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TREASURES FROM LORD FAIRHAVEN'S LIBRARY at ANGLESEY ABBEY

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Treasures from Lord Fairhaven's Library at Anglesey Abbey is written by National Trust Libraries Curator, Mark Purcell, Director of the Guildhall Library, David Pearson and Cambridge University Library's William Hale.

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