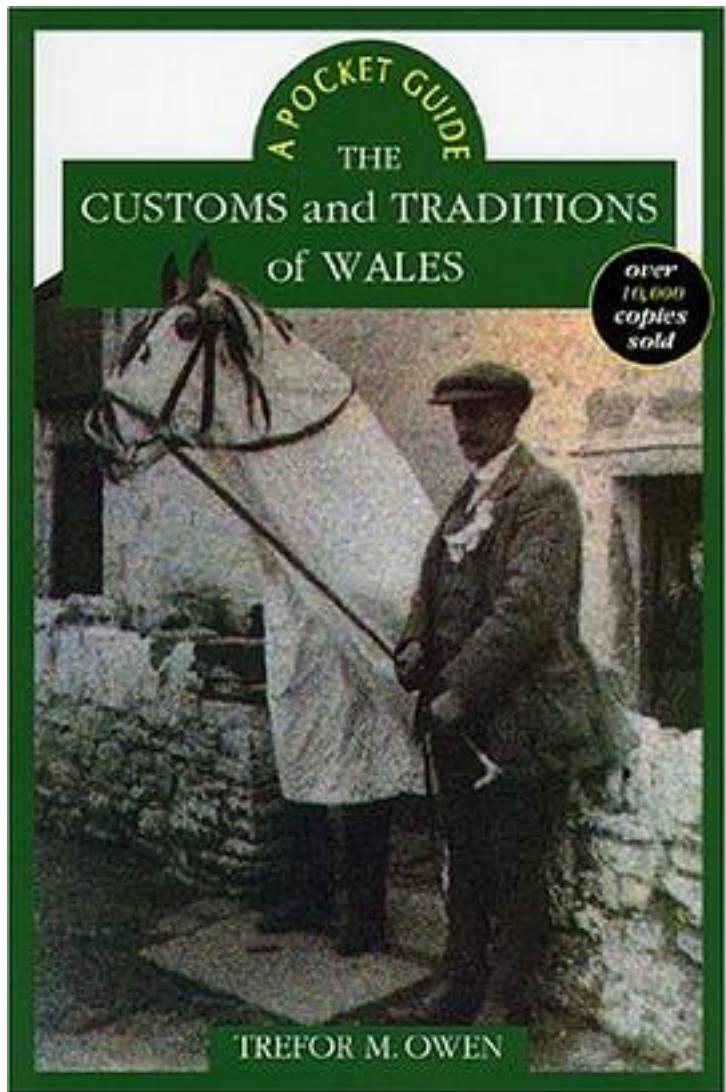


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This concise and informative guide looks back to the customs and traditions of a predominantly rural Wales during the nineteenth century - the revelries of the corn harvest; winter nights by the fireside, knitting, telling stories and making rush candles; overcoming poverty and hardship by raising funds at a cwrw bach...Each chapter is complemented by several eye-witness accounts - vivid descriptions of a forgotten way of life. Customs are arranged into four main groups: those centred on the hearth and home, agriculture, community life and the parish church. In this book Trefor M. Owen explores their origins and examines the changes they underwent during the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries in response to industrialization and the growth of Nonconformity. He also looks briefly at the development of folklore studies and the recorders of folk culture.

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