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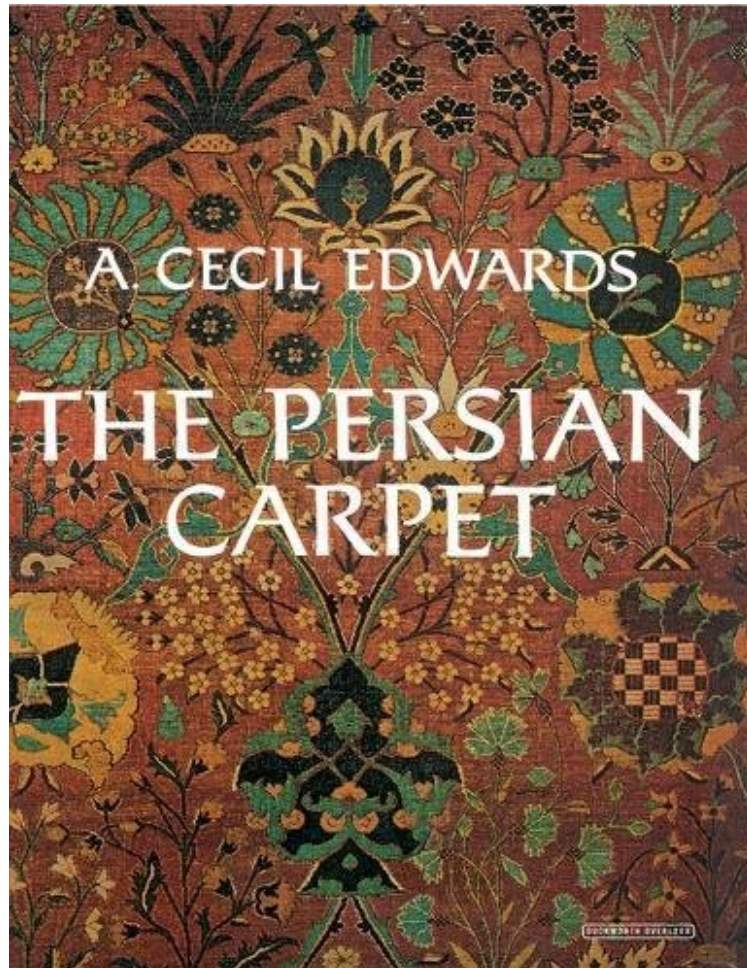
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About the Author A. Cecil Edwards was the buyer for Oriental Carpet Manufacturers, manufacturing and exporting oriental carpets, both Turkish and Persian, to the West. Over the years he traveled in Iran and Russia for business, finally settling in the UK.