“Brandy for the Parson, 'baccy for the Clerk”

Smuggling has been a way of life in our country for centuries with the coastline of Dorset being one of the most diverse and popular landing grounds. It has also promoted well-known adventure, romantic and daring books that included Dorset as well as neighbouring counties.

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