

VOOG'S OCEAN

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In the eighth century, Celtic Cornwall finds itself in an age of uncertainty. Viking marauders strike the coast, while from the east come raiding Anglo-Saxons.

Far in the west, in the small and isolated courtyard village of Carn Euny, an Iron Age community seeks solace in stone, ritual and spirituality. An illusion of permanence is offered by the wisdom of the bards and druid order, and yet their complacency will be denied. Unmoved by the world around them, the people hope their old world will be saved. And yet change is on its way.

Voog's Ocean is the true confession of Voog, a stoneworker – famed for his architectural skill and legendary craftsmanship – who becomes embroiled in a wondrous, beguiling tale of history, myth and invention. Banished from his homeland, Voog sets out in search of a land far across the ocean. In his navigation, not only does he encounter phantasmagorical creatures, events and people, but also helps lay the foundations of a new world. As old meets new, odysseys collide and converse and their stories live on in the present.

It is a novel that reveals much about permanence and transition, about hope and love, and about our need for truth and wonder. Packed with dazzling digressions, outrageous tricks and pages of extraordinary poetry this book offers reflections on both the past and our own postmodern age.



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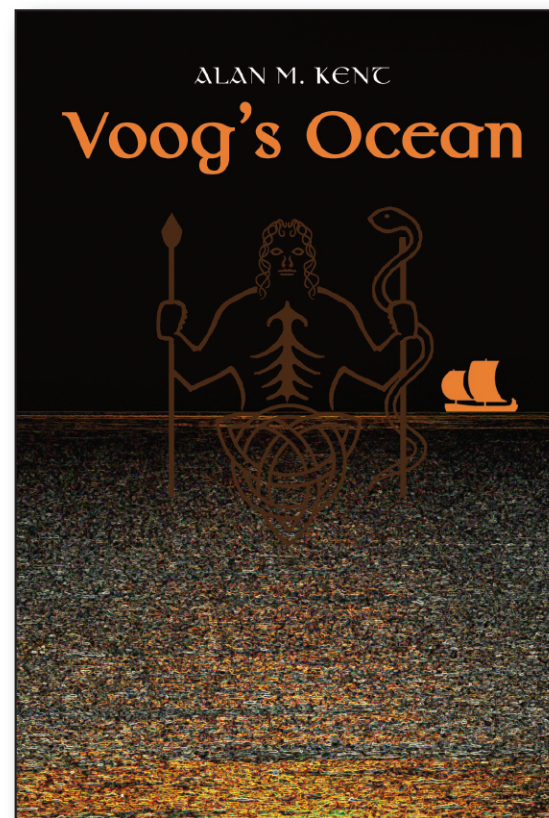
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