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"Staggering return to 35.000 year art. This book offers a provocative conclusion to the mystery: prehistoric man utilized small statues of animals, projected on caves walls by oil lamps, to paint. The debates begin."  
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