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There are many hundreds of fascinating prehistoric sites in Wales, in some of the most beautiful locations in Britain, from mountaintop settings, such as at Bryn Cader Faner, to headlands with all-round sea views, as at Coetan Arthur, or on truly remote moorland, as at Bannau Sir Gaer. The road links between North and South Wales are not that great, so it's probably best to choose one or the other as a destination unless you are up for a lot of motoring. In North Wales, Anglesey has a particularly dense concentration of megalithic sites, with many in Gwynedd and Conwy to visit on the way. South Wales stretches from Monmouthshire to Pembrokeshire, where there is the biggest and best variety of sites, including the iconic Pentre Ifan with its capstone apparently delicately floating over its three massive uprights. The Old Stones of Wales is part of a series covering the megalithic and other prehistoric sites of Britain and Ireland. The series is published together as The Old Stones: A

Field Guide to the Megalithic Sites of Britain and Ireland, available as a book and an ebook.

"Stonehenge is only one of almost a hundred vast circular earthworks built in Britain and Ireland over five thousand years ago. Known as henges, they remain one of the mysteries of prehistoric Britain. With their overgrown banks and weathered ditches they attract few visitors. Yet discoveries have revealed fascinating glimpses of the beliefs of their builders. Excavations have unearthed grim evidence of forgotten rituals: a child's sacrifice at Woodhenge; a human burial at the centre of Arbor Low; winter moonlight at Stonehenge. Such things hint at the power and importance that these huge enclosures once had. The effort needed to raise these spacious rings of earth or chalk, the careful planning of their entrances, the settings of stone or timber inside them and the avenues leading uphill from nearby rivers all make henges among the most exciting and intriguing of the ancient monuments of the British Isles." --Back cover.

What are the secrets of ornamentation? Why are curves important? How do you create an invisible repeat in a fabric or wallpaper pattern? In this book, packed with helpful diagrams and rare illustrations, Lisa DeLong demonstrates the time-honoured traditions of the use of curves and plant forms in the decorative arts.

Explores the mysterious monument of Stonehenge and reveals some of its secrets and history.

Avebury in Wiltshire is best known as the world's largest stone circle, but surrounding it is a wealth of ancient monuments. Captivated by its unique atmosphere, many visitors form a personal, often spiritual, connection to Avebury and its 'sacred landscape'. What was it that first attracted people to the Avebury area more than 5,000 years ago? Beautifully illustrated with over 400 photographs, maps and diagrams, Exploring Avebury invites us on a journey of discovery. For the first time the importance of water, light and sound is revealed, and we begin to see Avebury through the eyes of those who built it.

Situated in the beautiful and remote valley of the River Rye, Rievaulx Abbey was founded in 1132 by monks from Clairvaux in France. It quickly grew to become the pre-eminent Cistercian abbey in Britain. This guide includes a tour and history of the site, illustrated with full-colour maps, reconstruction drawings and historical images.

Winner of Current Archaeology's Book of the Year The most comprehensive and thought-provoking field guide to the iconic standing stones and prehistoric sites of Britain and Ireland The ultimate insiders' guide, The Old Stones gives unparalleled insight into where to find prehistoric sites and how to understand them,

by drawing on the knowledge, expertise and passion of the archaeologists, theorists, photographers and stones aficionados who contribute to the world's biggest megalithic website—the Megalithic Portal. Including over 30 maps and site plans and hundreds of color photographs, it also contains scores of articles by a wide range of contributors—from archaeologists and archaeoastronomers to dowzers and geomancers—that will change the way you see these amazing survivals from our distant past. Locate over 1,000 of Britain and Ireland's most atmospheric prehistoric places, from recently discovered moorland circles to standing stones hidden in housing estates. Discover which sites could align with celestial bodies or horizon landmarks. Explore acoustic, color, and shadow theory to get inside the minds of the Neolithic and Bronze Age people who created these extraordinary places. Find out which sites have the most spectacular views, which are the best for getting away from it all and which have been immortalized in music. And don't forget to visit the Megalithic Portal website and get involved by posting your discoveries online. Contributors include: Vicki Cummings | Robert Hensey | Joshua Pollard | Kenneth Brophy | Anne Teather | Barney Harris | John Barnatt | Adam Welfare | Kirsty Millican | Terence Meaden | Gail Higginbottom | Liz Henty | Sandy Gerrard | Ian McNeil Cooke | Penelope Foreman All royalties from this book go to support the running of the Megalithic Portal: [www.megalithic.com](http://www.megalithic.com).

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In this illustrated book, Celtic shaman Danu Forest reveals the hidden world of nature spirits.

"A fascinating exploration of our early an-

cestors' obsession with stone. With more than 250 stunning full-colour illustrations, *Magic Stones* is the most wide-ranging photographic record ever published on the megalithic monuments of Europe"--Back cover.

David Corio has systematically photographed the megalithic sites of England and Wales with the eye of a great landscape photographer as well as with the passion of an explorer in the ruins of an ancient culture. These photographs go to the heart of prehistoric England and reveal a profound sense of 'place'. The sites are revealed with all the beauty that invited Romantic speculation from the seveneenth century onwards as well as the encroaching modern world of distant urban skylines and protective barriers. Lai Ngan's text distils the mythical narratives that arose around these extraordinary structures and places as well as pointing to the recent astronomical and mathematical research which suggests their remarkable function in the prehistoric calendar. The photographs point to the beginning of architecture itself in Britain, with the suggestion of both sacred and secular function, layered in the fabulous tales of popular imagination.

Packed with everything from ancient recipes for glues, varnishes, and paints to spiritual preparations of herbal tinctures and oils, including magical formulae and practices of alchemy, *The Alchemist's Kitchen* will appeal to anyone fascinated by the past and by the occult world. Guy Ogilvy takes you inside medieval laboratories and kitchens, revealing the hows and whys of mythical recipes and concoctions.

The village of Stanton Drew in north Somerset is host to a remarkable group of ancient monuments which together comprise the third largest collection of stand-

ing stones in England. Its Great Circle, the largest of three stone circles, exceeds the dimensions of Stonehenge. Recent archaeology has revealed that a substantial woodhenge once occupied the site, underlining its importance as a major ritual centre of the Neolithic age. Gordon Strong, a regular lecturer on the subject, has spent many years exploring this fascinating site on multiple levels. In this well illustrated book he presents archaeological detail, local folklore and the views of various commentators from 18th century antiquarians to dowsers, discussing mythology, mediumship and earth energies. His insights are gleaned from his long love-affair with the site, and offer the visitor some clues for making their own inner connection to this unique monument which still retains its ancient magic.

Do ancient maps prove that the planet was surveyed 12,000 years ago? Were the poles once in a different position to where they are today? Is there a secret pattern joining the great sites of antiquity? In this revolutionary little book, ancient sites expert Hugh Newman outlines various theories concerning geometry in the distribution of sacred sites on Earth and comes to some startling conclusions. Illustrated throughout with fantastic graphics, this book will change your world. WOODEN BOOKS are small but packed with information. "e;Fascinating"e; FINANCIAL TIMES. "e;Beautiful"e; LONDON REVIEW OF BOOKS. "e;Rich and Artful"e; THE LANCET. "e;Genuinely mind-expanding"e; FORTEAN TIMES. "e;Excellent"e; NEW SCIENTIST. "e;Stunning"e; NEW YORK TIMES. Small books, big ideas.

Take a 12,000-year walk through history. Think of the street you live on. Now think of how it may have looked in 10,000 BCE, or in Roman times, or in Victorian

England at the height of the Industrial Revolution. Steve Noon's *A Street Through Time* takes you on a time travelling journey that you won't forget. Beautiful double-page illustrations bring fourteen key periods in history to life. You will see magnificent buildings go up and come down, new churches built on the site of ancient temples, wooden bridges destroyed and then remade in stone, and statues demolished then unearthed many years later. You'll find out how people lived long ago - the tools they used, what they wore, what they ate and what they did all day. In an added twist, you can search for the time traveller in each period and locate the objects that have managed to survive through the ages. Revised and updated for a new generation, Steve Noon's *A Street Through Time* is perfect for parents and children to look at together. The more you look, the more you'll see. Does the Earth have a living energy system? How do you find a spring using a dowsing rod? What is the ancient Chinese art of Feng Shui? Why are dragons associated with ley lines? Were sacred sites once placed on a global grid? Was a sophisticated geomancy practiced long ago? Written by six expert authors and illustrated with rare engravings, woodcuts, original drawings and diagrams, *Geomancy* is the ultimate guide to earth mysteries, exploring the hidden frontiers of ancient knowledge to uncover the lost history of our living planet.

Composed of six previously published works.

Have you ever stared at patterned wallpaper and wondered how it was designed? Been captivated by some priceless Celtic art? Or boggled at a beautiful Islamic pattern? Have you ever stepped back and thought about the illusion of re-

ality your senses create for you? Or pondered the symmetries which inform your feelings of what seems right? Is there a Golden secret, revealed by nature herself, which is common to all of the traditional arts? Packed with information and exquisite illustrations by more than twelve expert authors, *Designa* is the ultimate sourcebook for visual artists and designers of every kind.

Welsh Border architect David Wade has spent a lifetime gathering and organising the extraordinary families of surface patterns that nature throws up at every scale. In this book, illustrated by the author, we see branching patterns, animal spots, crack patterns and much, much more.

In the sleepy Avon village of Stanton Drew stand the forgotten remains of the third major neolithic temple complex of Southern Britain after Stonehenge and Avebury. In this guidebook to the site, packed with rare images, Stanton Drew boffin Gordon Strong explores some of the deeper questions raised by sites such as this.

New legends for modern times; sprung from our ancient lands, stories and stones. 'Marvellous and menacing.' Daily Mail 'The shadow from which I thought I had unshackled myself has returned. Whether this Horror is real or merely the handiwork of my imagination I cannot say. Nor can I say which of these possibilities disturbs me more.' from 'The Dark Thread' by Graeme Macrae Burnet From the legends of King Arthur embedded in the rocky splendour of Tintagel to the folklore and mysticism of Stonehenge, English Heritage sites are often closely linked to native English myths. Following on from the bestselling ghost story anthology *Eight Ghosts*, this is a new collection of stories inspired by the legends

and tales that swirl through the history of eight ancient historical sites. Including an essay by James Kidd on the importance of myth to our landscape and our fiction, and an English Heritage survey of sites and associated legends, *These Our Monsters* is an evocative collection that brings new voices and fresh creative alchemy to our story-telling heritage. 'Nobody believes you when you talk about the whispering. Oh, Monny, you are funny, they say, you've such an imagination. There's a lot they don't believe.' from 'The Hand Under the Stone' by Sarah Hall

The atmospheric locations: Edward Carey - Bury St Edmunds Abbey  
 Sarah Hall - Castlerigg and other stone circles  
 Paul Kingsnorth - Stonehenge  
 Alison MacLeod - Down House  
 Graeme Macrae Burnet - Whitby Abbey  
 Sarah Moss - Berwick Castle  
 Fiona Mozley - Carlisle Castle  
 Adam Thorpe - Tintagel Castle

"*Scienca*" gathers together six individual volumes spanning the realms of mathematics, physics, chemistry, biology, evolution, and astronomy. Lavishly illustrated with engravings, woodcuts, and original drawings and diagrams, it inspires readers of all ages to take an interest in the interconnected knowledge of the modern sciences.

Stan Beckensall's enthusiasm for rock art makes him the ideal author for this guide to the abstract motifs and symbols spread across the landscape. Here he focuses on detailed regional surveys carried out in Northumberland, Yorkshire, southwest England and Wales, Galloway, Argyll, Tayside, the Highlands and Grampians, and on rock art associated with standing stones, stone circles, burial monuments and rock shelters. The history of recording and studying the art is discussed, and a good collation of examples and descriptions are given that

will form a useful companion to the more speculative discussion of the interpretation of the motifs put forward by others.

'Innovative paper technology' is here applied to Britain's greatest prehistoric wonder, with text by TV archaeologist and Stonehenge expert Julian Richards.

Our knowledge about Stonehenge has changed dramatically as a result of the Stonehenge Riverside Project (2003-2009), led by Mike Parker Pearson, and included not only Stonehenge itself but also the nearby great henge enclosure of Durrington Walls. This book is about the people who built Stonehenge and its relationship to the surrounding landscape. The book explores the theory that the people of Durrington Walls built both Stonehenge and Durrington Walls, and that the choice of stone for constructing Stonehenge has a significance so far undiscovered, namely, that stone was used for monuments to the dead. Through years of thorough and extensive work at the site, Parker Pearson and his team unearthed evidence of the Neolithic inhabitants and builders which connected the settlement at Durrington Walls with the henge, and contextualised Stonehenge within the larger site complex, linked by the River Avon, as well as in terms of its relationship with the rest of the British Isles. Parker Pearson's book changes the way that we think about Stonehenge; correcting previously erroneous chronology and dating; filling in gaps in our knowledge about its people and how they lived; identifying a previously unknown type of Neolithic building; discovering Bluestonehenge, a circle of 25 blue stones from western Wales; and confirming what started as a hypothesis - that Stonehenge was a place of the dead - through more than 64 cremation burials unearthed there, which span the

monument's use during the third millennium BC. In lively and engaging prose, Parker Pearson brings to life the imposing ancient monument that continues to hold a fascination for everyone.

How do you predict eclipses at Stonehenge? Why do the Carnac alignments follow geological fault lines? Why is Avebury precisely one seventh of a circle down from the north pole? Why are so many stone circles egg-shaped or flattened? What is the meaning of the designs in ancient rock art? Why do you have to wait nineteen years to visit the remote site of Callanish? What were the ancients up to? This book details our oldest and grandest buildings, our first temples, our earliest visual art, messages which are still relevant today. With eight authors, and packed with detailed information and exquisite rare illustrations, *Megalith* is a timeless and valuable sourcebook for anyone interested in pre-history.

In a chilling entry to the award-winning Ruth Galloway series, she and DCI Nelson are haunted by a ghost from their past, just as their future lands on shaky ground. DCI Nelson has been receiving threatening letters. They are anonymous, yet reminiscent of ones he has received in the past, from the person who drew him into a case that's haunted him for years. At the same time, Ruth receives a letter purporting to be from that very same person--her former mentor, and the reason she first started working with Nelson. But the author of those letters is dead. Or is he? The past is reaching out for Ruth and Nelson, and its grip is deadly.

What are stone circles? When were they built, and why? How come so many of them egg-shaped, or geometrically flattened? What do they have to do with the landscape, Sun, Moon and stars? In this

beautifully illustrated book, megalithomaniac Hugh Newman takes us on a fascinating journey around the world, examining these mysterious monuments of the megalithic culture from Wessex to Scotland, France to Poland, North America to Africa and India to Japan. "e;Fascinating"e; FINANCIAL TIMES. "e;Beautiful"e; LONDON REVIEW OF BOOKS. "e;Rich and Artful"e; THE LANCET. "e;Genuinely mind-expanding"e; FORTEAN TIMES. "e;Excellent"e; NEW SCIENTIST. "e;Stunning"e; NEW YORK TIMES. Small books, big ideas.

'Sun, Moon & Earth' is dedicated to understanding the incredible dance and marriage of the Sun and the Moon. Heath has solved one of the age-old puzzles of antiquity and in these pages shows simple tricks which predict eclipses, the motions of the Moon's nodes, and even the number of days in a year.

In this beautifully illustrated book, Hugh Newman takes us on a fascinating journey around the world, examining mysterious stone circles of the megalithic culture. Stone circles conjure up a lost world of mysterious ceremonies, druid astronomers and pagan dances. How such mighty rings were constructed has long baffled archaeologists and antiquarians. The most famous stone circle is Stonehenge in England, but expert Hugh Newman shows that these incredible architectural monuments can be found around the world, with more than a thousand of them appearing on the British Island alone. In this guide, he explores how they were made, what they meant, and how their construction aligns with the landscape, sun, moon, and stars. For Wooden Book fans everywhere, *Stone Circles* is the quintessential little book about fascinating ancient architecture.

Artist and petroglyph hunter Chris

Mansell discusses the possible purpose and meaning of these archaic and enigmatic markings, using his own drawings and old lithographs.

Originally published: Glastonbury, Somerset, UK: Avalon Rising Publications, 2015.

A feast of extraordinary theories and personalities centred around the mysterious standing stones of antiquity. John Michell tells the incredible story of the amazing reactions, ancient and modern, to these prehistoric relics, whether astronomical, legendary, mystical or visionary.

Over the past 30 years every county in Britain, from Caithness to Cornwall, has had recurrent sightings of big cats. Described as being like pumas or panthers, these anomalous big cat sightings are now running at an estimated 1,200 a year. *Mystery Big Cats* is the first serious and comprehensive book on the subject. This new edition, the first for nearly 20 years, brings this exciting book back up to date with recent developments. From the drama of eyewitnesses verbatim accounts to the intrigue of new insights into these strange and often terrifying experiences, Merrily Harpur gets to grips with what is now the commonest encounter with the unknown in Britain.

Marion and Shiva Stone are twin brothers born of a secret union between a beautiful Indian nun and a brash British surgeon. Orphaned by their mother's death and their father's disappearance and bound together by a preternatural connection and a shared fascination with medicine, the twins come of age as Ethiopia hovers on the brink of revolution. Moving from Addis Ababa to New York City and back again, *Cutting for Stone* is an unforgettable story of love and betrayal, medicine and ordinary miracles—and two brothers whose fates are

forever intertwined.

Today, visitors experience Stonehenge as a wonder of ancient achievement and an enduring symbol of mystery. But Stonehenge was built as a temple - a place of ceremony, of burial and of celebration. The first Stonehenge was simple - just a circular ditch and bank, perhaps with a few small upright timber posts or stones - and was constructed about 5,000 years ago, in the period of prehistory known as the Neolithic or New Stone Age. By about 2500 BC more and much larger stones had been brought to the site, huge sarsen stones from north Wiltshire and smaller bluestones from west Wales. This marked the beginning of over 800 years of construction and alteration stretching into the period known as the Bronze Age, when the first metal tools and weapons were made. By this time Stonehenge was the greatest temple in Britain, its banks, ditches and standing stones arranged in sophisticated alignments to mark the passage of the sun and the changing seasons. But Stonehenge was just one part of a remarkable ancient landscape. Hundreds of burial mounds clustered on the surrounding hilltops, while smaller temples and other ceremonial sites were built nearby. Stonehenge and these other ancient structures form an archaeological landscape so rich that it is classified as a World Heritage Site. Stonehenge has inspired people to study and interpret it for centuries. Medieval writers suggested magic as an explanation of how it was created; early antiquarians, like William Stukeley in the early 18th century, guessed - wrongly - that the Druids had built it. Archaeology still provides the best hope of answering some of these fundamental questions about Stonehenge: how and when it was built, who built it and, perhaps most difficult of all,

why it was built, But even with the evidence that archaeology and modern science provide, not all these questions can be answered. Stonehenge will always keep some of its secrets.