

What's said in the Scrum stays in the Scrum...? – The search for the perfect Father's Day gift is over!

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Forget another pair of socks or a shirt for Father's Day this year why not try something completely different that is both imaginative and unique? Look no further than the British Library's Adopt a Book scheme for a fantastic gift idea for all dads. By simply visiting www.bl.uk/adoptabook, for as little as £25, you can adopt one of the great books we have available for adoption for Father's Day and show your dad just how much he means to you.

For all those dads attempting to get in shape for summer, look no further than the 19th Century classic *Manly Exercises* (1849) full of advice on how to vault, run and ride like a man should! If your dad prefers taking a lighter approach to exercise and sports, some of the fantastic sporting books that are available to adopt, include *The Annals of Tennis* (1878), *Heard in the Scrum* (1964) giving a lighthearted look at rugby as well as *Football The Rugby Union Game* (1892), which is arguably the first and most comprehensive book on the history, and greatness, of the game.

For dads who like more relaxing pastimes, look no further than *Victorian Vineyard* (1947) an illustrated history of Chateau Loudenne or for hands on dads, *Yachting and Cruising for Amateurs* (1921) comprising forty years of Frank Cowper's boating experience in this practical guide to getting the most from their boat. Young at heart dads will enjoy the fantastic *The Boy's Own Country Book* (1881) and remind him of a time when he had nothing more to worry about than climbing trees and building dens. Alternatively, *Extinct British Animals* (1880), a beautifully illustrated guide to animals which were extinct in the British Isles by 1880 is perfect for all nature enthusiasts.

With books to inspire, amuse and delight covering sports, nature, literature, history and much more the British Library's Adopt a Book scheme is great for all ages and is the perfect way to show your appreciation for your dad. The Library can choose a book for you, or you can select from a range of titles on our website <http://www.bl.uk/adoptabook>

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NOTES FOR EDITORS

The British Library has over 150 million books, manuscripts, newspapers and other items in its collections. Every day, over 67,000 people consult us to test theories, challenge ideas and develop their own knowledge. Conservation is required to preserve both treasures from the past and modern items, many of which are deteriorating from age and continual use. By adopting a book you can help to protect these items for decades to come.

There are a number of adoption packages:

- For a minimum donation of £25 the person will receive a personalised certificate that records the name and title of the book they have adopted.

- For £75 they will also receive a voucher for a public tour of the British Library for two people.
- For £150 they will also get a permanent personalised bookplate inserted into your chosen book, recording the gift for as long as the Library exists.
- For £250 they will be invited to a special 'behind the scenes' tour of our Conservation Studios at which they can meet their book and the conservators who worked on it.
- For £500, your name will be inscribed on the British Library's Adopt a Book Benefactors List.

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