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TREVOR BEER'S FIVE OWLS

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This book is in the tradition of great wildlife fiction that brings to mind the classic tale of *Tarka the Otter*. It reminds us that our regard for wildlife is often based upon the observations of others, and that storytelling is an important and pleasurable means by which we get to know more about the world of wild animals.

In this book the principal characters are the five species of owls to be found in the British Isles. Each story provides the background against which the author describes the lives of these fascinating, elusive creatures. Avoiding sentimentality but with an obvious passion for his subject, Trevor Beer draws a delicate portrait of each of the owls while holding the reader's attention with his enviable gift for telling a good tale.



Trevor Beer, author and naturalist, is known to thousands as a result of his regular Nature Watch column in the *Western Morning News*, from which his first book took its title. From his home in Barnstaple Trevor has devoted much of his life exploring the natural history of North Devon, working tirelessly for the conservation and protection of the flora and fauna of the region he has come to know so well. In 2002 he received the MBE for his contribution to wildlife conservation.



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