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Initially, notes to the course were mimeographed and bound and sold by the Harvard mathematics department with a red cover. These old notes were picked up by Springer and are now sold as *The Red Book of Varieties and Schemes*. However, every time I taught the course, the content changed and grew. I had aimed to eventually publish more polished notes in three volumes...

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