



# Inner Temple Library



# Wallace Breem 1926-1990

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Wallace Breem  
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The Wallace Breem Award is presented biennially in memory of Wallace Breem, who died in 1990. The award, which is sponsored by the British and Irish Association of Law Librarians (BIALL), is designed to recognise outstanding contributions to law librarianship.

Wallace Breem was for many years Librarian and Keeper of Manuscripts of the Inner Temple Library, but he is perhaps most widely known for his historical novels, including the classic *Eagle in the Snow* (1970).

Wallace Breem was born on 13th May 1926, and educated at Westminster School. At the age of 18, he entered the Indian Army's Officers Training School, and in 1945 was commissioned as a Lieutenant in the Corps of Guides, an elite detachment of the Indian Army. On partition, in 1947, the regiment became part of the Pakistani

Army and so ended Breem's chosen career in India.

After returning to England, Wallace Breem held a variety of jobs which included labourer in a tannery, assistant to a veterinary surgeon, and rent-collector in the East End of London. He eventually joined the library staff of the Inner Temple in 1950, where he was appointed Sub-Librarian in 1956, Librarian in 1965, and latterly Keeper of Manuscripts.

Wallace Breem was a distinguished member of the legal information profession and a founder member of BIALL. He held, at various times, the offices of Treasurer, Chairman, Vice-President and President.

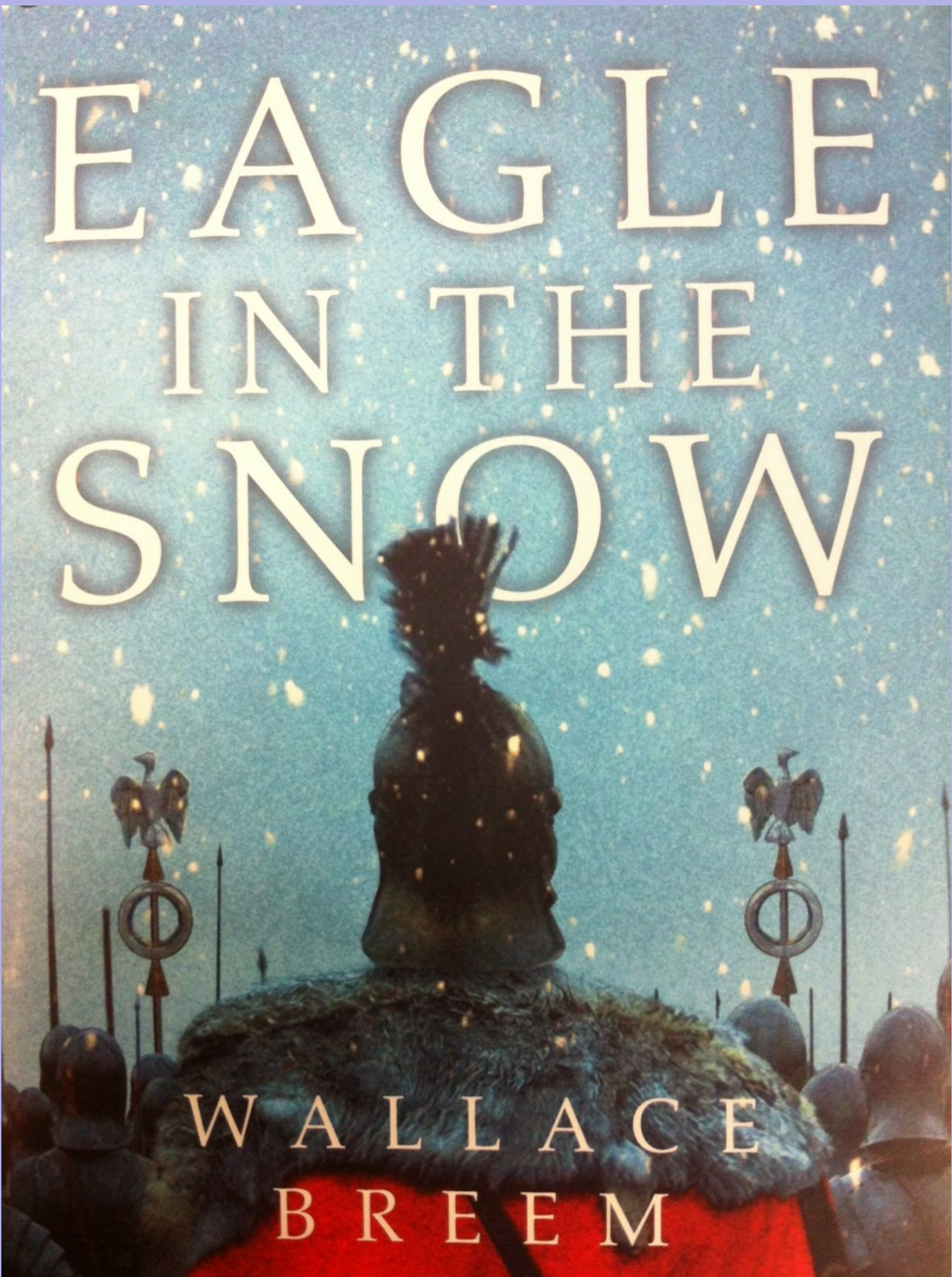
# Wallace Breem Award Winners 2012

The Wallace Breem Memorial Award 2012 was awarded to the staff of the Inner Temple Library. The Librarian and Deputy Librarian received the award at the Annual Conference dinner of the British and Irish Association of Law Librarians (BIALL), which took place at the Europa Hotel, Belfast on Friday 15th June. The award was made in recognition of our “considerable contribution to the legal information profession via three sources in particular.” These are Transcripts of Judicial Proceedings in England and Wales: a Guide to Sources, the daily Current Awareness blog and the AccessToLaw legal gateway site. Our nomination for the award was considered by an award panel, which endorsed the statement that “the quality of the work that [we] do, under considerable budgetary constraints, deserves an accolade”. This was the first time since its inception in 1992 that the award has been made to a library rather than to an individual librarian.



The Librarian and Deputy Librarian receive the award from the  
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*Eagle in the Snow* (1970) by Wallace Breem