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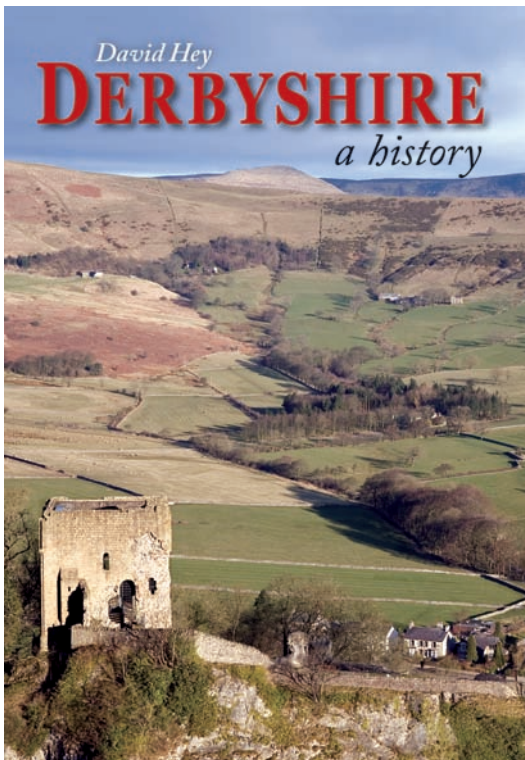
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A STUNNING NEW BOOK



A county as beautiful, varied and interesting as Derbyshire demands a history of the highest quality, and David Hey's wonderful new book does not disappoint.

From the Stone Age right up to the present day, this readable, lavishly illustrated hardback volume covers every aspect of the history of this jewel at England's heart.

Within this 'strange, mountainous, misty, moorish, rocky, wild country' Stone Age man created art at Cresswell Crags, Romans carved roads and established forts, and Anglo-Saxons constructed places of worship which were sacked and burned by the Vikings. Castles were built by Normans seeking to intimidate the local population, and their legacy still forms part of the fabric of many of Derbyshire's oldest buildings.

As age succeeded age, the richness of the county's cultural and historical heritage grew. It became increasingly widely known for the untamed beauty of its landscape, its picturesque villages and stately homes, and for the health-giving properties of its waters. Genteel spa resorts at Buxton and Matlock Bath attracted visitors from far afield to partake of the limestone-filtered, naturally mineral-rich waters that still bubble out of the hills, while the availability of good coal and flowing water lead to the growth of many industries, including

mining, quarrying, pig-iron and nail making, and, perhaps most importantly, textiles. Using the inventions of Richard Arkwright, Derwent Valley mills became the birthplace of the factory system, when in the 18th century water power was successfully harnessed for textile production, and the whole area is now a World Heritage Site.

Today, Derbyshire is beloved of walkers, climbers and holidaymakers, eager to enjoy the unique grandeur of the Peak District, and the visible evidence of two millennia of history.

David Hey is a nationally renowned historian, and at nearly 500 pages ***Derbyshire: a history*** is truly epic in its scope. But this is definitely a book for all, with a tremendously accessible style and generous, colourful illustration. And all this for just £24? Surely there can be no better book to own or give this Christmas.

Derbyshire: a history by David Hey is published by Carnegie Publishing at £24.

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