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THE SPIRIT OF CORNWALL

Oliver Hawker

Cornwall, the first and last county in Britain, possesses a timeless feel that is quite unlike anywhere else. Walking around Cornwall's harbour villages, or across its sandy beaches, or over its windswept moors, you may easily forget that you are still in England. Cornish people you meet along the way may well inform you that you are indeed not in England, such is the fierce pride held by those who hail from this unique place.

Cornwall has many faces, and the photographs in this book reflect the mercurial qualities of this fascinating county, and serve to evoke memories in years to come of time spent here. The aim has been to capture Cornwall not simply as it looks but Cornwall as it 'feels'.

Oliver Hawker's photography is well known throughout Cornwall. His high-quality images are published regularly in magazines, tourist information literature and other media. *Spirit of Cornwall* is a distillation of his favourite photographs, taken over a year: From the Eden Project to Land's End, and from Padstow to Porthcurno, all of Cornwall's treasured landscapes are touched upon in this evocative collection.

Oliver Hawker was born in Ravenshead near Nottingham in 1971. Following school he spent ten years scraping a living as an actor; but it became apparent to him that he was no Brando and in 1997 he sought pastures new in Cornwall, a place he knew well from holidays.

Oliver converted a passion for photography into a full-time profession and has built up a substantial library of images of Cornwall which have been used extensively in magazines and on greetings cards. *Spirit of Cornwall* is his third book to be published under the Halsgrove imprint.



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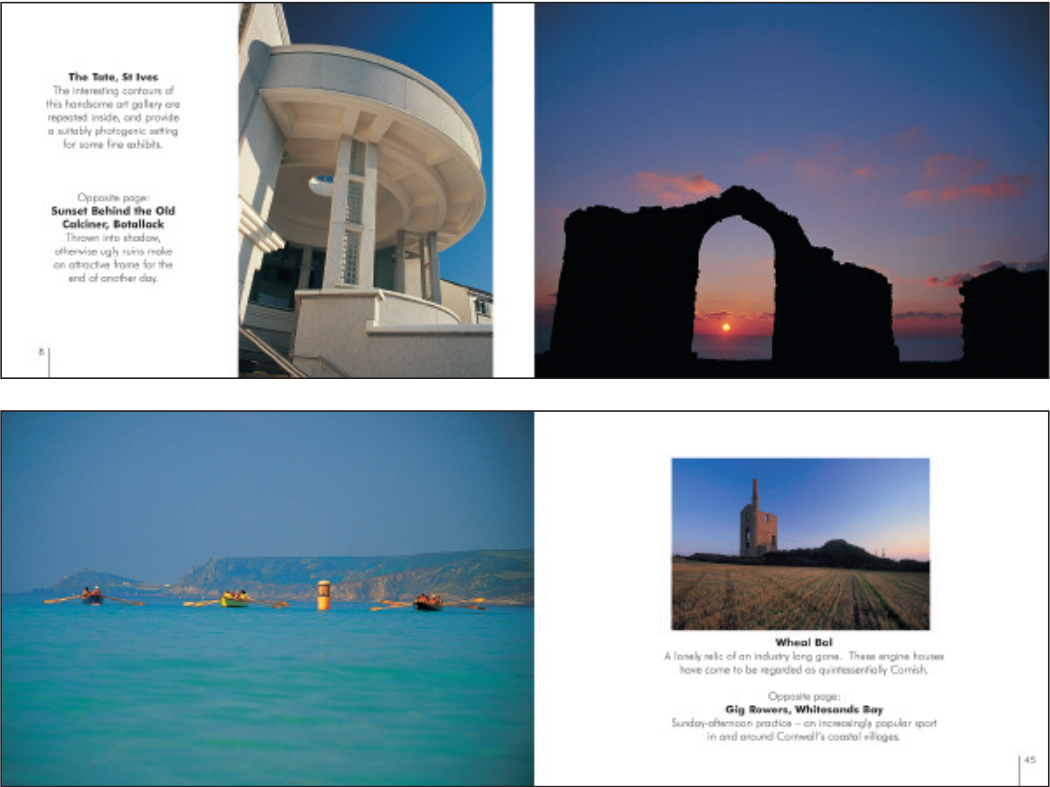
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The Eden Project



Left: Godrevy Glory



Right: The Enys Dodnan and Armed Knight, Land's End



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