## EXMOOR: A WINTER'S TALE

Neville Stanikk

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Locally-based landscape photographer Neville Stanikk has produced a book of 140 outstanding colour photographs that tell the unique and perhaps unexpectedly beautiful story of Exmoor over the winter.



#### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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