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MOODS OF THE LAKELAND FELS

Jon Sparks

Jon Sparks has walked, climbed and cycled all over the world, and in just about every corner of Britain, but has never found anywhere to beat the Lakeland Fells. 'I've been exploring the fells for most of my life,' he says, 'and they still both inspire and surprise me on a regular basis.' This book aims to show why.

Naturally it ranges over the rugged high tops like Scafell and Helvellyn and wild corners like upper Eskdale and Blengdale, but it takes equal pleasure in the gentler scenery of the low fells around the fringes of the District, including the limestone scars in the south.

One reason why the Lakeland Fells offer such rich pickings for the photographer is the endless variety of their weather; from crisp winter days when visibility reaches far into Scotland, to summer heat and – of course – the occasional shower. With the ever-changing weather comes an ever-changing play of light.

The book also goes beyond set-piece views to explore the details, textures, and colours of the fells: their rocks, becks, and bracken. And it celebrates the diverse ways in which people enjoy and appreciate the fells.



Jon Sparks is an award-winning photographer and writer. He has lived in Lancaster for most of his life, and his photographic career was founded on local photography in his home city and the Lake District. He has subsequently worked on five continents, but still feels that Lakeland is one of the most beautiful places on earth, as well as one of the most exciting to photograph.

As well as several books of photography for Halsgrove, Jon has also produced guidebooks for walkers, climbers and cyclists, contributes to a range of magazines, and has published greetings cards, postcards and calendars.



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Example of a double page spread.



Dollywaggon Pike and Nethermost Pike.



Above: Castlerigg Stone Circle and Helvellyn.

Left: Walkers on Nethermost Pike.

Right: Evening, slopes of Helvellyn



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