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Of stone

The grey stone was worth its weight in gold in the farmer's landscape. The stone was shoveled out of the ground, taken from the quarry or blasted out of the mountain, and miles of stone gardens, beautiful road constructions, small and large stone houses were built. Today, the old walls stand and tell a story: about the way of life at a time when stone was one of the few resources that many farmers had in abundance.

Of Stone documents beautiful buildings and heavy roofs. The book shows that capable craftsmen were able to build many walls even if the stone was anything but cooperative. Get to know the stone garden, the hill wall, the stone barn, the farmyard, the turf house and – not least the refrigerator without a plug – the underground cellar.

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