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Unusually, in this edition we have included reviews for four books, all written by members.

Any of the three published books would all make an excellent Christmas gift. The fourth, will be kept in the societies archives and be available for loan to any of the members.

Yet another book 'The Forgotten Aviator', not reviewed, was the subject of one of the talks at our October meeting. If any member would like to purchase a copy, please contact the editor for details.

Trawling the River of Time

Reviewed by Terry Sutton

The days of high unemployment in Dover, in the 1920s-30's, when bootless young children lined up at a town centre soup kitchen, are recalled in a book donated to the archives of The Dover Society. The book, not on sale, is the work of Mrs Mary Morrison of St Mildred's Place, Canterbury who was born in Dover in 1927. Her birthplace was in Caroline Place, which she recalls was a "rather run-down area" close to the Market Square. (It's where the Stembrook car park is now).

Mary decided to record her memoirs following the deaths of her dear brother Charlie (who features very much in the book) and her husband Richard. Much of the book is of a personal family nature but the author vividly recalls her early years when, as a child, she lived in Market Street (the stub of the road still remains just off the Market Square). She remembers the social conditions of the time and her evacuation, in 1940, to Caerleon in South Wales with Dover County School (now grammar) for Girls while brother Charlie was sent to Ebbw Vale with the boys' school.

This most interesting publication, "Trawling the River of Time", is available to be read by any member of The Dover Society.