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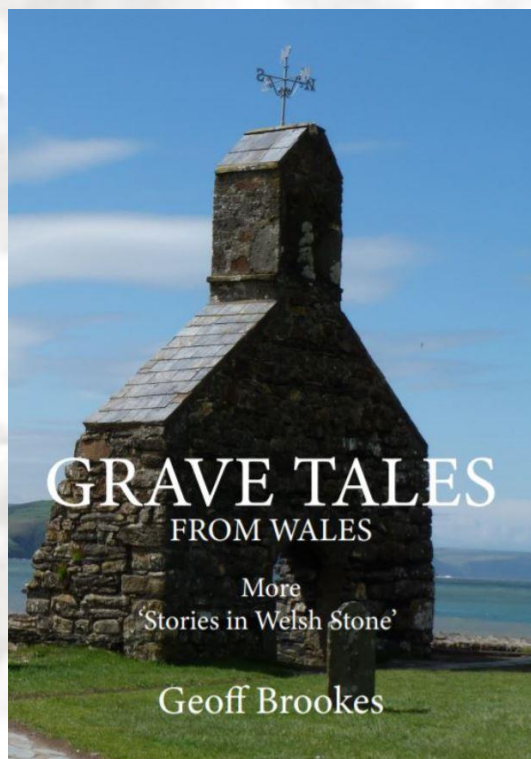
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Grave Tales From Wales Volume One



30 separate stories from across the whole of Wales

A compelling perspective on the past

Unexpected history presented in an accessible form

The book is fully illustrated throughout

Includes directions on how to find the graves

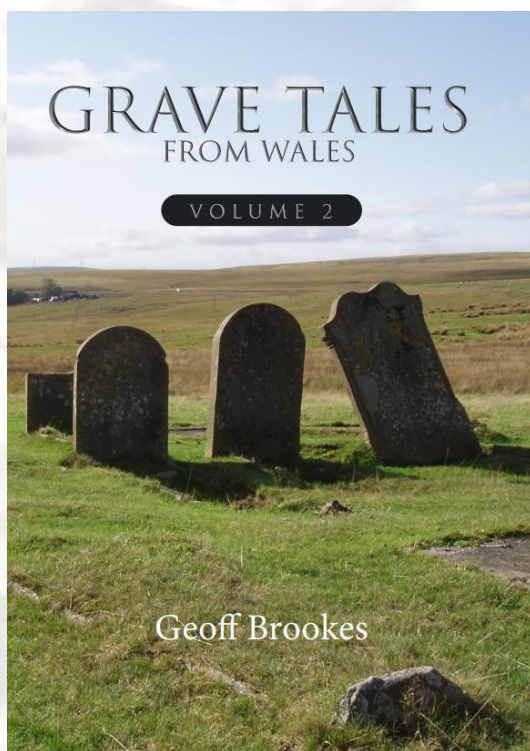
The stories are about the surprising lives of the people who still lie beneath those stones, who still lie beneath your feet, and who still have something to say.

There are stories of anguish and sorrow, stories of courage and achievement and these tales from the past that can still speak to us today. There are great events here – the Titanic, the sinking of The Royal Charter, the execution of a King, the exploration of the Antarctic – but there are also terrible murders and tragic deaths. You will find not only the stories of distinguished people, but also the forgotten lives of ordinary people. Including, of course, Walter the Man-fish.

Through these graves you can explore fascinating and sometimes unexpected stories from Welsh History.

The stones are permanent reminders of episodes in Welsh history, a physical representation of what are sometimes forgotten stories. Each one opens a window into our shared heritage

Grave Tales From Wales Volume Two



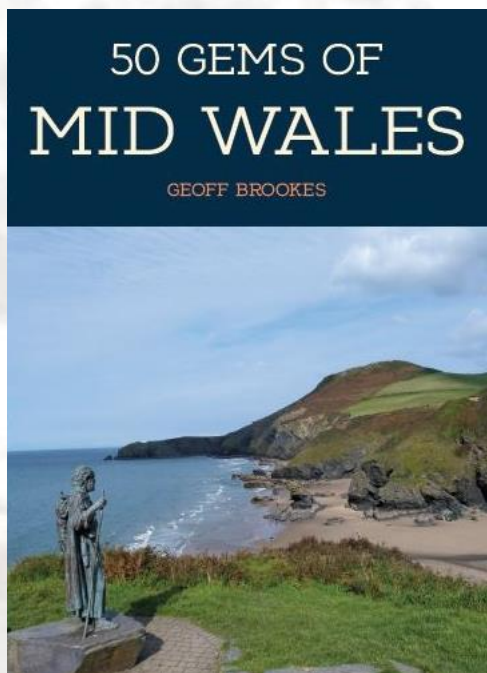
Volume Two of Grave Tales From Wales will continue to open unexpected windows into our past in the same way as the first volume. This time, there are thirty-five graves and memorials, each with their own unique story to tell. You will meet heroes and poets, you will confront tragedies and murders, injustice and sadness. But there are also great achievements, astonishing courage and humanity.

Find out about the conspiracy that killed Llewellyn, Prince of Wales; about the women who fought at the battle of Waterloo; about the Gresford Mining Disaster; about William Jones, just seventeen and shot at dawn; about the man from Tenby who invented the equals sign; about Robert Owen, the greatest Welshman of them all. There is a bonus story too - the extraordinary Cadoxton Murder Stone, displayed and explained.

The stories come from across the whole of Wales and from across a wide expanse of Welsh history. There are directions too, so that you can find these graves and make a physical connection with these remarkable stories and bring them alive once more. This is history that you can feel.

This book is the perfect companion, telling you thirty five remarkable stories you really want to know, but have never heard of.

50 Gems of Mid Wales



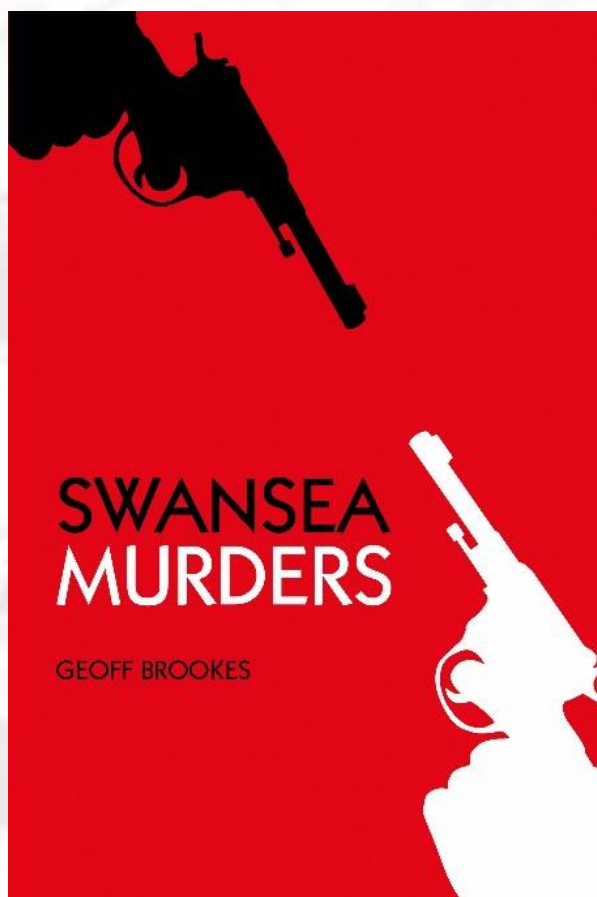
We have just two copies remaining. It has always been a popular book, I think because it invites you to visit places you don't know much about

It is a beautiful area, with a fantastic coastline and untouched and over-looked countryside. There are some spectacular places to visit and this book tells you all about them

See 50 beautiful places in Powys and Ceredigion from the comfort of your own armchair. It is a wonderful region, often spectacular and yet often overlooked. This is the Paradrwys Cymru, a place of peace and mystery. Visit castles and waterfalls; see drowned forests; read bewitching spells. Some of these things might be familiar and some will be new, but all of them are memorable.



Swansea Murders



A fascinating tour around Swansea's grim past. In the book you will find 25 separate cases, that happened between 1730 and 1946.

Note - there are no cases in the book after 1946. But there is certainly plenty to interest you...

You will learn that the causes of murder don't change at all. You will see the consequences of drinking that leads to aggression or stupidity, jealousy, insanity, desperation. You have stabbings, poisoning, blows to the head. Innocent men executed. Children murdered. It is a desperate parade of human frailty. Of course there is a death that could have been caused by constipation but we will put that to one side for the moment.

Paperback. 126 pages Illustrated through

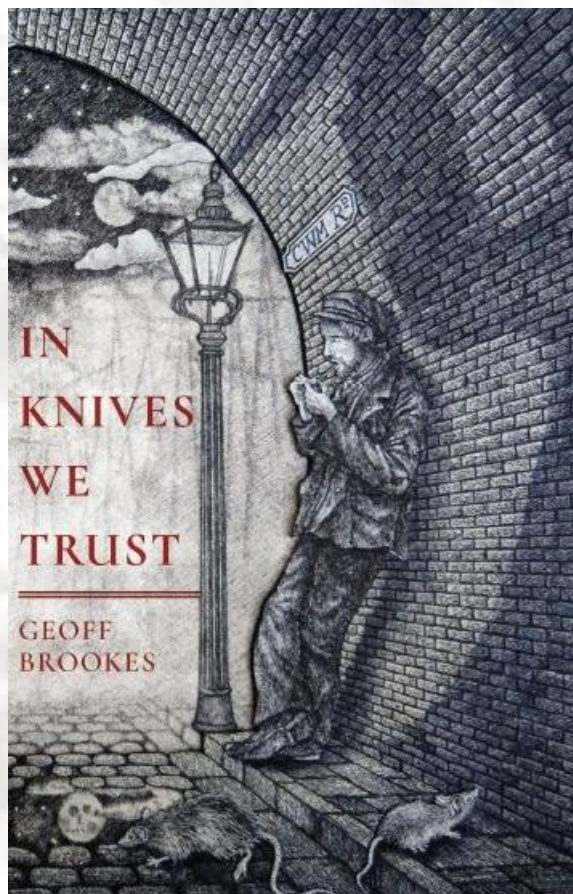
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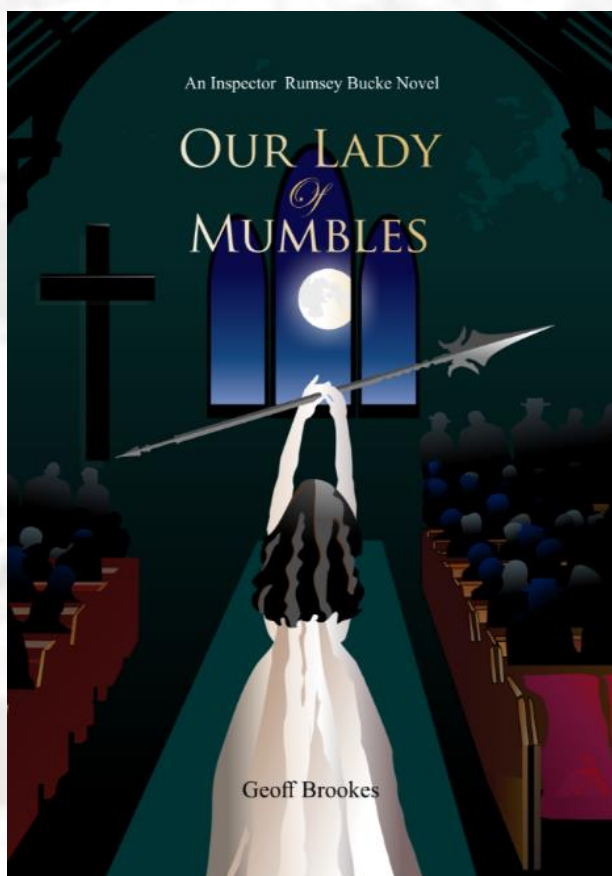
An atmospheric murder mystery set in Victorian Swansea in 1880, evoking a convincing portrayal of life in a nineteenth century Welsh town. The plot uses authentic locations and voices and is the first in a series featuring inspector Rumsey Bucke.

Inspector Rumsey Bucke, a still grieving widower, must find Daniel Guy who has tried and failed to murder his own wife. He tracks him steadily through the murky streets of Swansea's poorest communities, with little help from a corrupt and incompetent police force.

Two fatal stabbings, which may or may not be connected, put Bucke's position under threat from a scheming superior. However, he finds the will and the support to change his life from an unlikely source, the wife of a prime murder suspect. As he finally confronts his own sorrow, he discovers that terrible secrets lurk beneath the surface of the ordinary lives around him. No one can ever escape from the secret burdens they carry with them.

But there are unknown figures lurking in the shadows and Bucke is drawn into the dangerous world of international politics, with assassins playing out a clandestine war on the streets of the town, ready to kill the innocent to protect themselves. As he desperately runs out of time to prevent another murder, Bucke has to find the answers which have eluded him. Who is the murderer? Is it Daniel Guy? Is it someone else? Just how many murderers are there? There is a bigger question for him too. If, as they say, justice is blind, are there occasions when the law should be blind too?

Our Lady of Mumbles



This is the second novel in the Rumsey Bucke series. It is the autumn of 1880, and Swansea is in the grip of a suicide cult. Only true believers will be saved in the Apocalypse, just as long as they surrender all they have to Our Lady of Mumbles and follow the Spear of Jehovah.

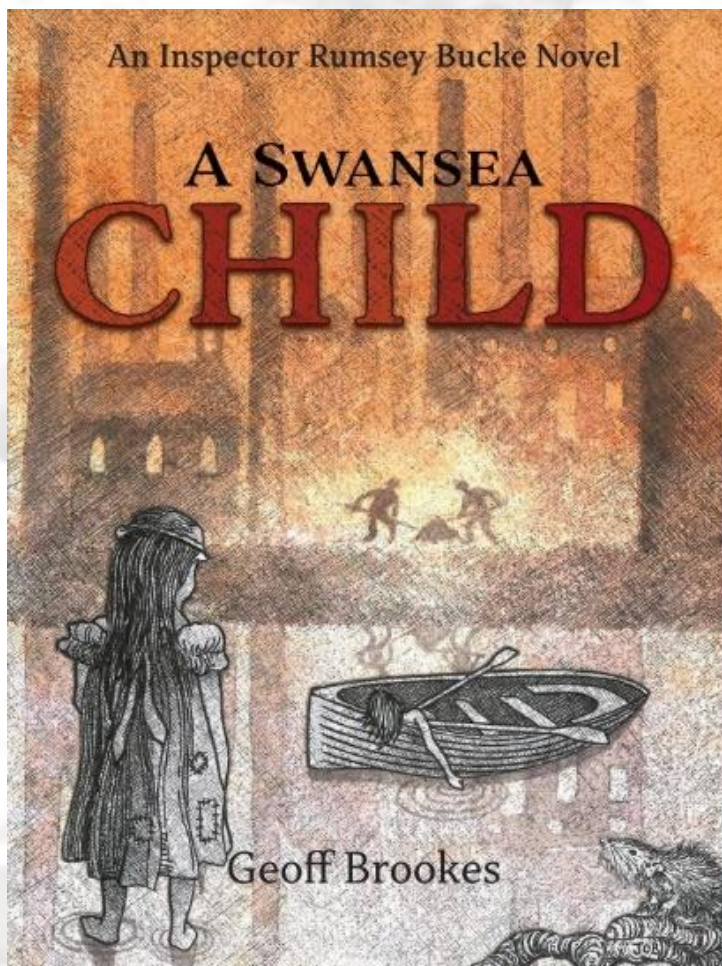
All normal values are distorted. Neither the old nor the young are safe. Young women are missing and bodies are found. There are symbols and portents everywhere, belief in reincarnation is common, angels are seen, and all the time crime prospers. Now that evil flourishes so freely, the rats abound, swarming through the graveyard. Are these really the Last Days?

In such a world, where happiness is denied and love is punished, Inspector Rumsey Bucke uncovers murder, suicide and dark family secrets. His own relationship with Constance is questioned and he is under pressure from a devious reporter pursuing him for immorality, determined to ruin Bucke's career for his own advancement. No one is safe.

Bucke finds strength in the support of two resourceful women who help him uncover a web of abuse and murder. But it is a dangerous time to be a woman, and as time runs out, he realises that those who he cares most about are in mortal danger. Can he save them before the Church of Our Lady of Mumbles eats itself?

Paperback 350 pages

A Swansea Child



This is the third novel in the Rumsey Bucke series.

February 1881 and Swansea is troubled and dangerous, full of dark secrets. Chana, heiress to a fortune, rescued from revolution overseas, was brought to the town as a child, for safety. Now her father has arrived to reclaim her. But no one knows who Chana is anymore or where she might be. And Swansea is a terrible place to be a child. Is Chana alive? Or has she been buried on the beach like so many others?

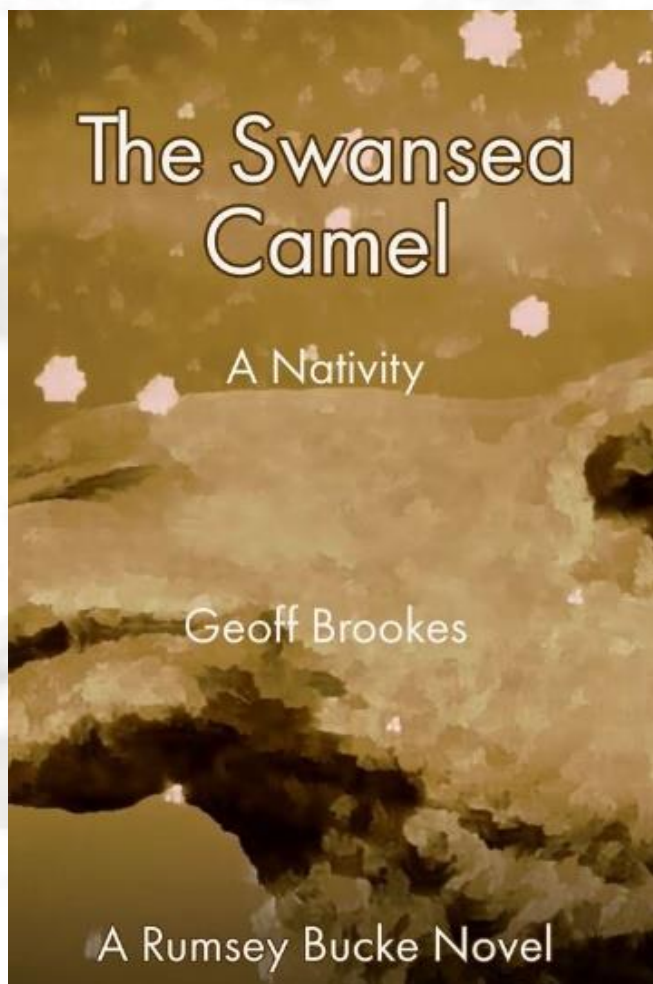
Childhood is nothing more than poverty and squalor, bringing disease and death; childhood is nothing more than a daily fight for survival. Can anyone ever be rescued from this? Can anyone change their life and so find a new beginning? Can diamonds still be found amongst the ashes?

The macabre murders of young boys brings a new terror to the town and in an atmosphere of fear and paranoia, when women are also attacked brutally at night, Inspector Rumsey Bucke tracks a heartless killer.

And meanwhile an abandoned, lonely, child pushes a pram endlessly through the streets, looking for warmth, security and love...

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The Swansea Camel



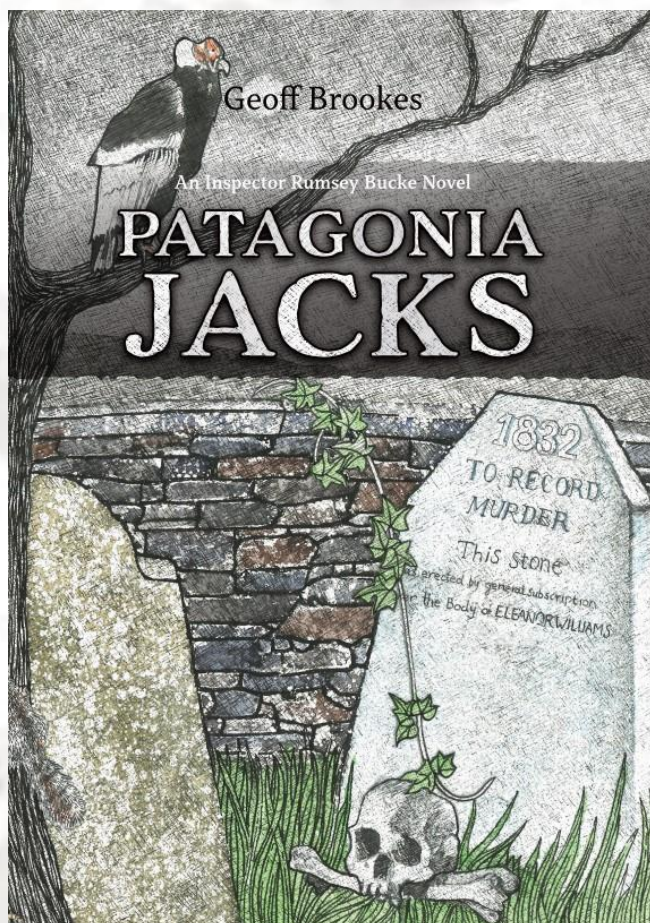
The Swansea Camel is a novella featuring Police Inspector Rumsey Bucke.

It is Christmas Eve 1880 and Melchior, the camel from a travelling menagerie, has gone missing. It is Inspector Rumsey Bucke's job to find it, but his investigations are disrupted by a series of peculiar events. Strange forces appear to be at work in the town as the snow falls and the town gets itself ready for Christmas.

Why is Frankie Starr being pursued by the three King brothers? Who has been stealing sheep on Townhill? What should they do about Nick the Holly? Who gave Gabriel those bagpipes? And is it true that in the chapel where Christmas Evans, Swansea's One-Eyed preacher lies buried, a young lonely woman is about to give birth?

And then answer the most important question of all? Who was actually in one of those ships that came sailing in to Swansea on (almost) Christmas Day in the morning?

Patagonia Jacks



It is October 1882, and a much-anticipated Royal visit will, for a day, put Swansea at the heart of the Empire. It will also become Inspector Rumsey Bucke's greatest challenge. How can he protect the Prince of Wales when the town itself is not safe, when the shadow of revenge hangs over Swansea like a cloud? A haunting murder has suddenly been revived after almost fifty years, and the dark and twisted streets are once more full of old cruelties and secrets. No one can escape from their past; there is always a price to be paid.

But who will pay it?

The angry gravestone of Eleanor Williams has always promised justice. *Vengeance is mine. I will repay, says the Lord.* But it has been a long wait and what if He doesn't repay? What then?

Wherever Bucke turns, there is treachery and betrayal. Soon, his sense of loyalty will place both himself and Constance in terrible danger, for they will be required to risk everything for duty.

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The Swansea Camel	£4.99
Patagonia Jacks	£13.50

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