

## Walking the Wharfe

An ode to a Yorkshire river

JOHNO ELLISON

A charming travel memoir retracing the steps of a Victorian writer by walking the length of one of the Yorkshire Dales' best-known rivers

"A fascinating exploration of a beautiful corner of England."

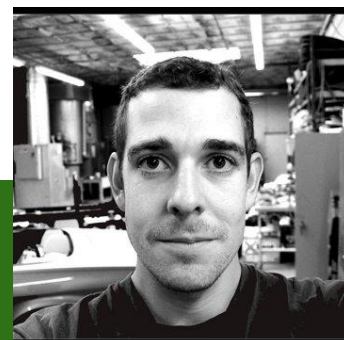
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"In *Walking the Wharfe*, Johnno shows that adventure is very much a state of mind, uncovering interesting tales and tackling challenges in his own backyard." **Ed Stafford**, author, *Walking the Amazon*

In a world of globetrotting explorers and record-breaking journeys – of which he has been part himself – Johnno Ellison decided to return to his roots and walk the entire length of the River Wharfe, the Yorkshire waterway beside which he grew up. In *Walking the Wharfe*, Ellison retraces the steps of Victorian author Edmund Bogg to investigate how the riverscape and its communities have evolved during the intervening 120 years. While wild camping, meeting modern-day Vikings, wartime ghosts and the fearless 'Dales Dippers', and learning how *not* to deal with a herd of over-inquisitive cows, Ellison encounters a microcosm of English history and culture.

This enchanting travelogue is a must-read for anyone interested in nature, 'the great outdoors', or English history and culture. Residents and fans of Yorkshire will love it, as will anyone who has hiked the Dales Way. Above all, by combining personal connections with journalistic curiosity and a nose for a story, *Walking the Wharfe* affirms that even lesser-known parts of Britain can hold their own against renowned tourist sites the world over.

**Johnno Ellison** grew up in Boston Spa on the River Wharfe, and developed a particular fascination with the waterway. He has visited more than 80 countries and once travelled around the world in a vintage London black cab, setting Guinness World Records for the Longest and the Highest Taxi Journey Ever – an adventure captured in his book *It's on the meter*. Ellison currently lives in Kuala Lumpur with his wife Lindsay – whom he met in a small village beside the River Wharfe.



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