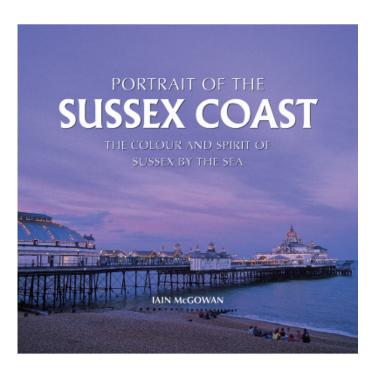
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PORTRAIT OF THE SUSSEX COAST

THE COLOUR AND SPIRIT OF SUSSEX BY THE SEA

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The Sussex coast stretches westwards from the Kent boundary near Camber Sands to Thorney Island within Chichester Harbour and its watery borders with Hampshire. The county throughout its long history has always looked outwards to and depended upon the sea and to this day Sussex is still possibly best known for its string of coastal resorts that in many ways have become part of our language and national institutions.

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Featuring over 150 superlative photographs and a text reflecting the extraordinary variety and interest to be found along this fascinating coastline, the book captures the colour, mood and spirit of one of the most popular seaside destinations in Britain – Sussex by the Sea.



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Brighton Marina.



The Seven Sisters from below Birling Gap at low tide.



Brighton Pier at dusk.



Example of a double page spread.



Beachy Head at 163m is the highest chalk cliff on the south coast being particularly well-known due to its close proximity to Eastbourne and the eye catching red and white lighthouse below.

