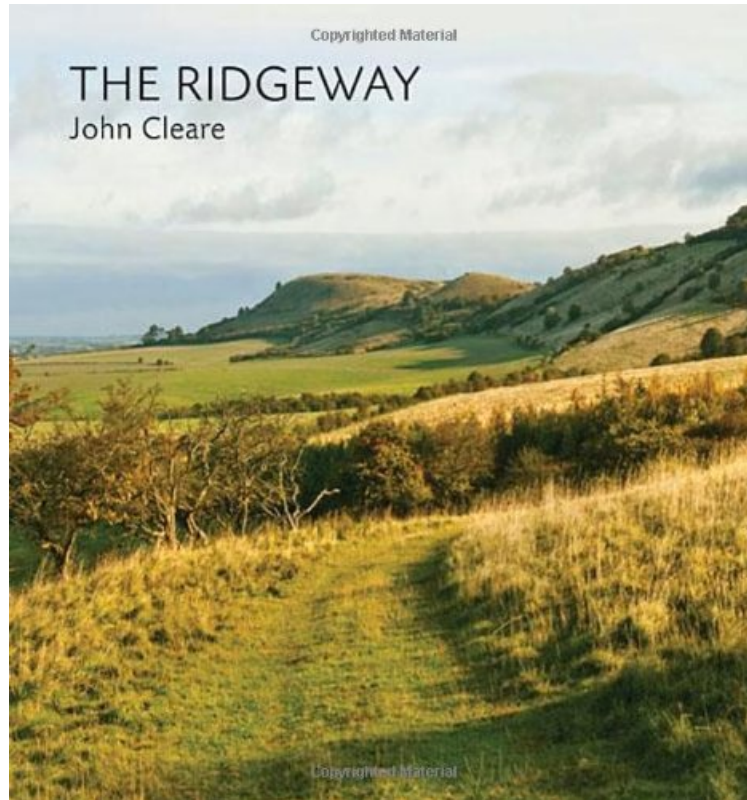


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In every way it is a book to dwell upon and savour. Evergreen

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