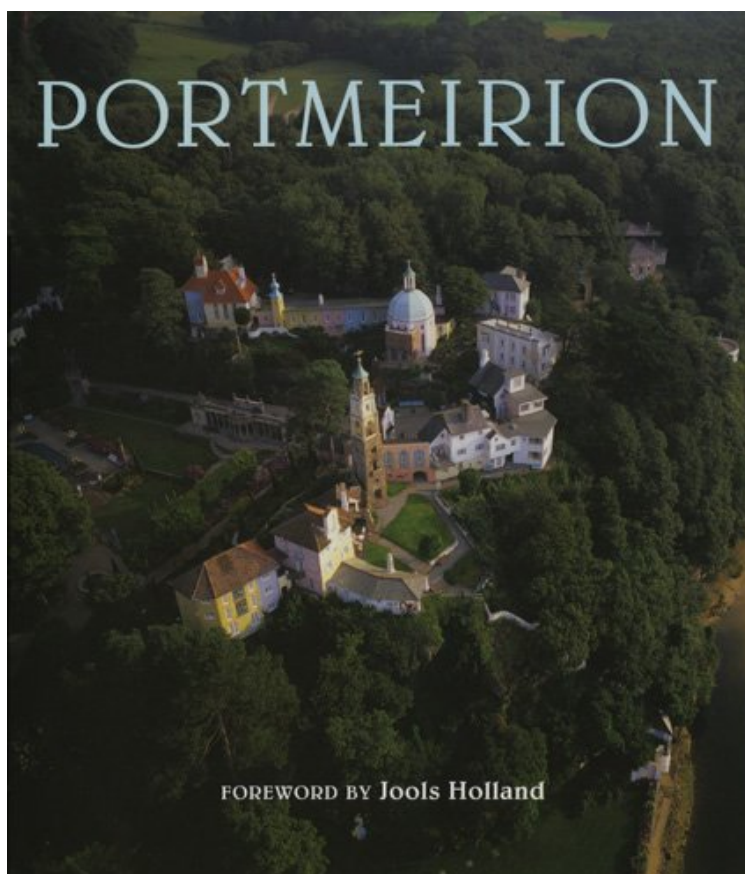


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"Cherish the past. Adorn the present. Construct for the future" Clough Williams-Ellis" About the Author Jan Morris is the respected author of over thirty books including *Pax Britannica*, *Venice, Wales - Epic Views of a Small Country* and *A Writers World 1950-2000*. Jan knew Clough Williams-Ellis both as a friend and neighbour for over 30 years. Alwyn Turner is author of *Biba: The Biba Experience* and *Big Biba*. He is a widely published writer on twentieth-century popular culture. Mark Eastment is the former Chairman of the Decorative Arts Society and a collector of Portmeirion pottery. Stephen Lacey is a well known journalist for the *Daily Telegraph* and author of numerous gardening books including *Gardens of the National Trust*, *Scent in your Garden*, *Real Gardens* and *Powis Castle Garden*.