

The background of the cover is a photograph of a weathered stone wall. The wall is composed of various shades of grey, brown, and tan stones, some of which are covered in lichen. Several dark, woody branches of a climbing plant are trained over the wall, bearing clusters of small, bright red flowers. The overall scene is set in a natural, somewhat rustic environment.

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