

A BOOT UP DARTMOOR'S SITES OF MAGIC & MYSTERY

John Earle

The Pixz Boot Up Series is fast becoming a phenomenon in local walks books that attract families and others to exploring the countryside in a leisurely way. It includes short walks for those living in or visiting popular areas of the country, written by those who know the area well. They provide a healthy hour or two of exercise, exploring parts of Britain's countryside that the casual visitor might otherwise miss, pointing out interesting features along the way. These are perfect walks for families.

Few places in the country are so atmospheric as the moorland that comprises the Dartmoor National Park. Little wonder that Conan Doyle, author of one of the world's greatest mysteries, *The Hound of the Baskervilles*, should have chosen Dartmoor for his setting. A land of mists and giant tors, ancient woodland and bottomless mires, creates a natural world in which legends and folklore abound. This book of 10 walks of varying length takes the reader along pathways to some of Dartmoor's most intriguing places. With his intimate knowledge of the moor, John Earle has combined exhilarating walks and superb views with numerous sites associated with ghosts, apparitions, evil spirits, phantoms and fairies. The walks include:

- The Body in the Chest – The Warren House Inn area •
- A Night Trapped Down a Mine Shaft – Birch Tor area •
- The Wish Hounds and the Hunter – The Hound Tor area •
- The Ghost of Judge Jeffreys – Lydford • The Work of the Devil at Brent Tor • Great Grimpen Mire – near Princetown •
- The Ghost of Jan Coo – From Poundsgate to Dartmeet •
- The Evil Spirit of Squire Cabell – Buckfast • The Hairy Hands – Bellever Forest and Powdermills • The Phantom Roman Soldiers – Lustleigh Cleave

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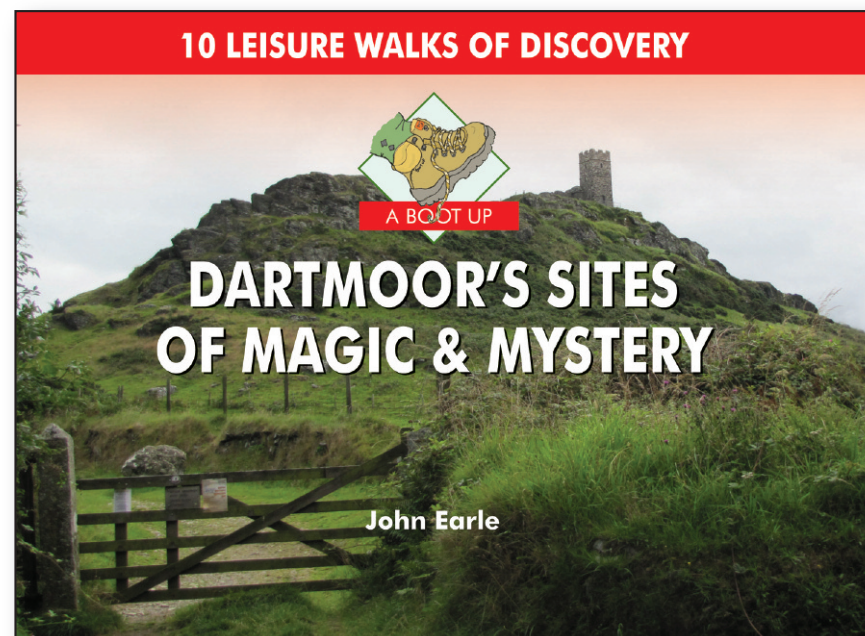
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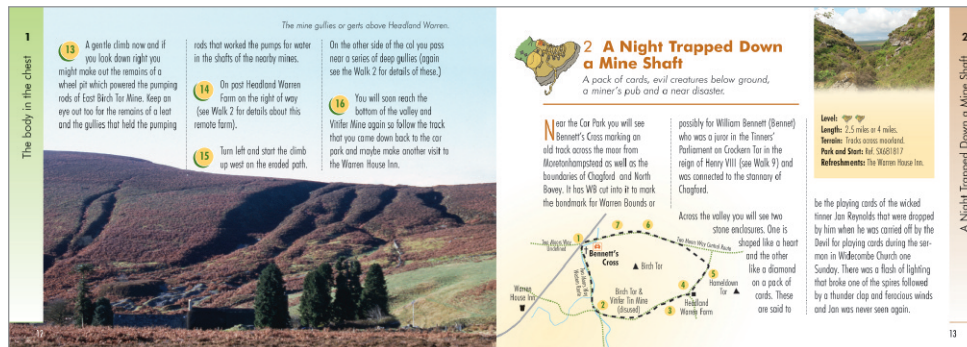
Bennett's Cross.



The Hairy Hands corner near Cherrybrook.



Brent Tor seen for miles around.



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