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Author Biography: Bill Bryson is acclaimed *A Short History of Nearly Everything* won the America Prize for Science Books and the DesCartes Science Communication Prize. He is much loved for his bestselling travel books, from *The Lost Continent of Zaire* from a Small Island and *Down Under*, and he has also written books about language and dialects. His latest bestsellers are *A Man in the Moon*, *The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid*, and *At Home: A Short History of Private Life*. www.billbryson.co.uk

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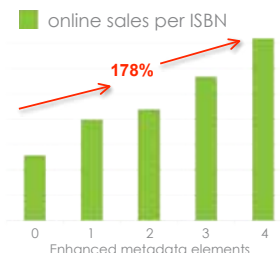
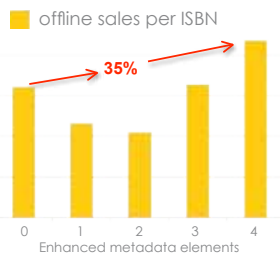
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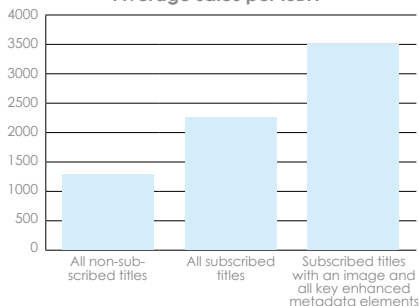
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