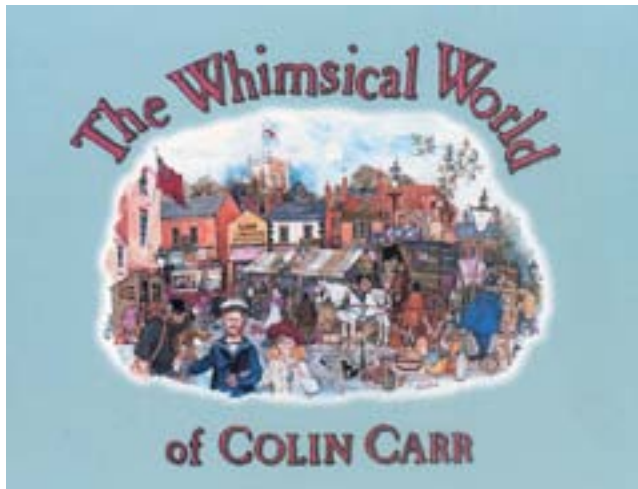




Bookshelf

LIFE'S BOOK OF THE MONTH

THE WHIMSICAL WORLD OF COLIN CARR
This England Books, Alma House, Rodney Road, Cheltenham, GL50 1HT;
ISBN 0 906324 47 5; £20



COLIN CARR the artist, a quiet, modest man who died last year, had an inimitable, wry-smiled and nostalgic style that is best summed up as whimsical. Hence the title of this wonderful memorial book containing more than 100 of his colour paintings.

After Art School, National Service and working for the design department of Ross Group on Grimsby Docks, in 1965 Colin joined his Grimsby boyhood friend, Roy Faiers, who had founded 'Lincolnshire Life' and a number of other county magazines, as art editor. With the launch of 'This England' in 1968 and move of the publishing group to Cheltenham, Colin stayed to edit 'Lincolnshire Life' (until 1976 when I took over his editorial chair, but without his unique illustrative skills) while also doing all the artwork for 'This England'.

He loved everything traditional about England, and many of his paintings provide a legacy of English life and landscape once so familiar to our parents. Read his illustrated country bus ride through rural Lincolnshire, and enjoy the telling paintings of country characters.

The biography is written by Roy Faiers, and the book contains many illustrations which first appeared in 'Lincolnshire Life' and 'This England'. Even during the trauma of having some of his original paintings stolen from a framer's shop, and illness towards the end of his life, his bubbling humour came to the surface with a painted response. And if you want to know why so many include a black cat..... This is a book for every Yellowbelly's shelf. (DNR) □

Lincolnshire's Top 10 Bestsellers

- 1 **A Lincolnshire Lad Looks Back**
Len Woodhead, £9.99
- 2 **The Lost Treasure of King John**
Richard Waters, £6.00
- 3 **Luckiest Men Alive**
Mark Rowe, £14.80
- 4 **Lincolnshire Photographic Collection**
David Cuppleditch, £12.99
- 5 **100 Walks in Lincolnshire and Humberside**
Crowood Press, £8.99
- 6 **Lincoln, A Place in Time**
David Vale, £8.99
- 7 **Rice Time**
Tom Gylee, £6.99
- 8 **Lincolnshire Teashop Walks**
Roger Fox, £6.95
- 9 **Twisted Strands**
Margaret Dickinson, £6.99
- 10 **Lancaster Operations**
Ian Reid, £24.95

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LINCOLNSHIRE BOOKS IN BRIEF

SHIPWRECKS OF THE EAST COAST Vol 1 (766-1917) by Ron Young; Tempus Publishing, The Mill, Brimscombe Port, Stroud, Glos, GL5 2QG; ISBN 0 7524 2764 4; £17.99.

Covers Robin Hood's Bay in Yorkshire to Skegness. Comprehensive guide to sunken wrecks with full details of how each sank and what is left of them (author is an experienced diver). Includes many Grimsby trawlers, plus warships and U-boats.

TRACKING DOWN THE LINGS EXPLORERS by Cliff Foster; Fenpress, 27 Edinburgb Walk, Holbeach, PE12 7AP; £3.50.

A potted guide to John Smith, Joseph Banks, Matthew Flinders, George Bass and John Franklin – birthplaces, exploits and Lincolnshire places to visit connected with them.

SORTIE NOT COMPLETED by A & R Armstrong; available from authors, 37

Crossbill Drive, Morton West, Carlisle, CA2 6RS; £4.50 post free; ISBN 0 9537203 7 3.

The story of the crew of a Lancaster bomber of 207 Squadron based at RAF Spilsby (codename Foamrange) which crashed into the sea off Chapel St Leonards in July 1944 when returning from a mission with a bomb still stuck in the bomb bay. An extraordinary and poignant piece of research.