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If the spring & summer brings forth great fiction, then the autumn & winter seasons offers a rich crop of biography & history for hungry minds. As ever, this list is but a fraction of what has been, or will be, published this season so if you do not find something to tempt - or you would like help finding the perfect present - do get in touch

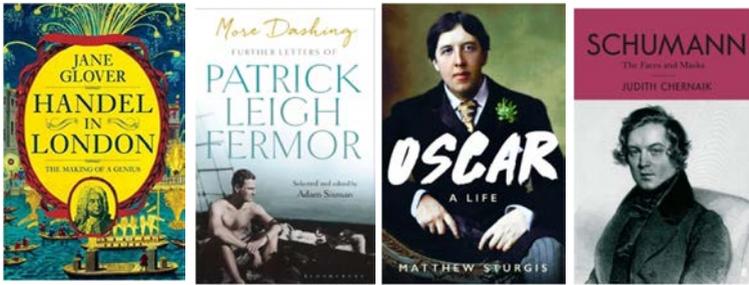
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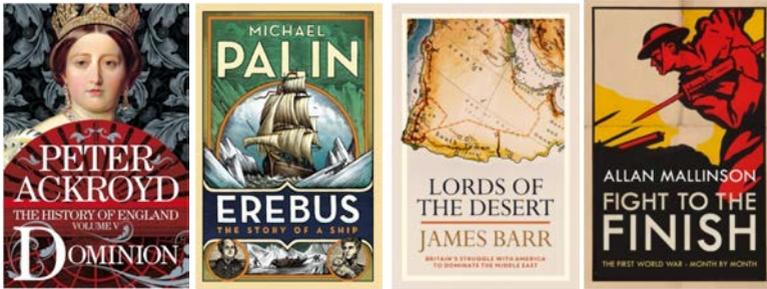
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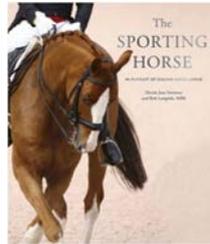
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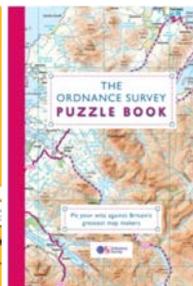
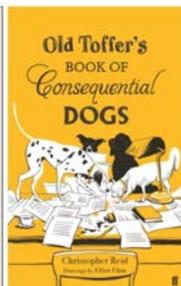
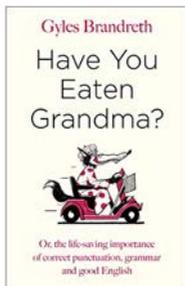
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