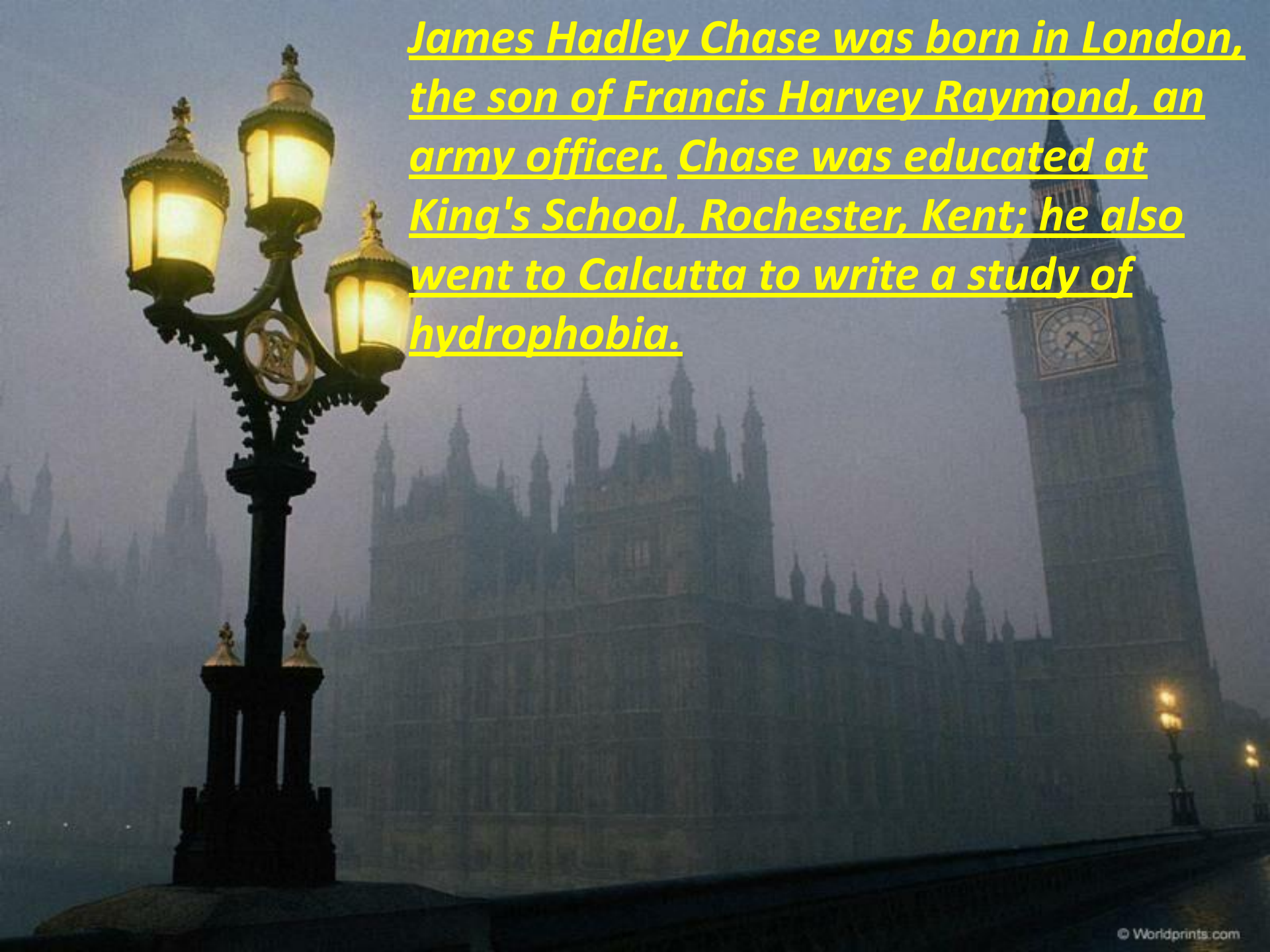
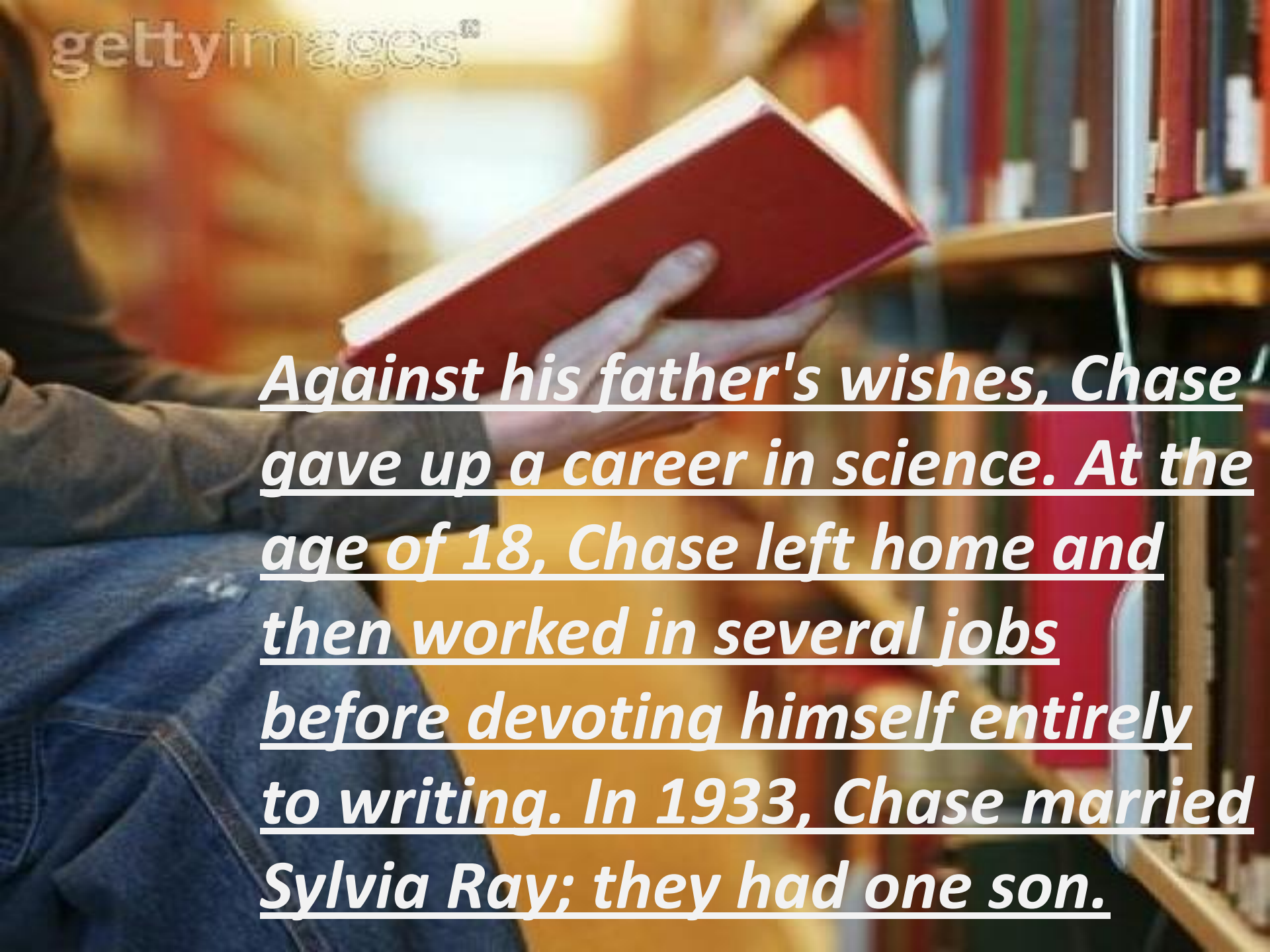




James Hadley Chase
(1906-1985)

James Hadley Chase was born in London, the son of Francis Harvey Raymond, an army officer. Chase was educated at King's School, Rochester, Kent; he also went to Calcutta to write a study of hydrophobia.



A person is holding a red book in a library. The background shows bookshelves filled with books. The text is overlaid on the image.

Against his father's wishes, Chase gave up a career in science. At the age of 18, Chase left home and then worked in several jobs before devoting himself entirely to writing. In 1933, Chase married Sylvia Ray; they had one son.



No Orchids
for Miss
Blandish *was*
said to be
written in six
weeks, but
actually Chase
worked on it for
almost a year

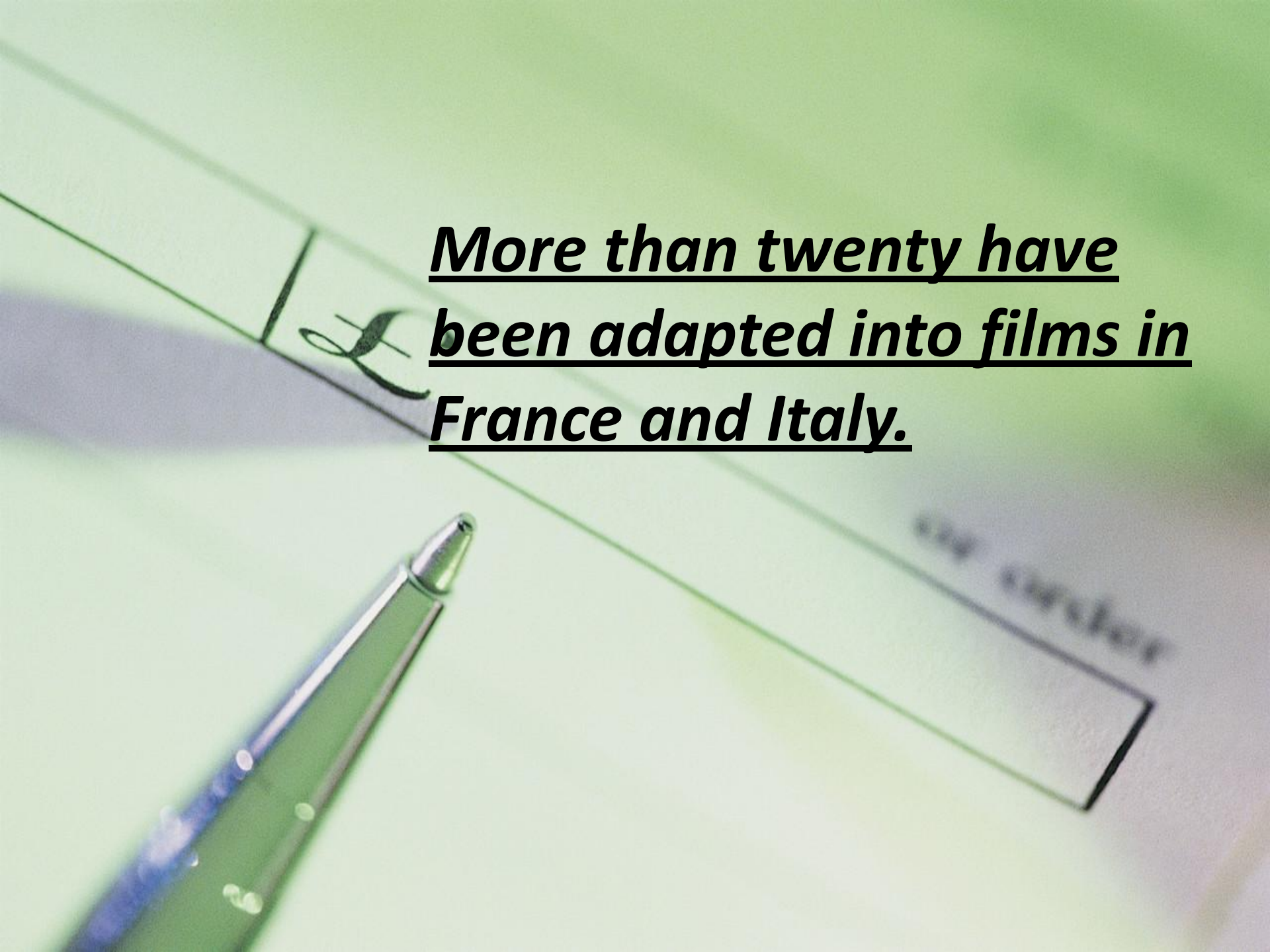


*During World War II Chase
served as a pilot in the RAF*



Chase wrote some 80 books.





**More than twenty have
been adapted into films in
France and Italy.**



Chase lived a secluded life