987, Vicki was named Director of Spencer Public Library and served in that position for twenty five and half years. Vicki retired in 2007 to write Dewey and its follow-up version for children. She currently resides in Spencer



Craig McCue

Des Moines: 1845-1920 | Des Moines (Postcard History) – with Ron Playle | West Des Moines and Valley Junction – with the West Des Moines Historical Society

An amateur photographer, historian, and collector of antiquarian books and memorabilia, Craig McCue offers a unique perspective on American life in this collection. When not working at Wells Fargo, he volunteers for church, school, and community organizations in the Des Moines area. He lives in Urbandale with his wife, De Ann, and their two children, Christian and Hannah.



Carson & Connie Ode

Iowa – Spaces, Places, Faces

Carson Ode was born in Ossian, Iowa, on January 3, 1938. He grew up in Northeast Iowa and Southeastern Minnesota. He is a graduate of Luther College where he majored in art education. He has been freelancing for almost forty years and his wife, Connie, has been with him every step of the way.

Connie is a native Moville in Northwest Iowa and a graduate of Briar Cliff University in Sioux City, majoring in medical technology. Connie and Carson have lived on Des Moines' southside for forty-plus years. They have five grown children. Their new book explores Iowa county by county.



Lisa Ossian

The Home Fronts of Iowa, 1939-1945

Lisa Ossian teaches history at Des Moines Area Community College. Her new book is based on her essay *Children's War Work on the Iowa Farm Front, 1941-1945* which appears in *Children and War* (2002). Her articles have been published in *Social History of Alcohol and Temperance* and in *Agricultural History*. She serves on the National Women's History Project Board, the National Endowment for the Arts' Thought and Action advisory board, and the Youth Institute faculty for the World Food Prize.



Joseph S. Plum

Relics: deep mythic image poetry

Joseph Plum has been sharing his Bardic poetry through live performances of his spoken works. Recently he was awarded a grant from the Iowa Arts Council to produce *Relics*, his first book and DVD. He is currently working on two books and one film. He lives simply in the rural Monroe County cabin that he built and which remains without running water or electricity.



John T. Price

Man Killed by Pheasant and Other Kinships | Not Just Any Land: A Personal and Literary Journey into the American Grasslands

Born in Fort Dodge, Iowa, in 1966, John T. Price attended the University of Iowa, where he earned his BA in Religion, MFA. in Nonfiction Writing and PhD in English. He is a Professor of English at the University of Nebraska- Omaha, where he teaches nonfiction writing. He lives with his wife Stephanie and two sons in the Loess Hills of western Iowa. His new book is an engaging memoir that takes the reader on a moving and delightful journey from rural Iowa to the mountains of Idaho.



Loree Rackstraw

Love as Always, Kurt: Vonnegut As I Knew Him

Loree Rackstraw is Professor Emeritus at the University of Northern Iowa. A former fiction editor of *The North American Review*, Rackstraw holds degrees from Grinnell College and the University of Iowa. She lives in Cedar Falls, Iowa. Her new book provides deep insights to her forty-year friendship with Kurt Vonnegut, their correspondence, and reunions.



Keith Ratzlaff

Then, a Thousand Crows | Dubious Angels Poems After Paul Klee

Keith is a Nebraska native and a graduate of Indiana University's MFA program. He is a Professor of English at Central College in Pella, Iowa. The author of numerous collections, his awards include the Anhinga Prize for Poetry, the Theodore Roethke Award and a Pushcart Prize.



Lauren Rice

Iowa: An Explorer's Guide

Lauren R. Rice is a writer, teacher, and traveler with an eye for the strange and an addiction to the open road. When she is not exploring her home state, she teaches writing and sells backpacks and tents. She lives in Des Moines, Iowa.



Pamela Riney-Kehrberg

Childhood on the Farm: Work, Play and Coming of Age in the Midwest

Historian Pamela Riney-Kehrberg is associate professor and director of graduate education in the Program in Agricultural History and Rural Studies at Iowa State University. Her book explores the impact of the rural environment in the 1920's on children's everyday experiences and attitudes. It is "the only general history of Midwestern farm children to use narratives written by the children themselves giving fresh voice to these forgotten years."



Linda & Robert Scarth

Deep Nature: Photographs of Iowa

Linda and Robert Scarth come from academic backgrounds where these observational skills were honed. Linda has degrees in child development, education and library and information science. Bob's degrees are in animal breeding, genetics and statistics. Linda grew up in a family of amateur folk artists who enjoyed photography. Bob discovered his eye for detail well suited to photography as a young college teacher. Largely self taught, the Scarths have taken photography classes at universities and in communities where they have worked and lived, including the Kansas City Art Institute and the Armidale College of TAFE in Australia.



Robert A. Schanke

That Furious Lesbian: The Story of Mercedes de Acosta | *Women in Turmoil: Six Plays by Mercedes de Acosta*

Robert A. Schanke is Professor Emeritus of Theatre at Central College, Iowa, where he served for 27 years. Besides his writing, he has directed theatre productions in England, Wales, and Mexico. A leading expert on Eva Le Gallienne, he is the author of seven books and dozens of essays on gay and lesbian actors and their legacy in American theatre.



Susan Maupin Schmid

Lost Time

Susan Maupin Schmid grew up next to a cemetery and has always been interested in things like history, archeology, and mummies. Her science fiction mystery, *Lost Time*, received excellent reviews. Susan writes fantasy, science fiction, and mysteries. She lives in Iowa with her husband and two daughters.



Marilyn Schrick Setzler

This Place Called Carroll County Iowa | *Cathedrals Among the Cornfields*

Marilyn Schrick Setzler grew up in Carroll County. She was a media specialist in a suburban school district near Minneapolis before returning to Carroll. After becoming reacquainted with her hometown while writing *This Place Called Carroll County Iowa* she returned to live in Carroll. Since returning, she has written a second book about Carroll County called *Cathedrals Among the Cornfields*. She enjoys talking about Carroll County history, especially the beautiful churches in the county.



Mary Kay Shanley

Our State Fair - Iowa's Blue Ribbon Story | *Survival Secrets of College Students* | *She Taught Me to Eat Artichokes* | *The Memory Box*

Mary Shanley began her career as a reporter for The Des Moines Register, and then moved into free-lance writing when her children were small. She is a public speaker and veteran instructor with the University of Iowa's prestigious Summer Writing Festival. She lives in West Des Moines.



Bill Sherman

Iowa Country Schools: Landmarks of Learning | *One-Room School ABC Book* | *Tributes to Iowa Teachers*

William Sherman was a public relations specialist for the Iowa State Education Associate for thirty-five years. Since his retirement he has worked to help with the preservation of Iowa's country schools.



Ryan Sloth

Sammy Sloth Sport Superstar

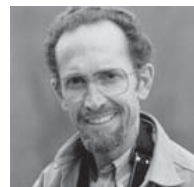
Assistant Coach Ryan Sloth played his collegiate ball at Iowa State University from 1996 to 2000. Sloth signed with the Iowa Barnstormers in 2001. He set franchise records for interceptions, tackles, and pass break-ups. Ryan and his wife, Heidi along with their three year old son named Tucker and newborn daughter named Taylor reside in Ames. His new children's book tells of Sammy's quest to become a superstar.



Ty Smedes

Capturing Iowa's Seasons

A lifelong interest in nature and wildlife led Ty Smedes to his first 35mm camera, in 1980. His ultimate goal is to help others enjoy, appreciate, and value our often fragile and threatened natural eco-systems and natural heritage. He lives in Urbandale.



Larry A. Stone

Listen to the Land | *Sylvan T Runkel: Citizen of the Natural World* | *Iowa-Portrait of the Land* | *Whitetail: Treasure, Trophy or Trouble- A History of Deer in Iowa*

Larry Stone is a freelance nature writer, photographer, and lecturer. He has written five books and has been published in several conservation magazines. Larry and his wife, Margaret, live in the hills along the Turkey River near Elkader. They have two grown children, and four grandchildren who love to play in the dirt.



Kimberly Stuart

Stretch Marks | Act Two

Kimberly Stuart grew up in Des Moines, Iowa, where she resolved on multiple occasions to read every book in her local library. Taking one creative writing class in college persuaded her to become a high school teacher. She taught Spanish and English as a second language in Chicago and Minneapolis, Costa Rica, and eastern Iowa.



Kali VanBaale

The Space Between

Kali was born on January 20, 1975. She attended Indian Hills Community College, the University of Northern Iowa, Des Moines Area Community College, and finally Upper Iowa University (Bachelor's in Human Services/Psychology.) She currently lives on an acreage outside Des Moines with her husband and three children—two boys and a girl who all give me equal amounts of pure grief and pure joy. She spends most of her workdays on a laptop in her office. In this award-winning debut novel, VanBaale explores the aftermath of a teenager's tragic school killing and suicide.



Victor Verney

Warrior of God: Jan Žižka and the Hussite Revolution

Victor Verney served in the U.S. Navy for four years, receiving an honorable discharge at the rank of E-5. He earned a graduate degree in American literature at the State University of NY/Buffalo. After a few years as an English professor, he entered the field of journalism, working as editor at both weekly and daily newspapers. A desire to focus on specific projects led to a career as freelance writer.



Robert Waggoner

Lucid Dreaming: Gateway to the Inner Self

Robert Waggoner is President of the International Association for the Study of Dreams and a summa cum laude graduate of Drake University with a degree in psychology. For the past seven years, he has been the co-editor of the online journal, The Lucid Dream Exchange, the only ongoing publication devoted specifically to lucid dreaming.



Dennis Weidemann

This Water Goes North

In 1979, Dennis Weidemann was a student at Iowa State. Barely twenty-one when he headed for the polar bears of Hudson Bay, he sought little, but found much.



Michael Wellman

Far from the Trees: The Troubled Sons of an American Neighborhood

Michael Wellman's essays have appeared in The Des Moines Register, The Iowan, and on Iowa Public Radio. The futility of his chronic allegiance to the Chicago Cubs is made sufferable by more therapeutic ones to his steadfast wife, their three splendid children and two fine dogs. His new book is a personal account of growing up during the cultural earthquake of the 1960's and 70's that toppled America's leaders and opened deep chasms within families, neighbors and the nation.

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