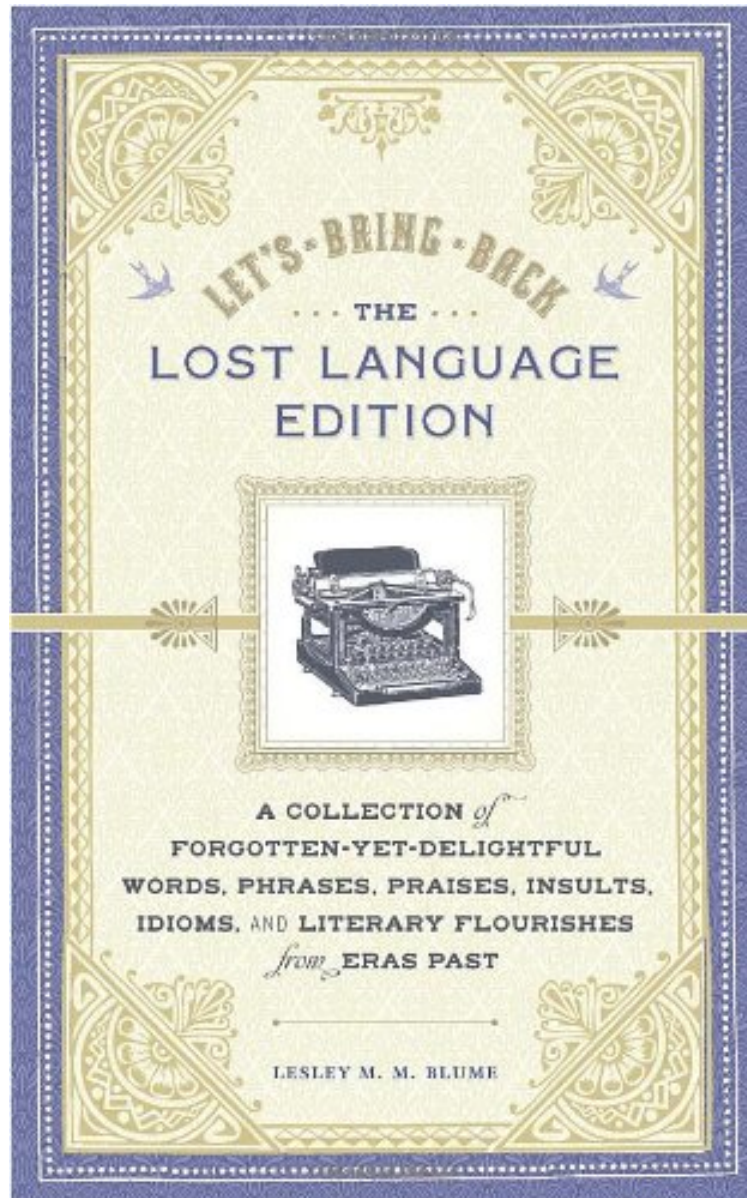


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"What a fun book!" -Kathleen Dunn, Wisconsin Public Radio About the Author Lesley M. M. Blume is a journalist, writer, and cultural observer based in New York City.