

A good read

Here are some books for everyone which highlight the rich and varied geography of Wales.

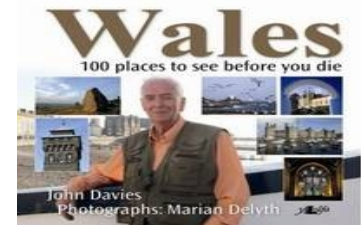
One for the coffee table

Wales: 100 Places to See Before You Die

John Davies

Marian Delyth (Photographs)

In *Wales: 100 Places to See Before You Die*, Rhondda-born historian and broadcaster John Davies has selected his own individual list of the nation's must-see sights. The photographic additions by Marian Delyth are outstanding.



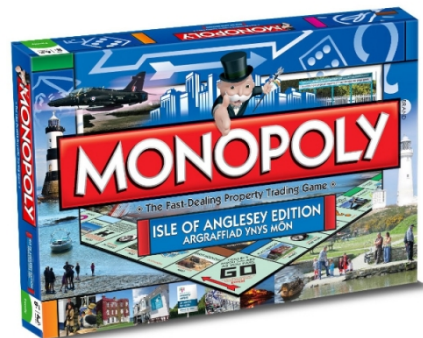
Some are obvious picks, the seaside at Tenby, the wild and rugged Brecon Beacons and Sir Clough Williams-Ellis' Portmeirion are all included, but room is also given to Wales' industrial heritage and a few unexpected places crop up too, such as The Pales, Parys Mountain and Tryleg.

The book was winner of the Welsh-language Book of the Year Award 2010 and is now translated into English.

One for a rainy afternoon

The Anglesey version of the famous board game Monopoly was released in October 2011. Numerous geographical features are used from South Stack lighthouse to RAF Valley.

An entertaining way to become familiar with the island, its geography, history and economy.

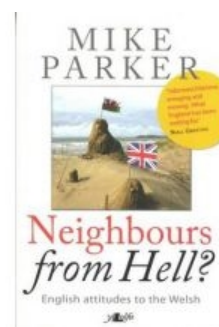


Food for thought?

Mike Parker *Neighbours from Hell*

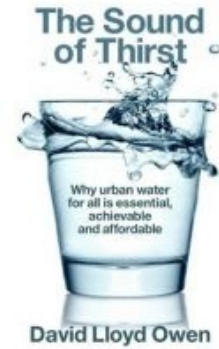
From the Act of Union to Anne Robinson, "*Neighbours from Hell?*"

looks at English attitudes to the Welsh. Drawing on the author's experience of the comedy circuit, cartoons, the popular press and postcards; from "Tours of the Picturesque" to the novels of Niall Griffiths, the range of reference is as broad as the writing style is witty. Stereotypes explored include the Welsh character (shifty, oversexed or verbose); the Welsh language (dead, ugly or secret code for extremists), and the landscape. Mike Parker examines treacherous policy decisions sacrificing communities to reservoirs, forestry and military ranges. And he warns of future loss through blinkered tourist and property marketing. This is fine and funny polemic with a purpose, by the author of "The Rough Guide to Wales". Review by the Book Depository.



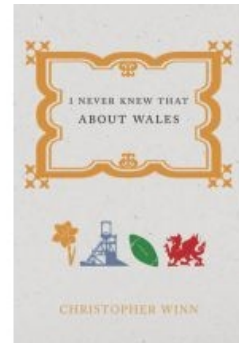
Another Welsh Author has written about...

Water, water, everywhere. Or is it? "The Sound of Thirst" explains the urgency of taking water and waste water seriously in an age where good management and political will are chronically scarce. This book presents a moral, economic and sustainable case for financing the many trillions of pounds of work needed worldwide in the coming decades to ensure safe water for all - and a cleaner earth. Leaving behind the old lie that water should be free, "The Sound of Thirst" explores how the human right to water is about empowering people to make reasoned choices about their destiny - and how mismanagement and political expediency have contributed to global inequality. Written by a leading water consultant, "The Sound of Thirst" will appeal to anybody looking to uncover the realities of our common future which lie behind the rhetoric. Dr David Lloyd Owen lives in Ceredigion, Wales.



And finally...

This irresistible compendium of facts and stories will give you a captivating insight into the people, ideas and events that have shaped the individual identity of every place you visit in Wales, and will have you exclaiming again and again: 'Well, I never knew that about Wales!'



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