Wayne Smith has managed the nearly impossible with this book. As he prepares to retire, he has focused not on his accomplishments, but on the contributions this 30-year-old organization has made to the library community. By drawing on authors from the many parts of this varied community, Smith has produced a rich—and poignantly personal, at times—historical account of what is surely one of this century's most important developments in librarianship.

The essays reveal much history, complete with some of the bitter truths and occasional humor about individual episodes of OCLC's development. Throughout, one unarticulated theme becomes dramatically apparent: the leadership Wayne Smith has provided this organization is a story in its own right.

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