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## PERFECT SURF

IMAGES OF WESTCOUNTRY SURFING

*Jon Bowen*

The south-west peninsula of England has an embarrassment of riches when it comes to surfing. Long golden beaches and rugged cliffs, hidden coves and offshore reefs add up to some spectacular sport. Photographer Jon Bowen has created his own style of imagery and text to capture the excitement that he and his fellow surfers share, and this new book follows on the success of his first publication *Surfing Moods*.

Bowen writes: "Waves are elemental things that touch something primeval within human beings. The sheer raw power on display when open ocean waves exhaust themselves on the beach draws people towards them. Dangerous, yet fascinating. It's this visceral energy that surfers experience more directly than anyone, riding these ripples of energy at their last gasp across the sea."

In this book Jon Bowen captures some of the exhilaration and the adrenaline-charged moments faced by surfers, sharing their fascination with the endless variation and permutations of shape that breaking waves form.



Jon Bowen is based in North Devon and specialises in ocean and surf photography. He is a life-long surfer and photographer, travelling all over the world in search of waves, and going to places many people overlook when it comes to surfing, such as the Yemen, the Arctic or the Skeleton Coast of Africa. His photography has appeared in surfing magazines all over the world, including *Japanese Surfing Life*, *Tracks* (Australia), *ThreeSixty* (UK), *Fluir* (Brazil), and extensively throughout the Westcountry.



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