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## HEART OF THE DALES



This book is predominantly a pictorial journey in monochrome through the Yorkshire Dales of the 1970's and 80's as seen through the lens of D Mark Thompson.

Inspired by Ronald Blythe's 'Akenfield', Thompson set out to capture what was to become the last bastion of a simplicity and way of life little changed for over a century.

Profusely illustrated, his fly on the wall treatment gives the characters face whilst his text – some transcribed from tape recordings of the time - give them voice. We meet the last lead miner from Greenhow Hill, an ice clad shepherd, a ninety-year-old innkeeper to the gentry, and the saviour of the Wensleydale cheese industry.

Encounter a man so determined to find a lost cellar that didn't exist he destroyed his home. Talk to a survivor of the 'Suicide Club' and even a Publican bared from his own bed!

We discover the demise of the village shop, visit the hunt, learn of the decline of Dales Nonconformism and revel in the one lasting truth, the never-ending visual and emotional majesty that is the Yorkshire Dales.



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## SPRIT OF THE DALES



Continuing our journey through the Dales from 2010 to the present day. Striking imagery and sparkling text introduce us to the characters that people our landscape as they speak of their lives.

We visit a Wharfedale Parliament, meet an innkeeper and farmer dubbed 'England's rudest landlord' by a tabloid national, discover hidden 'spirits' at Great Britain's highest inn, talk with a great game fisherman and mole catcher. Learn the secrets of barrel making from one of the country's last coopers, hear of the entrepreneur responsible for the mechanisation of upper Wensleydale, find a picture house where MOT's have superseded talkies, meet the dales last Dunkirk Veteran and a Poet with a wounded heart, and catch up with the state of play in the dales of 2018.



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