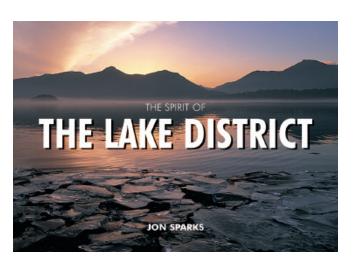
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The district's scenery encompasses ordered fields and wild ridges, busy lakes and silent mountain tarns, gentle woods and fierce crags. But variety springs equally from the turn of the seasons, the shift of the light and the ever-changing weather. Award-winning photographer Jon Sparks knows the Lake District in all its diverse moods, and captures it in images that go beyond the hackneyed chocolate-box views.

There are sweeping prospects, of course, but from unexpected and often unfamiliar locations. Equally, there are images of the fabric and texture of the place: crystals in rock, ice-patterns in a frozen tarn, raindrops on moss. From the smallest detail to the grandest panorama, these images also celebrate the endless variety of light. The searching light of a clear winter morning; dramatic stormy skies; the soft light of a misty day: all find a place in this splendid evocation of the Lake District.



Jon Sparks has been exploring the Lake District for many years, and plans to go on doing so for many more. Walking, scrambling, climbing and mountain biking – and photography – have all helped him deepen his relationship with the district. Though born in Cheshire, Jon has lived in Lancaster, close to the Lakes, since the age of eleven. On a clear day he can see Black Combe from his desk, and Wetherlam and Harrison Stickle from the back garden. When he isn't in the Lakes, he is often thinking or writing about the district.

Jon is an award-winning photographer and writer. He has published Lakeland greetings cards and postcards for almost ten years and has supplied the words, pictures, or both, for eight books, four of them about the Lake District.



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Opposite: ere from Robin Lone Robin Lone is a pleasant track which gives the start of a fine walk from Troutbeck to Ambleside.



Some examples of double page spreads.





Castlerigg Stone Circle and the Dodds







Ullswater from Gowbarrow Fell



Ice. Easedale



Wall above Raven Crag



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