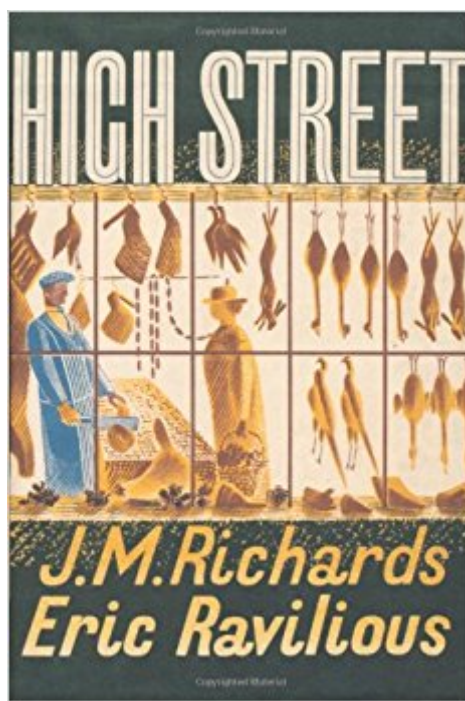


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# High Street: A Facsimile Edition



## Synopsis

First published in 1938, this classic book introduces the British high street, pairing the timeless illustrations of beloved artist Eric Ravilious with an engaging text by architectural historian J. M. Richards. Shops include the family butcher, the cheesemonger, the knife grinder, and the oyster bar. Only 2,000 copies of the original book were printed before the lithographic plates were destroyed in the London Blitz during World War II. As a result, it has become one of the most collectible of all artist's books from this period. This beautiful facsimile edition features Ravilious's illustrations in exquisite color and includes an essay by V&A curator Gill Saunders, putting the book and its history into context.

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Written in large part for middle school children, High Street is a survey of the businesses to be found along a typical high street in the 1930s. The prose, introducing most readers to a world they never knew, is elegantly informative. The illustrations by Eric Ravilious, which have been taken out and reproduced in separate editions by English art houses, are charming.

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