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	+ There is a specific author
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	+ Not much information
	+ Purpose other than informative, such as to persuade
	+ Not regularly updated
	+ Author is unreliable
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