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This book is a companion to the Marginated exhibit at the Bruce Peel Special Collections Library at U of Alberta.

Marginated is a 17th century word meaning 'provided with marginal annotations,' and this exhibition illuminates evidence of reading and handling of 17th century books. Books from this exhibit feature markings related to the book price and sales, the reuse of older books in book bindings, and referencing systems added by readers. Photos of the book pages are paired with text providing translation and context. Reference and Research Book News

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