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MYSTERIES OF THE CORNISH COAST **REPRINT**

LEGENDS, GHOSTS AND EXTRAORDINARY EVENTS FROM
CORNWALL'S SOUTH-WEST PENINSULA

Ian Addicoat & Geoff Buswell

The Cornish coast holds many secrets. From lore and legend come extraordinary tales of the supernatural, while recorded historical events are often even more startling. From mermaids and phantom ships, to smuggling and shipwrecks, the wild and rugged coast is the inspiring scene of the many strange and terrifying encounters between man, the elements and the supernatural, recounted in this book.

Yet the authors avoid retracing the well-trod path of previous writers on the subject; much of what is here is new. Their academic training and scientific inclination have formed a disciplined approach to their research, and while the text is both absorbing and excitingly written, readers are left to decide for themselves from the evidence provided just what is truth and what is fiction.

This is not a sit-at-home guide – through the many illustrations, photographs and maps you are encouraged to explore for yourself the sites of many of these strange encounters and events. Though you may not witness for yourself the ghostly forms of ancient mariners, you will be certain to discover more of Cornwall's mysterious coast.

Ian Addicoat was born in 1972 and raised in West Cornwall. He now lives in Penzance and has a substantial knowledge of local stories and legends. He has an Honours Degree in Human Sciences from the University of Plymouth and is an established writer and researcher of the paranormal. His previous two books were both on the subject of ghosts in Cornwall. He has taken part in many investigations of haunted locations and runs ghost walks in St Ives and Penzance.

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After meeting in 1998, Geoff and Ian became friends and decided in 2000 to write jointly on ghosts, folklore and legends of the sea.



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Porthcurno Cove: This popular tourist beach is the apparent location of the phantom black rigger.



Lamorna Cove: Half Tide Rock, where the mermaid is said to sit and sing



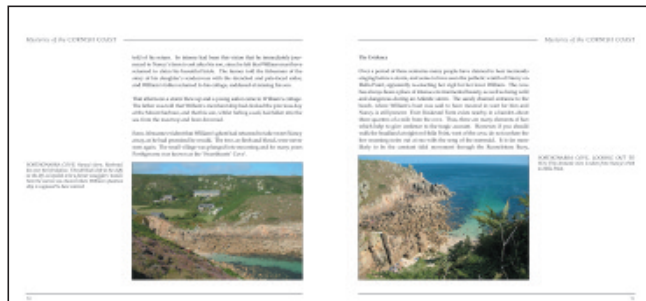
Print of SS Llandaff, Nanjizal Bay: A small Cardiff collier ship stranded at the western end of the bay, near Land's End.



Pedn-Vounder Beach



Hell's Mouth, Near Gwithian: This sheer 350-foot precipice is long associated with smuggling, shipwrecks, suicide and other macabre incidents.



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