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Space here cannot be justice to the seemingly daunting 315 pages of this collection of 12 previously published stories, one for each month of the year. Pupils will need to be encouraged to dip into these yarns of apprentice pawnbrokers, midwives, mirror makers, horse painters and their ilk, whose lives are revealed and mingled in striking variety against a backdrop of eighteenth century London. It is to be hoped that one encounter will lead to more and that sensitive types will catch not only the tales themselves but also the added dimensions of such tales as the first, where Possul must embody a deeper significance than just a lamplighter; or of **Moss and Blister** where the two ladies' hopes and ambitions at Christmastide embrace many of our own unfulfilled wishes at that season.

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