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Fantastic menagerie

The sinister majesty of Walton Ford's wildlife

At first glance, **Walton Ford's** large-scale, highly-detailed watercolors of animals may recall the prints of 19th century illustrators **John James Audubon** and **Edward Lear**, and others of the colonial era. But a closer look reveals a complex and **disturbingly anthropomorphic** universe, full of symbols, sly jokes, and allusions to the 'operatic' nature of traditional natural history themes. The beasts and birds populating this contemporary artist's life-size paintings are **never mere objects, but dynamic actors in allegorical struggles**: a wild turkey crushes a small parrot in its claw; a troupe of monkeys wreak havoc on a formal dinner table, an American buffalo is surrounded by bloodied white wolves. The book's title derives from *The Pancha Tantra*, an ancient Indian book of animal tales considered the precursor to Aesop's *Fables*.

This large-format edition includes **an in-depth exploration of Walton Ford's oeuvre**, a complete biography, and excerpts from his textual inspirations: Vietnamese folktales and the letters of Benjamin Franklin, the *Autobiography of Benvenuto Cellini* and Audubon's *Ornithological Biography*.

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The artist:

Walton Ford, born 1960, studied filmmaking at RISD (Rhode Island School of Design), but soon realized he was a painter. For the last 20 years he has been creating large-scale narrative watercolors. His work has been widely exhibited, including solo shows at the Hamburger Bahnhof in Berlin and the Brooklyn Museum in New York.

The author:

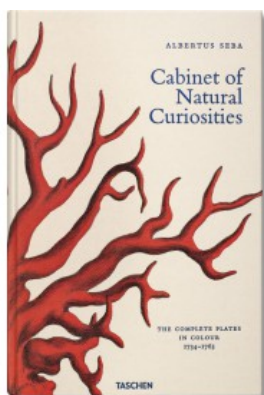
Bill Buford is an author and *New Yorker* staff writer, as well as the founding editor of *Granta*, which he edited for 16 years. His books include *Among the Thugs* and *Heat: An Amateur's Adventures as a Kitchen Slave*. He lives in New York City with his wife and two sons.

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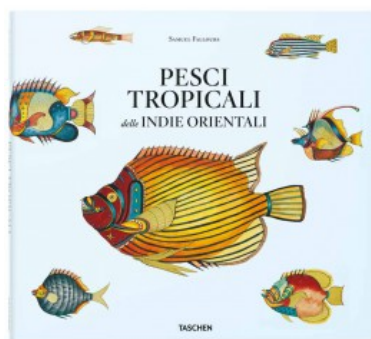


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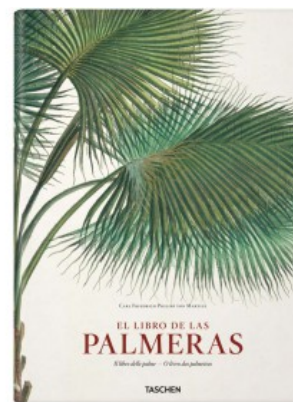
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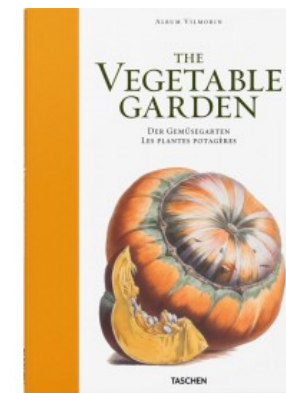
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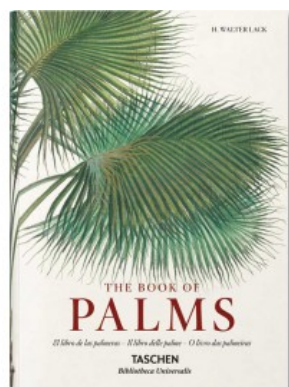
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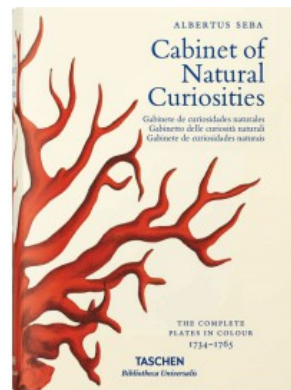
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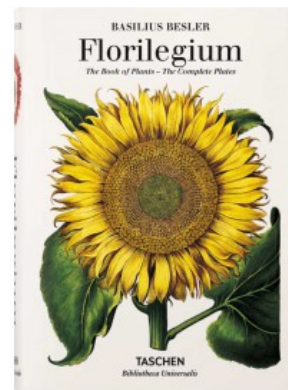
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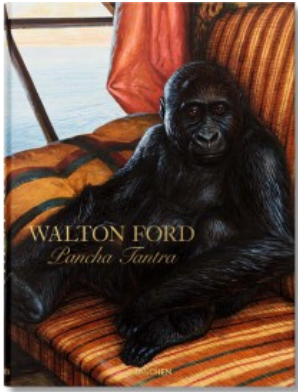
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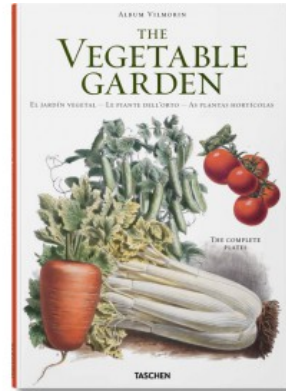
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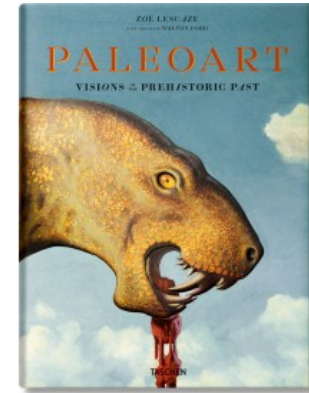
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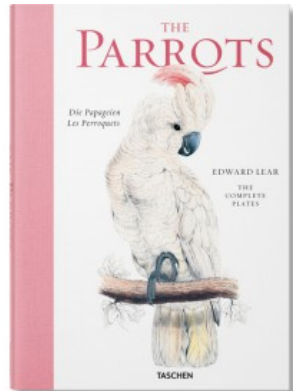
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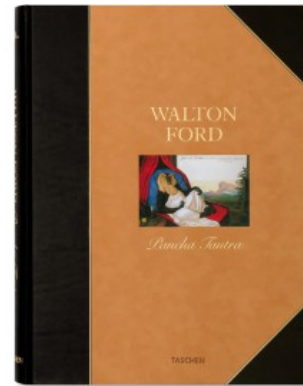
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