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E.g., Jane M. Doe, John L. Doe, and Josh K. Doe, *The Wonders of Unicorns*, Post-pagination, MacGuffin Press, (2026).

E.g., Jane M. Doe, John L. Doe (trans.), *The Wonders of Unicorns*, Back-cover, MacGuffin Press, (2026).

E.g., Jane M. Doe, John L. Doe, *The Wonders of Unicorns*, 5:55-7:26, MacGuffin Press, (Last visited: 18/05/2026).

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E.g., John G. Doe, Making Good Cupcakes, 5, *MacGuffin Law Review*, 78, (2026).

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E.g., John G. Doe, Cupcake Thesis, *MacGuffin University Repository*, Upcoming.

E.g., John G. Doe, Cupcake Presentation, *Cupcake Conference*, 3-5, (18/05/2026).

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E.g., *United States of America*, An Act to protect trade and commerce against unlawful restraints and monopolies, (1890).

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E.g., *Free Trade Agreement between the Republic of India and the European Union*, (2026).

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E.g., Citation, in *Wikipedia*, <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Citation>, (Last visited: 16/02/2026).

E.g., John J. Doe, Loving Muffins, in *John's Blog*, 2-3, (Last visited: 17/05/2026).

E.g., John J. Doe, Loving Muffins, in *John's Blog*, Upcoming, (Last visited: 17/05/2026).

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E.g., u/CakeLover123, Cakes are the best, in *r/MacGuffin*, on *reddit*, (Last visited: 17/05/2026).

E.g., u/CakeLover123, Cakes are the best, in *r/MacGuffin*, on *reddit*, Upcoming.

E.g., u/CakeLover123, Cakes are the best, in *r/MacGuffin*, on *reddit*, Comments, (Last visited: 17/05/2026).

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E.g., Pegasi Have Been Found!!!, in *Discussing Findings*, on *Radio MacGuffin*, 5:54-8:34, MacGuffin Media, (2026).

E.g., Pegasi Have Been Found!!!, in *Discussing Findings*, on *Radio MacGuffin*, Upcoming, (2026).

E.g., Pegasi Have Been Found!!!, in *Discussing Findings*, on *Radio MacGuffin*, Comments, MacGuffin Media, (2026).

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E.g., *Finding Unicorns*, 3:45-7:40, MacGuffin Film, (2026).

E.g., *Finding Unicorns*, Upcoming, MacGuffin Film.

E.g., *Unicorn Tracker*, MacGuffin Software, (Last visited: 17/05/2026).

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E.g., Unicorn Opera, at *MacGuffin Opera House*, 3:45-4:21, (23/03/2026).

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E.g., Unicorn Exhibit, at *MacGuffin Museum*, Upcoming, (2026).

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E.g., Unicorn Forest Expansion, for *Unicorn Finder*, Upcoming, MacGuffin Games.

E.g., Unicorn Forest Expansion, for *Unicorn Finder*, MacGuffin Games, (2026).

E.g., Unicorn Forest Expansion, for *Unicorn Finder*, MacGuffin Games, (Last visited: 16/05/2026).

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