



## A Peak District Anthology: A Literary Companion to Britain's First National Park

By Smith, Roly, Editor.

Frances Lincoln. 1 Cloth(s), 2012. hard. Book Condition: New. Beautifully illustrated and really quite charming, this anthology brings together some of the finest writing through the ages about England's Peak District, compiled by a leading expert on the region. Roly Smith revives many forgotten descriptions of some of the finest, most varied, and best-loved landscapes in Britain, written by enchanted visitors from Daniel Defoe to Lord Byron and illuminated here with period art works, book covers, and photographs. Ruskin extolled the beauties of the Peak, while novelists Charlotte Brontë and George Eliot used closely observed Derbyshire settings for some of their most vivid narratives. Here too are guides to walking and visiting the Peaks, some covertly encouraging "the gentle art of trespass." The format seems modest at first but once inside there is much unexpected color and a great deal of material never previously collected together all of it an invitation to explore or re-explore the Peak District with new eyes. Not only did the book delve into history but also came right up to date. Well researched and constructed, the book will be of great value to literary students as well as lovers of the Peak District. "Outdoor Writers and Photographers Guild...



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