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FOREWORD

Here is Tom Merry's Own again.

Here are all our old friends, Tom Merry and Jimmy Silver, Arthur Augustus D'Arcy and Billy Bunter, and the rest of the happy crowd, as lively as ever.

Kingdoms rise and fall : frontiers fluctuate : old landmarks are lost : but Tom Merry and Co., like the poet's little brook, go on : to delight—I hope—my young readers while reminding older ones of happy days that are gone. Meet once more Billy Bunter, fattest and most fatuous member of the Greyfriars community : Tom Merry, that cheery specimen of British boyhood : Arthur Augustus D'Arcy, the glass of fashion and the mould of form at St. Jim's : Jimmy Silver and his comrades of Rockwood School. And if you enjoy their company as much as I have enjoyed chronicling their adventures—and misadventures—then no one will be happier than,

Your old Friend,

Martin Clifford

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