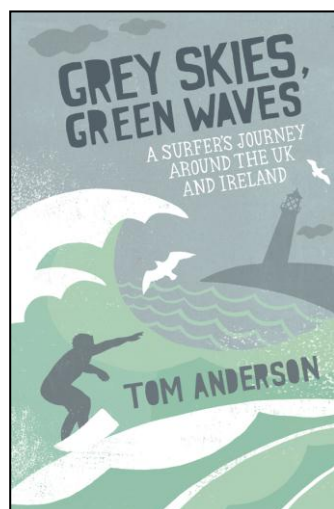


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GREY SKIES, GREEN WAVES

A SURFER'S JOURNEY AROUND THE UK AND IRELAND

TOM ANDERSON

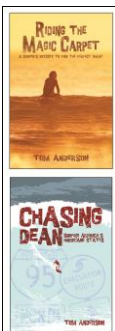
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“So this is surfing in Britain, I told myself grumpily as I walked up a slope of wet rocks and wispy beach grass, trying to keep a foothold as rain and wind both tried their utmost to send me skidding back down to the freezing beach below.”

Tom Anderson has always loved surfing – anywhere except the UK. But a chance encounter leads him to a series of adventures on home surf... As he visits the popular haunts and secret gems of British surfing he meets the Christians who pray for waves (and get them), loses a competition to a non-existent surfer, is nearly drowned in the River Severn and has a watery encounter with a pedigree sheep. All this rekindles his love affair with the freezing fun that is surfing the North Atlantic.

“The Severn Bore is a bit like Marmite. Obviously the main similarity is that as a surfer you'll either love the idea of surfing the Severn Bore or you'll hate it. However, I must also say that the wave itself is like Marmite in as much as it's brown, sticky, smelly, slimy, sludgy and – when you inevitably get face-planted somewhere and duly force-fed a load of its trademark filth – you'll also discover it has a very distinctive taste.”

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Grey Skies, Green Waves is Tom Anderson's third book after the popular surfing travelogues **Riding the Magic Carpet** (Summersdale, 2006, £7.99) and **Chasing Dean** (Summersdale, 2009, £7.99) Here's what the press had to say about his previous books:

- **“... will appeal not merely to surfers but to fans of travel writing generally”** The Times
- **“There is a dark side to surfing as Tom Anderson brilliantly conveys...”** The Daily Telegraph
- **“Part Moby Dick, part Perfect Storm... reads like a novel and has the potential to become a cult classic.”** Real Travel
- **“Surfing is finally getting the literary tradition it deserves... Anderson's sharp and witty style, allied with a poignant exploration of the nature of friendship, takes his second book into contemporary Kerouac territory.”** The Times ‘

Author, Tom Anderson, 29, lives in Porthcawl, South Wales is a successful competitive surfer and writes regularly for several surfing magazines, as well as being a senior committee member of the Welsh Surfing Federation.

Notes to Editors: **Grey Skies, Green Waves** is published by Summersdale and available through all good bookshops and internet booksellers or by telephoning Summersdale. **To request a review copy or to be put in touch with the author** please contact Dean Chant on: 01243 771107 or email dean@summersdale.com



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