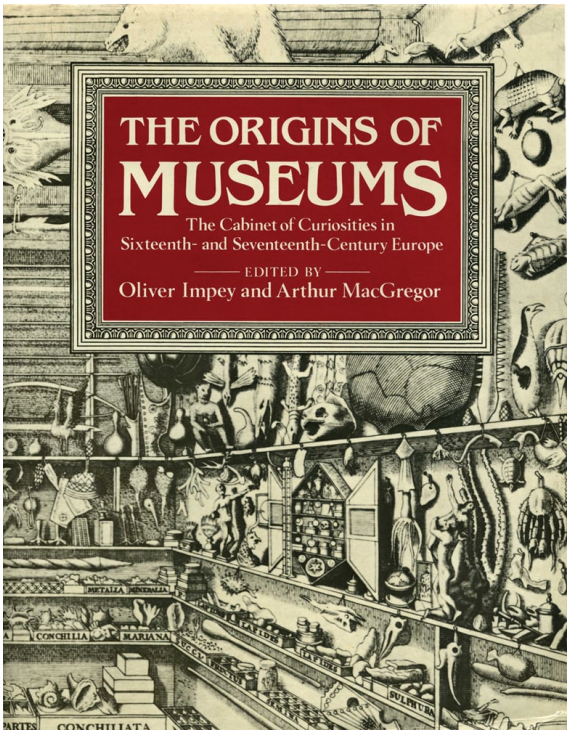
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The late **Oliver Impey** and **Arthur Macgregor** were both Assistant Keepers at the Ashmolean Museum, and both were involved with the *Journal of the History of Collections*.





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