

# LIVING ON EXMOOR REVISED EDITION

Hope Bourne

From her remote Exmoor home Hope Bourne saw the Moor at all seasons for nearly sixty years until her death in 2010. She knew this unique and lovely place in all its moods. Here, then, in this revised edition of her classic book is a detailed record of life on the Moor in the days when time ran more slowly.

With a true countryman's eye, Miss Bourne chronicles the cycle of the year, month by month. She tells of the laying of hedges and the pooking of hay, of the cutting of peat and the shearing of sheep, of the deer and the hounds and the ponies and the dwellers on the Moor.

Described as the most significant book to appear about Exmoor since Fortescue's *Story of a Red Deer*, *Living on Exmoor* is an acute reminder of the fragility of rural life and the environment and a fascinating portrait of the Exmoor landscape and the way of life of its people.

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

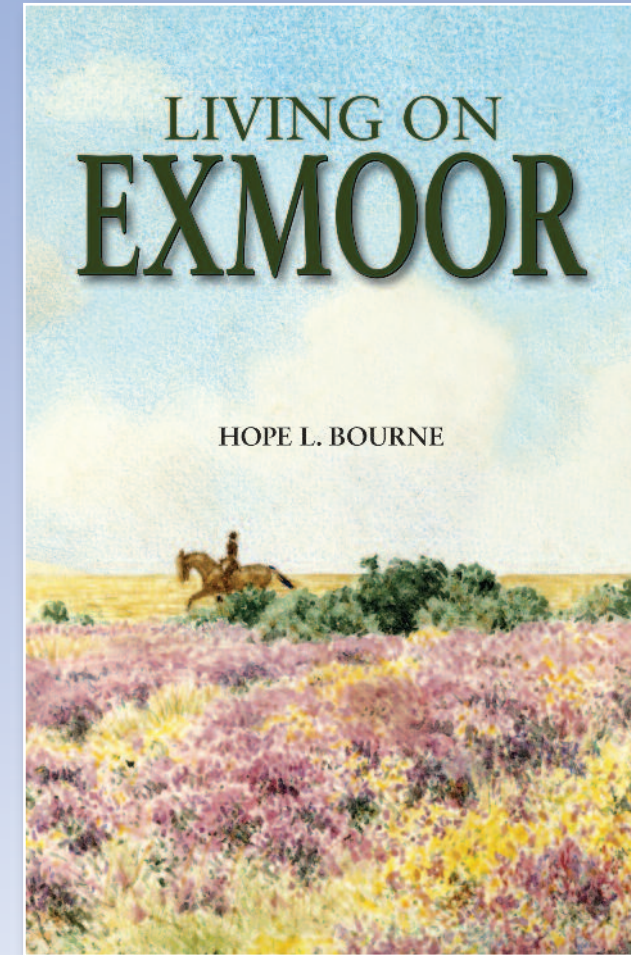
Hope Bourne was born in Oxford in 1918 but brought up at Hartland in North Devon. She lived on Exmoor for some 60 years, for two decades in a caravan at Ferny Ball near Withypool. Growing or shooting her own food, she earned her living as a writer, publishing four books in her lifetime as well as pamphlets and a regular newspaper column. In later years three television documentaries about her life brought her to the attention of an even wider public.

Hope Bourne died in August 2010 a few days short of her 92nd birthday.

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