Friedrich Ritter (1898-1989)

Ritter's diaries (Die Ritter Tagebücher)

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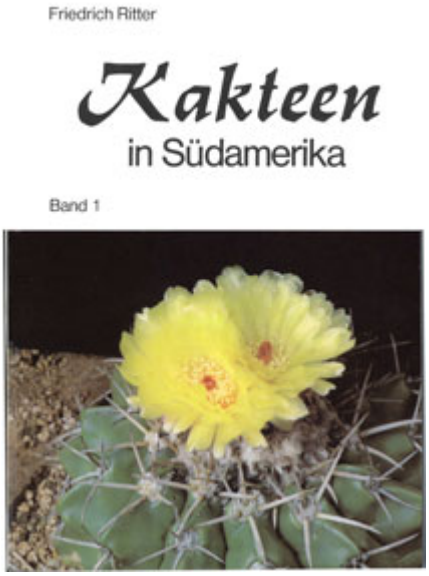

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