

# This Way

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Page Ranges

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We will now generate a bunch of fake chapters to illustrate this feature.

## 1 Tufte

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