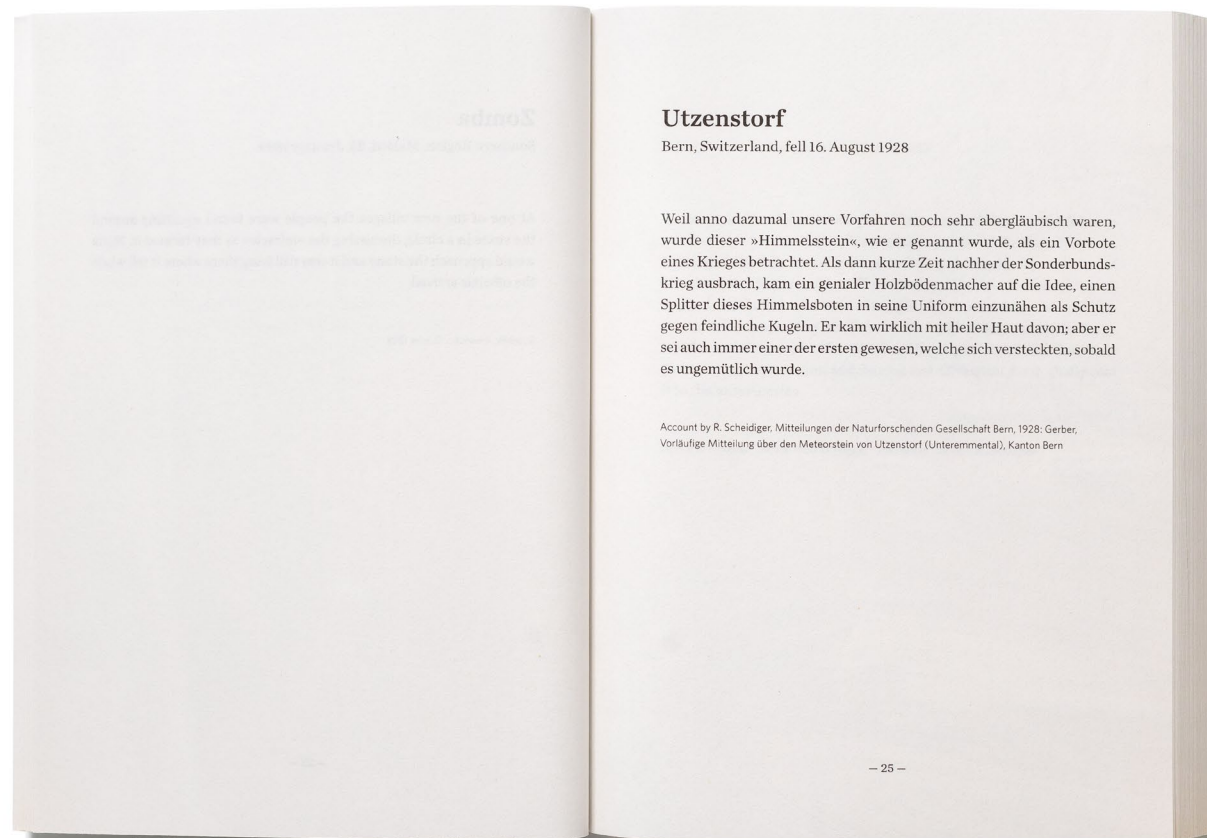
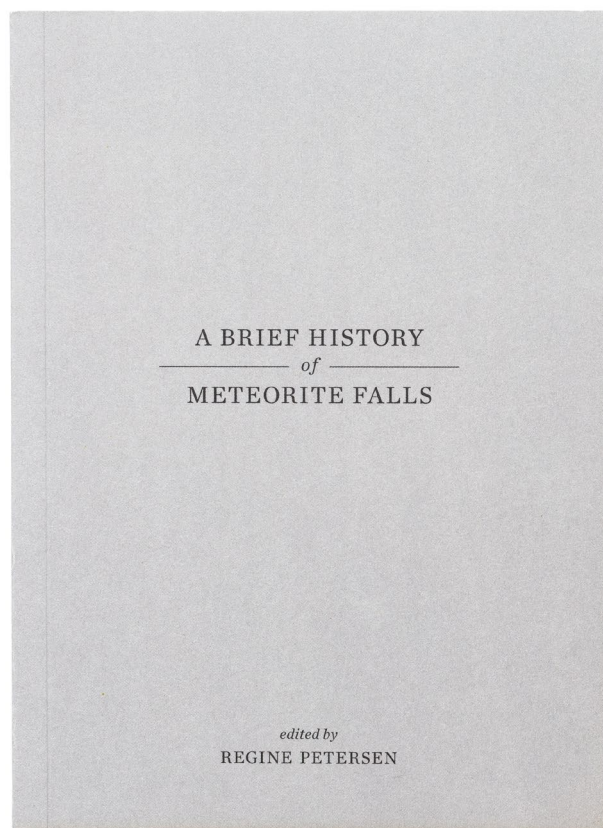


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Poteau

Arkansas, USA, fell 8. June 1920

When we got out from under the bed, we went to the windows, still scared, but there was a red glow in the sky and everywhere we could see or hear people were running outside their homes praying and shouting as loud as they could, expecting it was the end of the world. I remember the next Sunday every church we knew of was filled up, and at our church I remember one man stood up crying as he told everyone he had been cheating on his wife and asked her to forgive him.

Account by Gladys Wren Clem, *Meteorite Magazine* Vol. 18, No. 4, 2012: Moody, The Magical, Mystical Meteor of June 8, 1920

Christchurch

New Zealand, fell 12. September 2006

Kevin Graham was working in his garage workshop in Rolleston, 22 km southwest of Christchurch, when he heard the boom. His first thought was it was a September 11 anniversary attack, he said. »I don't frighten very easily but I was just about shitting myself.«

NZ Press Association, 12. September 2006

Rafrüti

Bern, Switzerland, found 1886

Dank nun der isolierten Lage des Bauerngutes (wohl bei zwei Marschstunden vom nächsten Dorf entfernt) blieb der Eisenblock dort geborgen und wurde etwa in kalten Wintern von den Leuten benutzt, um, im Herdfeuer erhitzt, die Viehtränke vor dem Einfrieren zu bewahren, ja er soll sogar, sanft erwärmt und mit einem Tuch umwickelt, den alten Leuten gute Dienste als Bettflasche oder Bettwärmer geleistet haben, wozu die äußere, sanft gewölbte Fläche sich ganz besonders eignen mochte.

Centralblatt für Mineralogie, Geologie und Palaeontologie, 1900: v. Fellenberg, Der Meteorit von Rafrüti im Emmenthal, Canton Bern

Khetri

Rajasthan, India, fell 19. January 1867

The terrified inhabitants of the village where the stones fell, seeing in them the instruments of vengeance of an offended deity, set about gathering all they could find, and, having pounded them to powder, scattered them to the winds.

Flight, A Chapter in the History of Meteorites, 1887