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Since its founding in 1602, the Bodleian Library has become home to treasures from throughout history and every corner of the globe. From among this remarkable and historically rich collection, former Bodley's Librarian David Vaisey has selected nearly one hundred treasures with a particularly fascinating story to tell.

Rare books, music, manuscripts, ephemera, and maps, many of the treasures photographed and described for this lavish volume are well-loved around the world, from Jane Austen's manuscript of *The Watsons* to notebooks created by the poet Percy Bysshe Shelley, a map of Narnia drawn by C. S. Lewis, and the original manuscript of the renowned children's work *The Wind in the Willows*. Others are known for their beauty or historical significance, including the Gutenberg Bible, the Magna Carta, and the extraordinary medieval manuscript *The Douce Apocalypse*. Still others hold poignant stories like the small handwritten book presented as a New Year's present in 1545 to Katherine Parr by an eleven-year-old stepdaughter who would later become Queen Elizabeth I. Vaisey brings these and other treasures together in chronological order, showcasing the Bodleian Library's renowned collections.

A coveted glimpse into the Bodleian Library, *Treasures* serves as a beautifully illustrated introduction to the Library's literary and historical riches, while offering insights into particular works contained within.

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