

WANDERING AND WONDERING IN WALES

Peter and Susan Barrett

You don't have to climb mountains or shoot rapids to experience Wales in a way that inspires and refreshes the spirit. Wandering and Wondering in Wales presents a picture of the Wales that can be found not far from a car park. Artist Peter Barrett and writer Susan Barrett travelled the country recording their impressions in paintings and words. In this book they describe the people and places that bewitched them. Peter's paintings in oils on paper convey the rich variety of the landscape while Susan describes the people she met and the stories they told. The result is an idiosyncratic, informative and entertaining picture of aspects of Wales, often overlooked or passed by through pressures of time.

The Artist and Author

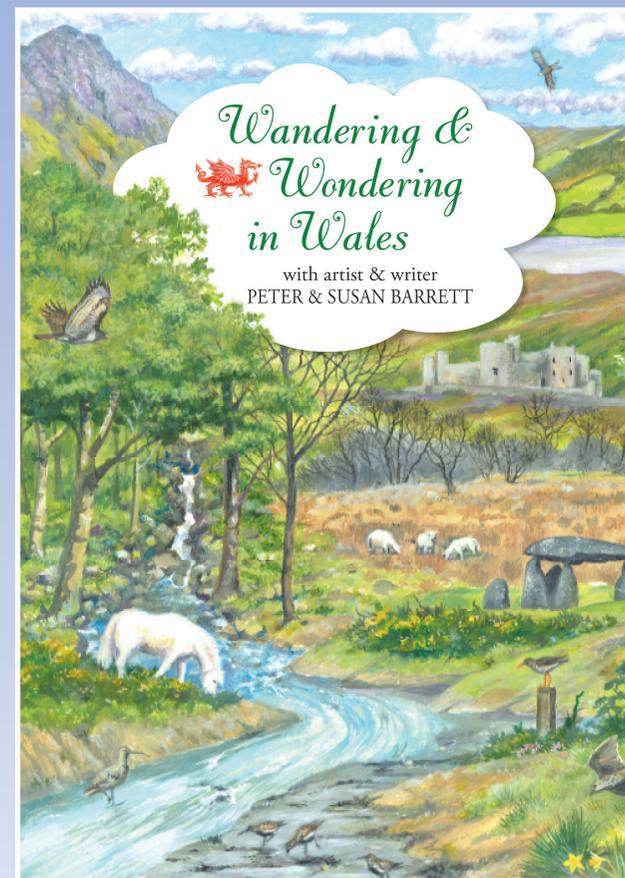
Peter Barrett began his career as a graphic designer and illustrator. He worked in London and America. In 1960 he and Susan met and married. They went to live and work in Athens, saving enough money to spend time on a Cycladian island, giving themselves the opportunity to paint and write. Peter had four exhibitions of abstract paintings in London. In the late 1960s, they adopted two children and Peter turned to wildlife illustration to support the family. He has illustrated many books by well-known naturalists including David Attenborough and Gerald Durrell. In recent years he has been painting subjects of his own choosing and holding exhibitions locally.

Susan Barrett's first seven novels were published by traditional publishers in the UK and US. A series of children's books she wrote for their children were illustrated by Peter and published by Ward Lock in the 1970s. Harrap Columbus commissioned the Barretts to produce a book on Greece, which was published in 1986. Other collaborations include natural history books for children and two memoirs. In the early 1990s Susan trained as a psychotherapist and counsellor. Returning to fiction writing in the early 2000s, she began self-publishing her novels. Her fourteenth came out in 2022.

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