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CASTLES AND FORTIFICATIONS OF THE WEST COUNTRY

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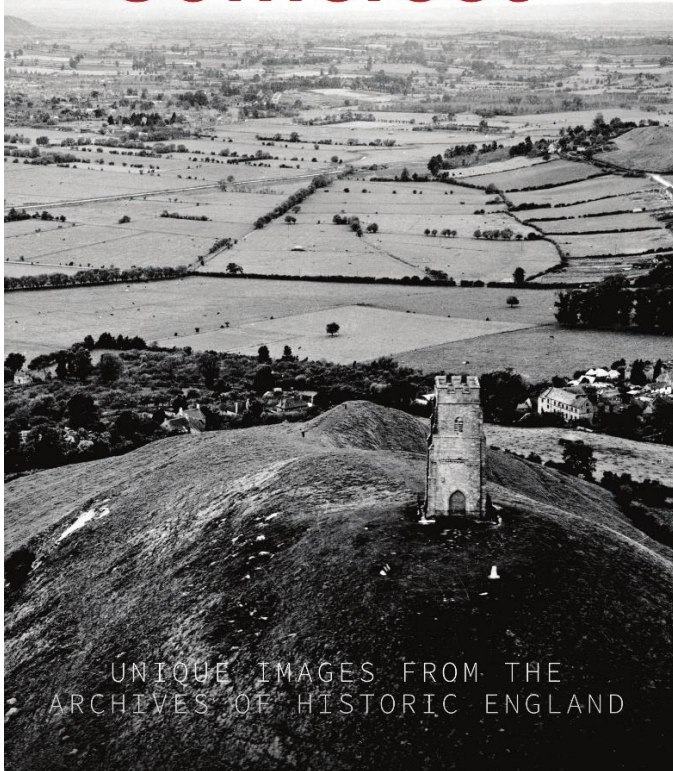
Castles of Somerset

Explore the history of Somerset's castles. In the aftermath of the Norman Conquest of 1066, a number of castles were built across the county. Over the centuries these were modified and improved, some eventually falling into ruin and others surviving and still standing today.



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Take a step back in time with a look at the changing face of everyday Somerset over the last one hundred years. This talk discovers how towns have changed over the years as well as looking at the features that remain.

Buildings of Somerset

Uncover the rich array of grand buildings that inspire and enthrall to this day.

Industrial Somerset

Examine Somerset's industrial past, and how things have changed over the last century.

Religious Somerset

A look at some of the many religious sites of Somerset, from centuries old pilgrimage sites to village churches.

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A poignant look at how Somerset remembered its fallen in the aftermath of the Great War, understanding the process of remembrance at the time, and the different memorials that exist.

Somerset in World War Two

Exploring the wide ranging, and often surprising role of Somerset in the Second World War. From evacuees to factories; airfields to prisoner of war camps, and defences to bombing raids.