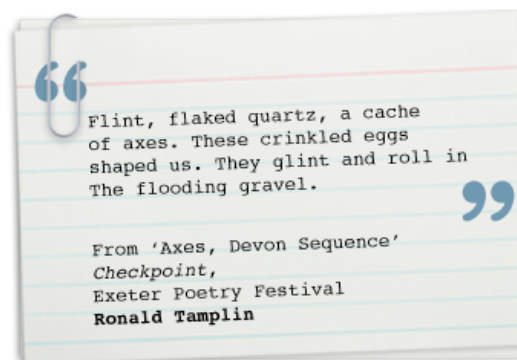




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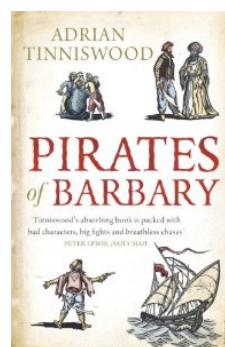
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Writer and Historian



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Pirates of Barbary

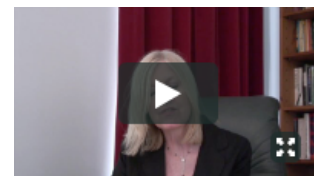
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