

YORKSHIRE DALES ADDRESS BOOK

Photography by John Morrison

The Yorkshire Dales National Park was created back in 1954. More than half a century later, we can be thankful that 680 square miles (1773 sq km) of glorious landscape remain unencumbered by motorways, theme parks and industrial estates.

It's an intimate landscape, hilly rather than mountainous. It's a managed landscape too, not the wilderness that some visitors imagine. The hand of man is visible at every turn. When the Dales were being enclosed, many voices were raised in protest. And now, a mere 150-200 years after most of the walls in the Dales were built, we can hardly imagine this landscape without the familiar drystone walls and fields and field-barns.

But the landscape of the Yorkshire Dales is seldom as placid or benign as the tourist brochures would suggest. The sky isn't always blue. And, every winter still, isolated Dales communities get cut off by snow. Master-photographer John Morrison loves the light at dawn and dusk, rather than the bland, blue-tinged light in the middle of the day. He loves the drama that can occur when two weather fronts collide and doesn't feel that he has had a proper day's photography until he has been soaked twice! His sense of place and the excitement as well as the beauty of each scene, is evident again and again in the superb images reproduced here.

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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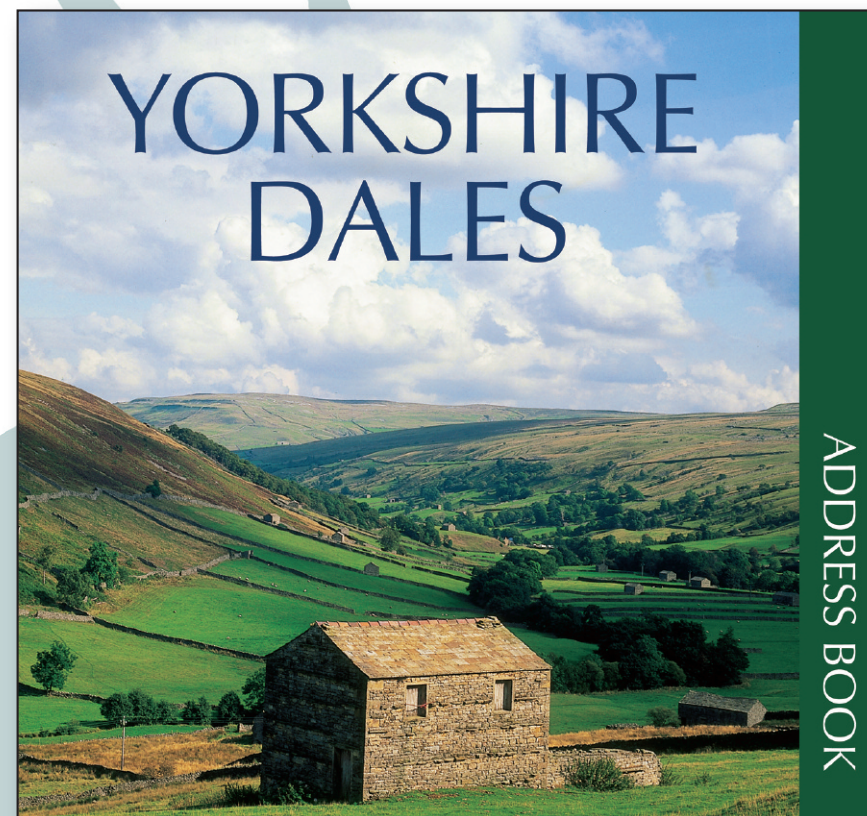
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