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### Aaron's Rod

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### **Duncton Quest**

Includes information on author and playwright D.H. Lawrence such as a chronology of his life, a chronology of his writings, a checklist of his reading, calendar and maps of his travel, bibliography, filmography, and discography.

### **Kangaroo**

The tenth child of Charles Dickens, Edward Bulwer Lytton Dickens, known as Plorn, had consistently proved unable 'to apply himself' to school or life. So aged sixteen, he is sent, as his brother Alfred was before him, to Australia. Plorn arrives in Melbourne in late 1868 carrying a terrible secret. He has never read a word of his father's work. He is sent out to a 2000-square-mile station in remotest New South Wales to learn to become a man, and a gentleman stockman, from the most diverse and toughest of companions. In the outback he becomes enmeshed with Paakantji, colonists, colonial-born, ex-convicts, ex-soldiers, and very few women. Plorn, unexpectedly, encounters the same veneration of his father and familiarity with Dickens' work in Australia as was

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rampant in England. Against this backdrop, and featuring cricket tournaments, horse-racing, bushrangers, sheep droving, shifty stock and station agents, frontier wars and first encounters with Australian women, Plorn meets extraordinary people and enjoys wonderful adventures as he works to prove himself. This is Tom Keneally in his most familiar terrain. Taking historical figures and events and reimagining them with verve, compassion and humour. It is a triumph.

### **The White Peacock (Romance Classic)**

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### **Love and Sex in D. H. Lawrence**

In this new reading, Williams examines Lawrence's life in the context of his struggles with the dominant discourses of the day, and locates Lawrence's work as a site upon which debates around class, race and sexual identity should be discussed.

### **The Glyph and the Gramophone**

A Lambda Literary Awards Finalist Named one of the best books of 2017 by NPR's Book Concierge A revelatory narrative of the intersecting lives and works of revered authors Virginia Woolf, T. S. Eliot, E. M. Forster and D. H. Lawrence during 1922, the birth year of modernism The World Broke in Two tells the fascinating story of the intellectual and personal

journeys four legendary writers, Virginia Woolf, T. S. Eliot, E. M. Forster, and D. H. Lawrence, make over the course of one pivotal year. As 1922 begins, all four are literally at a loss for words, confronting an uncertain creative future despite success in the past. The literary ground is shifting, as *Ulysses* is published in February and Proust's *In Search of Lost Time* begins to be published in England in the autumn. Yet, dismal as their prospects seemed in January, by the end of the year Woolf has started *Mrs. Dalloway*, Forster has, for the first time in nearly a decade, returned to work on the novel that will become *A Passage to India*, Lawrence has written *Kangaroo*, his unjustly neglected and most autobiographical novel, and Eliot has finished—and published to acclaim—“*The Waste Land*.” As Willa Cather put it, “The world broke in two in 1922 or thereabouts,” and what these writers were struggling with that year was in fact the invention of modernism. Based on original research, Bill Goldstein's *The World Broke in Two* captures both the literary breakthroughs and the intense personal dramas of these beloved writers as they strive for greatness.

### **Apocalypse**

*The White Peacock* is set in Nethermere and is narrated by Cyril Beardsall, whose sister Laetitia is involved in a love triangle with two young men, George and Leslie Temple. She decides to marry Leslie, even though she feels sexually drawn to George. Spurned by Lettie, George marries the conventional Meg. Both his and Lettie's marriages end

in unhappiness, as George slides into alcoholism. The novel involves themes such as the damage associated with mismatched marriages, and the border country between town and country

### **Kangaroo Illustrated**

"The Rainbow" tells the story of three generations of the Brangwen family, a dynasty of farmers and craftsmen who live in the east Midlands of England, on the borders of Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire. The book covers a period from the 1840s to 1905, and shows how the love relationships of the Brangwens change against the backdrop of the increasing industrialization of Britain. The first central character, Tom Brangwen, is a farmer whose experience of the world does not stretch beyond these two counties; while the last, Ursula, his granddaughter, studies at university and becomes a teacher in the progressively urbanized, capitalist and industrial world. "Women in Love" is a sequel to novel The Rainbow, and follows lives of the Brangwen sisters, Ursula a schoolteacher, and Gudrun a painter. They meet two men who live nearby, school inspector Rupert Birkin and Gerald Crich, heir to a coal-mine, and the four become friends. Ursula and Birkin begin a romantic friendship, while Gudrun and Gerald eventually begin a love affair. The emotional relationships thus established are given further depth and tension by an intense psychological and physical attraction between Gerald and Rupert. All four are deeply concerned with questions of society, politics, and the relationship between men and women. The novel ranges over the

whole of British society before the time of the First World War and eventually concludes in the snows of the Tyrolean Alps.

### **Women in Love**

D. H. Lawrence (1885-1930) made a contribution to poetry that, in the words of Louise Bogan, "can now be recognized as one of the most important, in any language, of our time." *Birds, Beasts and Flowers*, his first great experiment in free verse, was published when he was thirty-eight. This Black Sparrow edition reprints the first edition (New York: Thomas Seltzer, 1923) with a few corrections of typographical errors and the restoration of a number of lines considered indecent in 1923. The cover reproduces D. H. Lawrence's design for the dust jacket of the first edition. Many of these individual poems are popular in anthologies. However, they are best read in the context and continuum of the whole book. In preparing the original collection for publication, Lawrence grouped the poems in a purposeful sequence. For a later printing he prefaced many of the sub-sections with brief quotations from the third edition of John Burnet's *Early Greek Philosophy*.

### **The Lost Girl (Feminist Classic)**

A critical edition of *Kangaroo*, D. H. Lawrence's eighth novel, set in Australia. Copyright © Libri GmbH. All rights reserved.

### **A D.H. Lawrence Handbook**

## Publisher Description

### **Flame Into Being**

D. H. Lawrence has suffered criticism for the emotional excess of his language, and for a suspected leaning towards right-wing politics. This book contextualises his style and political values in German culture, especially its Romantic tradition which has been subjected to the same criticism as himself. In his writing Lawrence struggles between opposing German cultural elements from the eighteenth century onwards, to dramatise the conflicts in Modern European culture and history in the first half of the Twentieth century. The book demonstrates how his failures are integral to his achievements, and how the self-contradictory nature of his art is actually its saving grace. This volume surveys the whole span of Lawrence's career; it is intended for both students and teachers of the author, and for those interested in the cross cultural relations of European Modernism. Previous studies have tended to outline references in Lawrence's work to Germany without focusing on the historical, cultural and ideological issues at stake. These issues are the subject of this book.

### **Kangaroo Illustrated**

D. H. Lawrence wrote in 1914, 'Primarily I am a passionately religious man, and my novels must be written from the depths of my religious experience.' Although he had broken with the Congregationalist faith of his childhood by his early twenties, Lawrence

remained throughout his writing life a passionately religious man. There have been studies in the last twenty years of certain aspects of Lawrence's religious writing, but we lack a survey of the history of his developing religious thought and of his expressions of that thought in his literary works. This book provides that survey, from 1915 to the end of Lawrence's life. Covering the war years, Lawrence's American works, his time in Australia and Mexico, and the works of the last years of his life, this book provides readers with a complete analysis, during this period, of Lawrence as a religious man, thinker and artist.

### **The Lost Girl**

This novel of 1920s Australia by the author of *Lady Chatterley's Lover* is "one of the sharpest fictional visions of the country and its people" (Gideon Haigh). A few years after the close of World War I, English author Richard Lovat Somers and his German wife, Harriet, have fled the grim remains of Europe and ventured to Australia. But they soon discover the new world is an escape from neither the demands of politics nor the nightmarish memories of Richard's service on the front lines. In Sydney, Richard meets Benjamin Cooley, a charismatic lawyer known to all as Kangaroo. But Kangaroo is also the leader of an underground fascist organization. While Richard finds himself drawn to the man's strength and certainty of purpose, he is simultaneously repelled by his embrace of dehumanizing violence. In this semi-autobiographical novel, author D. H. Lawrence plumbs

the depths of his own experience in the Great War while exploring in vivid detail the breathtaking landscape and social volatility of Australia.

### **Paul Morel**

This collection of writings by the author of *Sons and Lovers* presents his thoughts on religion, art, psychology and politics in a newly restored text. Though D. H. Lawrence was one of the great writers of the twentieth century, his works were severely corrupted by the stringent house-styling of printers and the intrusive editing of timid publishers. A team of scholars at Cambridge University Press has worked for more than thirty years to restore the definitive texts of D. H. Lawrence in *The Cambridge Editions*. Written while he was dying, *Apocalypse* is Lawrence's final book. In it, he presents both a radical criticism of our civilization and a statement of unwavering belief in man's power to create "a new heaven and a new earth." This volume also includes Lawrence's review of *Book of Revelation* by John Orman, and his *Introduction to The Dragon of the Apocalypse* by Frederick Carter. The Appendixes also present previously unpublished material on *Revelation*.

### **Aaron's Rod**

"An absorbing and uplifting read."--M.L. Stedman, author of *The Light Between Oceans* "This is a book in which grief and love are so entwined they make a new and wonderful kind of sense."--Fiona McFarlane, author of *The Night Guest* Amidst the strange, silent

aftermath of World War II, a widow, a poet, and a doctor search for lasting peace and fresh beginnings in this internationally acclaimed, award-winning novel. When Anikka Lachlan's husband, Mac, is killed in a railway accident, she is offered--and accepts--a job at the Railway Institute's library and searches there for some solace in her unexpectedly new life. But in Thirroul, in 1948, she's not the only person trying to chase dreams through books. There's Roy McKinnon, who found poetry in the mess of war, but who has now lost his words and his hope. There's Frank Draper, trapped by the guilt of those his medical treatment and care failed on their first day of freedom. All three struggle to find their own peace, and their own new story. But along with the firming of this triangle of friendship and a sense of lives inching towards renewal come other extremities--and misunderstandings. In the end, love and freedom can have unexpected ways of expressing themselves. The Railwayman's Wife explores the power of beginnings and endings, and how hard it can sometimes be to tell them apart. Most of all, it celebrates love in all its forms, and the beauty of discovering that loving someone can be as extraordinary as being loved yourself"--

### **The Railwayman's Wife**

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### **The World Broke in Two**

The protagonist of this picaresque novel, Aaron Sisson, is a union official in the coal mines of the English Midlands, trapped in a stale marriage. He is also an amateur, but talented, flautist. At the start of the story he walks out on his wife and two children and decides on impulse to visit Italy. His dream is to become recognised as a professional musician. (Credit Wikipedia)

### **D.H. Lawrence in Australia**

### **D.H. Lawrence and Germany**

Take a mining townlet like Woodhouse, with a population of ten thousand people, and three generations behind it. This space of three generations argues a certain well-established society. The old "County" has fled from the sight of so much disembowelled coal, to flourish on mineral rights in regions still idyllic. Remains one great and inaccessible magnate, the local coal owner: three generations old, and clambering on the bottom step of the "County," kicking off the mass below. Rule him out. A well established society in Woodhouse, full of fine shades, ranging from the dark of coal-dust to grit of stone-mason and sawdust of timber-merchant, through the lustre of lard and butter and meat, to the perfume of the chemist and the disinfectant of the doctor, on to the serene gold-tarnish of bank-managers, cashiers for the firm, clergymen and such-like, as far as the automobile refulgence of the general-manager of all the collieries.

## **Kangaroo Courts and the Rule of Law**

The kangaroo is a marsupial from the family Macropodidae. In common use the term is used to describe the largest species from this family, the red kangaroo, as well as the antilopine kangaroo, eastern grey kangaroo, and western grey kangaroo. Kangaroos are indigenous to Australia and New Guinea.

## **The Rainbow**

“The Rainbow” is a 1915 novel by D. H. Lawrence. It follows a Nottinghamshire farming family through the transition from the pre-industrial to the industrial age, with a particular focus on the young and aspiring Ursula who dreams of a more fulfilling life. Lawrence's 1920s "Women in Love" is the sequel to this book and continues to follow the lives of the Brangwen Sisters. David Herbert Lawrence (1885–1930) was an English poet and writer. Lawrence's works mainly explore the effects that industrialisation had on people and society through looking at issues including vitality, emotional health, sexuality, and instinct. Although he was considered little more than a pornographer until his untimely death, he is now hailed as a significant writer of classic English literature. Other notable works by this author include: “Women in Love” (1920), “The Trespasser” (1912), and “Sons and Lovers” (1913). Read & Co. Classics is proudly republishing this fantastic novel now in a new edition complete with a specially-commissioned biography of the author.

### **Mr Noon**

Sometimes, from the distance behind them, came the faintest squeal of singing from out of the "fortified" Conservatorium of Music. Perhaps it was one of these faintly wafted squeals that made a blue-overalled fellow look round, lifting his thick eyebrows vacantly. His eyes immediately rested on two figures approaching from the direction of the conservatorium, across the grass-lawn. One was a mature, handsome, fresh-faced woman, who might have been Russian. Her companion was a smallish man, pale-faced, with a dark beard. Both were well-dressed, and quiet, with that quiet self-possession which is almost unnatural nowadays. They looked different from other people.

### **D.H. Lawrence's Australia**

Lawrence's satirical work in which he presents a bitter view of humanity and of the relationship between men and women. Aaron Sisson, a union official in an English mining town, leaves for Italy, deserting his wife and children to pursue politics and his original interest in music. Lawrence seems to foretell the decline of civilization after the first world war. Written in the years following World War I and set in postwar England and Italy, Aaron's Rod questions many of the accepted social and political institutions of Lawrence's generation, and raises issues as valid for our own time as they were for his. The novel's hero is an Everyman who flees the destruction in England and his failing marriage and who, like Lawrence himself, becomes absorbed in discovering and understanding

the nature of the political and religious ideologies that shaped western civilization. Aaron's Rod was completed in 1921 and was censored by both Lawrence's American and English publishers.

### **The Dickens Boy**

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### **Kangaroo Illustrated**

Contrasts between the relationships of two sisters, Ursula and Gudrun, and their love affairs with Birkin and Gerald.

### **Birds, Beasts and Flowers**

The first full-length account of D.H. Lawrence's rich engagement with a country he found both fascinating and frustrating, D.H. Lawrence's *Australia* focuses on the philosophical, anthropological and literary influences that informed the utopian and regenerative visions that characterise so much of Lawrence's work. David Game gives particular attention to the four novels and one novella published between 1920 and 1925, what Game calls Lawrence's 'Australian period,' shedding new light on Lawrence's attitudes towards Australia in general and, more specifically, towards Australian Aborigines, women and colonialism. He revisits key aspects of Lawrence's development as a novelist and thinker, including the influence of Darwin and Lawrence's rejection of eugenics, Christianity, psychoanalysis and science. While Game concentrates on the Australian novels such as *Kangaroo* and *The Boy in the Bush*, he also uncovers the Australian elements in a range of other works, including Lawrence's last novel, *Lady Chatterley's Lover*. Lawrence lived in Australia for just three months, but as Game shows, it played a significant role in his quest for a way of life that would enable regeneration of the individual in the face of what Lawrence saw as the moral collapse of modern industrial civilisation after the outbreak of World War I.

### **DH Lawrence's 99 Days in Australia**

Although love and sex are central to Lawrence, critics have paid surprisingly little attention to the way these two topics are treated in his work. Reasons for this

are suggested in the preface to this book which is written in the spirit of Wittgenstein's claim that, when we are puzzled or challenged by a phenomenon, we should be less concerned with seeking new knowledge than putting into order what we already know. Yet those concerned by the present dip in Lawrence's reputation (among academics, if not the general public) have to be worried by how strange and unexpected the results are when Lawrence's dealings with love and sex are followed throughout his life and career. This is what this book undertakes to do, describing how the tortuous developments in his relationship with Jessie Chambers are reflected in his writing, his struggle against his undoubted leanings towards homosexuality, the war he declared on the concept of romantic love and how, after insisting on the idea of male dominance, he returned (although only in part) to a more humane vision of relations between the sexes in the various versions of *Lady Chatterley's Lover*. Its aim is to suggest that although Lawrence is undoubtedly a major writer, his greatest achievements are not to be found where he is popularly assumed to be at his most impressive and that the authority he assumes, in his last years, when he lectures the young on love and sex, ought to be regarded as dubious.

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Alvina Houghton, the daughter of a widowed Midlands

draper, comes of age just as her father's business is failing. In a desperate attempt to regain his fortune and secure his daughter's proper upbringing, James Houghton buys a theater. Among the traveling performers he employs is Ciccio, a sensual Italian who immediately captures Alvina's attention. Fleeing with him to Naples, she leaves her safe world behind and enters one of sexual awakening, desire, and fleeting freedom.

### **Kangaroo**

Set in the times of Mexican revolution, The book prescribes a return to ancient beliefs and gods. Through beautiful imagery and picturesque descriptions, Lawrence has narrated the story of an Irish woman who plays an important role in the lives of two Mexican men. Lawrence has attempted to solve the spiritual dilemma by prescribing a return To The universal god and unanimous beliefs.

### **The Plumed Serpent**

"Kangaroo Courts and the Rule of Law -The Legacy of Modernism addresses the legacy of contemporary critiques of language for the concept of the rule of law. Between those who care about the rule of law and those who are interested in contemporary legal theory, there has been a dialogue of the deaf, which cannot continue. Starting from the position that contemporary critiques of linguistic meaning and legal certainty are too important to be dismissed, Desmond Manderson takes up the political and intellectual

challenge they pose. Can the rule of law be re-  
configured in light of the critical turn of the past  
several years in legal theory, rather than being  
steadfastly opposed to it? Pursuing a reflection upon  
the relationship between law and the humanities, the  
book stages an encounter between the influential  
theoretical work of Jacques Derrida and Mikhail  
Bakhtin, and D.H. Lawrence's strange and  
misunderstood novel *Kangaroo* (1923). At a critical  
juncture in our intellectual history - the modernist  
movement at the end of the first world war - and  
struggling with the same problems we are puzzling  
over today, Lawrence articulated complex ideas about  
the nature of justice and the nature of literature.  
Using Lawrence to clarify Derrida's writings on law, as  
well as using Derrida and Bakhtin to clarify Lawrence's  
experience of literature, Manderson makes a robust  
case for 'law and literature.' With this framework in  
mind he outlines a 'post-positivist' conception of the  
rule of law - in which justice is imperfectly possible,  
rather than perfectly impossible." -- Publisher's  
website.

### **Kangaroo**

This is the first ever edition of the early version of  
*Sons and Lovers*, D. H. Lawrence's highly popular  
autobiographical novel. Amongst all the surviving  
early drafts of Lawrence's works this is the most  
different from the final version; as he rewrote,  
Lawrence discarded many episodes, some of them  
stories from his childhood not recorded anywhere  
else. It is less polished than *Sons and Lovers*, but it is

full of powerful, spontaneous, dramatic writing: there is more humour and charm, more raw violence and nervous energy. This volume also contains remarkable documents written by Lawrence's girlfriend Jessie Chambers, the model for Miriam in *Paul Morel* and in *Sons and Lovers*, in which she gives Lawrence some hostile criticisms and writes out for him her own versions of some of his episodes. In addition there is a fragment of a novel about his mother's childhood, facsimiles of manuscript pages, maps, and scholarly notes and apparatus.

### **D.H. Lawrence at Thirroul**

Gilbert Noon loses his job as a schoolmaster in Nottinghamshire and journeys to Germany, where he falls in love with a married woman

### **Kangaroo**

First published in 1985, this hugely entertaining portrait of Lawrence will be gladly received back into the literary fold. There is never a dull moment in this incisive biography as Burgess makes the case most eloquently and convincingly that Lawrence is one of the very greatest of English writers. *Flame into Being* examines Lawrence's work in its entirety, not just the well-known novels, and how, in the years following the second World War, he gained recognition as one of the twentieth century's most original and outstanding authors.

### **The Brangwen Family Saga: The Rainbow**

### **& Women in Love**

The magnificent sequel to the worldwide bestseller *Duncton Wood* When Tryfan, son of Bracken and Rebecca, returns to the sacred Burrows of Uffington, he finds dreadful signs of death and destruction. For out of the chilly North have swarmed the grikes, a fanatical tribe of warrior moles bent on destroying all believers in the powers of the Stone. Tryfan's duty is clear - to muster and protect the few remaining Stone followers from the evil that seems certain to engulf them. With only a frail and timid mole named Spindle for company, he sets off on an epic journey But can he save his friends? The unputdownable second instalment of the multi-million copy bestselling fantasy series, *The Duncton Chronicles*, for readers of Terry Brooks and Jean M. Auel. *The Duncton Chronicles* *Duncton Wood* *Duncton Quest* *Duncton Found* 'An inspiring novel an epic in the tradition of *The Lord of the Rings*. A tale of passion, courage, fear and love' *Sunday Times*

### **Kangaroo Annotated**

David Herbert Lawrence (1885-1930) was an English novelist, poet, playwright and literary critic, one of the key writers of the early twentieth century, most famous for his criticism of rationalism and industrialization. "Kangaroo" is writer's eighth novel, based on a three-month visit to Australia by Lawrence and his wife Frieda in 1922. This book fuses lightly disguised autobiography with an exploration of the political situation in Sydney.

## **Kangaroo**

### **D. H. Lawrence**

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### **D.H. Lawrence, the Writer and His Work**

Kangaroo is an account of a visit to New South Wales by an English writer named Richard Lovat Somers, and his German wife Harriet, in the early 1920s. This appears to be semi-autobiographical, based on a three-month visit to Australia by Lawrence and his wife Frieda, in 1922. The novel includes a chapter ("Nightmare") describing the Somers' experiences in wartime Cornwall (St Columb Major), vivid descriptions of the Australian landscape, and Richard Somers' sceptical reflections on fringe politics in Sydney. Australian journalist Robert Darroch -- in several articles in the late 1970s, and a 1981 book entitled D.H. Lawrence in Australia -- claimed that Lawrence based Kangaroo on real people and events he witnessed in Australia. The extent to which this is true remains a matter of controversy - particularly by Joseph Davis in his 1989 "D.H. Lawrence at Thirroul" (Collins, Sydney). Davis is sympathetic to the view that "Kangaroo" may be based on real events but argues that it is impossible that Lawrence had time to meet clandestine political leaders in Sydney when he was too busy writing his novel in Thirroul. Davis feels it is more likely to have been a local south coast identity associated with Thirroul who would

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have provided some of the details of Lawrence's political plot. "Kangaroo" is the fictional nickname of one of Lawrence's characters, Benjamin Cooley, a prominent ex-soldier and lawyer, who is also the leader of a secretive, fascist paramilitary organisation, the "Diggers Club". Cooley fascinates Somers, but he maintains his distance from the movement itself. It has been suggested by Darroch and others that Cooley was based on Major General Charles Rosenthal, a notable World War I leader and right wing activist. It has also been alleged that Rosenthal was involved with the Old Guard, a secret anti-communist militia, set up by the Bruce government. Similarly, according to Darroch, the character of Jack Calcott -- who is the Somers' neighbour in Sydney and introduces Richard Somers to Cooley -- may have been based on a controversial Australian military figure, Major John Scott, who was both an associate of Rosenthal, and an Old Guard official. Another central character is Willie Struthers, a left wing activist reputed to have been based partly on Willem Siebenhaar, who made Lawrence's acquaintance in Western Australia. Kangaroo's movement, and the "great general emotion" of Kangaroo himself, do not appeal to Somers, and in this the novel begins to reflect Lawrence's own experiences during World War I. Somers also rejects the socialism of Struthers, which emphasises "generalised love". The novel is sometimes cited as an influence on the Jindyworobak movement, an Australian nationalist literary group, which emerged about a decade later. Gideon Haigh saw fit to dub it "one of the sharpest fictional visions of the country and its people". It was adapted as a film, also called

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Kangaroo in 1986, featuring Colin Friels as Somers, Judy Davis as Harriet and Hugh Keays-Byrne as "Kangaroo".

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