

# CHARLES WOOD'S SOMERSET QUIZ BOOK

Charles Wood

Drawing from the small print of history and personal experience Charles Wood teases and warms hearts in this entertaining *Somerset Quiz Book*. This is an ideal companion for goggle-eyed grockles and inquisitive settlers wondering what they have let them-selves in for – and a useful refresher for natives whose history, geography and just about everything else leans toward ciderous befuddlement.

"Tis a lovely way to whet appetites without getting too muddy," says Charles, whose passion for scribbling snippets over his many years as a filmmaker, writer and broadcaster shines out from these quizzical pages. From dialect delights to mystical mists, and boundary edge to good old-fashioned head scratching, this Somerset tester will earn a good degree of enlightenment.

Through undiluted humour and passion Charles Wood is one of Somerset's most outspoken defenders. He lives in Wiveliscombe, a hands-in-pocket amble away from the weasel patrols of Somerset's western border.

Illustrated by the author.

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Charles Wood gave up the legal profession, and the stress of work in Libya and Hong Kong, yearning for the artistic life. For the past twenty years he has just about managed to avoid wearing a tie to work or getting grubby. Instead he has preferred to eke out an existence in the Somerset custom of self-employment. As a self-taught documentary filmmaker he has made over thirty films. His 'Somerset the Summerland' and 'Exmoor – An English Wild Kingdom' sold in their thousands finding their way into many a Somerset and grockle home. His film 'Dragons – the Story of a Country Parson' was broadcast on HTV in 1999. And in 2005 he was the first Englishman to win a documentary film award in the Republic of Moldova.

Charles has also found time to be full-time Dad of four; a writer of fairy tales, an illustrator; a part-time college lecturer; a part-time school teacher; an occasional broadcaster on BBC Somerset Sound, a cameraman for Westcountry television news and have a heart transplant. He now admits to an enjoyment of poddling through the lighter side of life's rich tapestry, relieved that he has never been bankrupt. He is the author of the acclaimed *How to Survive in Somerset*.

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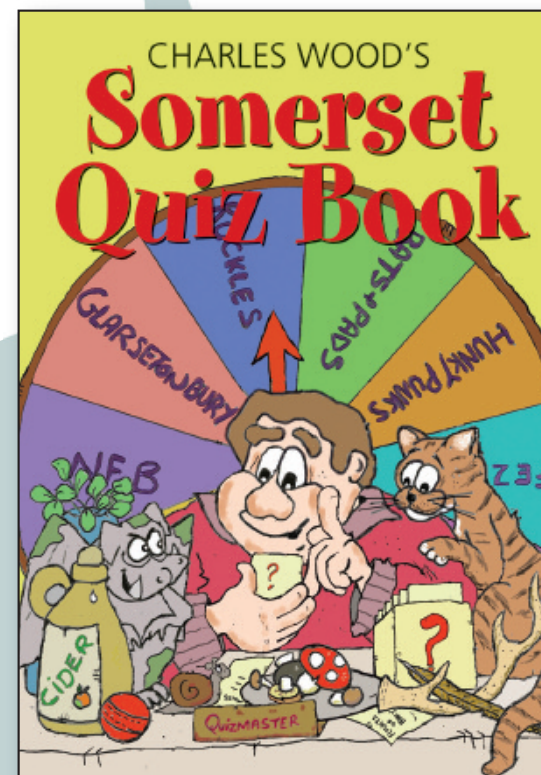
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