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to run a Victorian county house hotel on Dartmoor in Devon*

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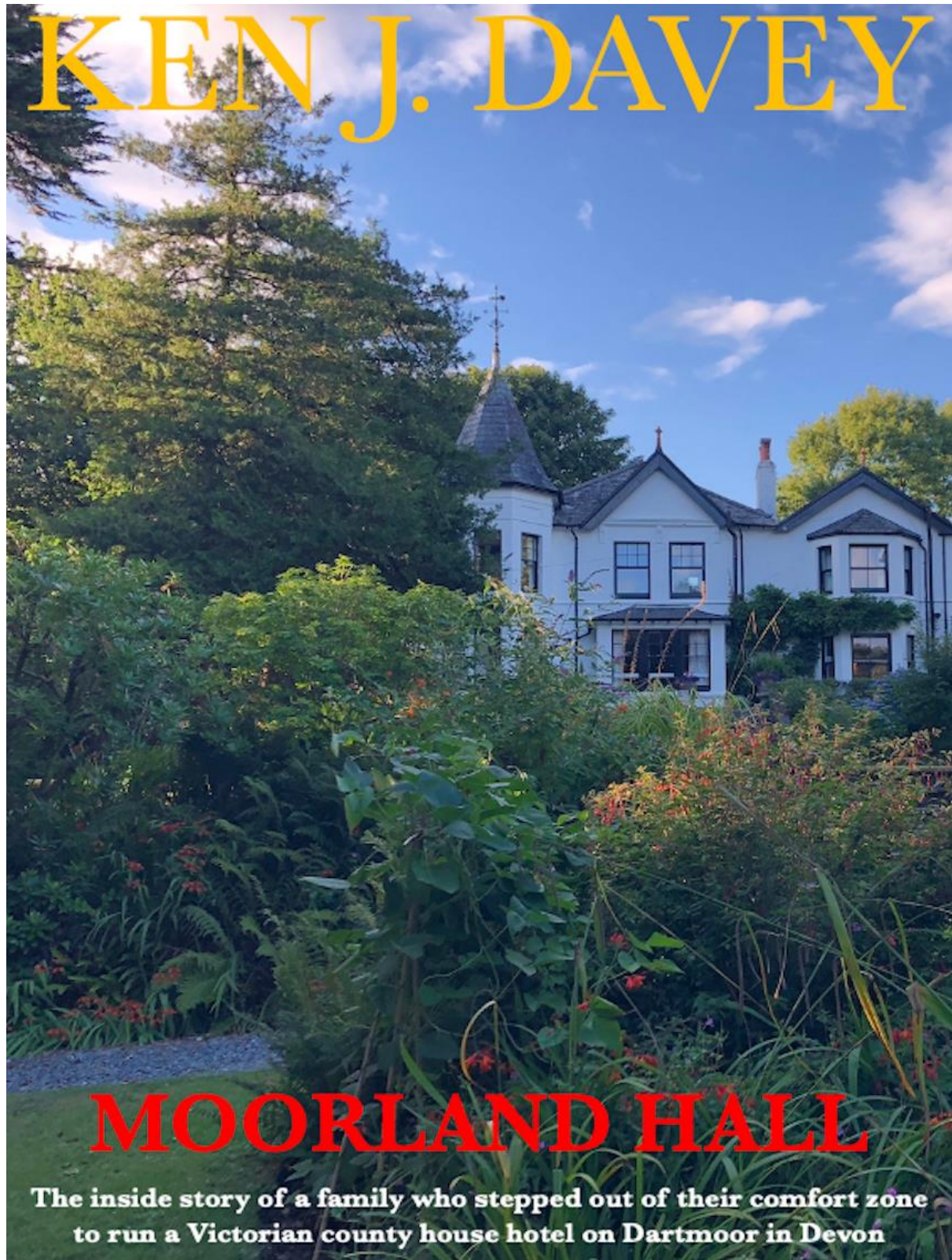
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Epigraph

“A dream is your creative vision for your life in the future. You must break out of your current comfort zone and become comfortable with the unfamiliar and the unknown.”

–Denis Waitley, American motivational speaker, writer and consultant

Preface

How this book came to be

Moorland Hall is a book about how the Davey family - Ken, a twenty-three-year-old corporate accountant and his wife, Kath, a junior school teacher, together with Ken's mother, Cath, a school-meals cook and his father, Jack, a marker-maker (a person who determines the most efficient layout of pattern pieces for a style, fabric and distribution of sizes of ladies clothing) all quit their jobs, sold their homes in Essex and stepped out of their comfort zone to combine their skills, experience and passion for hospitality, to take up the mantle of first-time hotel proprietors at Moorland Hall - a historic, but run-down, Victorian county house hotel on Dartmoor in Devon.

Introduction

Steeped in History

Every one of the rooms has a different style of fireplace with a variety of different tile patterns, and each of the rooms is decorated in a different scheme. The overall effect is quite delightful.

–Eain Williams, Journalist, Western Morning News

Moorland Hall is a building that is steeped in history. The property started its life as a farmhouse on the edge of the parish of Mary Tavy in Devon. It was gradually extended and, by the late eighteen-hundreds, was known as Sunny Banks, under the ownership of John Francis Buller. Buller had become lord of the manor, first listed in the Domesday Book, and owner of much of the surrounding property and land, including the nearby Wheal Friendship mine, which at the time was the largest copper mine in the world. Sunny Banks would later be known as The Grey House and finally Moorland Hall... although the Grey Lady Ghost still haunted what would become our hotel.

About the Author



Ken J. Davey, MBA, FCMA, CGMA, is a new author. Drawing on his experience and meticulous research, Ken offers readers compelling stories that can expand a reader's knowledge and awareness.

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As an author of several fiction and non-fiction books, Ken lives in London, where he has regularly worked as a mentor with the British Library and University College London.

Also by Ken J. Davey

FICTION

The Bar on the Corner

A setting for betrayal, blackmail, collusion and... FEAR!

Niobium

A tale of father and daughter treachery and their ruin.

The Family at Gibbet Hill Farm

A tangled web of family angst and emotional trauma.

The Last Guest at 357

A cautionary tale of being in the wrong place at the wrong time.

The Undoing at Gibbet Hill Farm

Where the past catches up with the present.

The Hotel in the Mist

Where hopes are dashed and fears are realised.

The Cursed Vineyard

Where a polycrisis creates a predicament for the wine-making Dubois family.

The Locked Room

A collection of strange and unconventional stories.

The Crooked Bookshop

Where the shelves are cradled with both tales and the restless spectres of hidden truths.

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Change Your Label

How Revising Your Self-Perception Can Influence The Way Other People See You.

Svetlana

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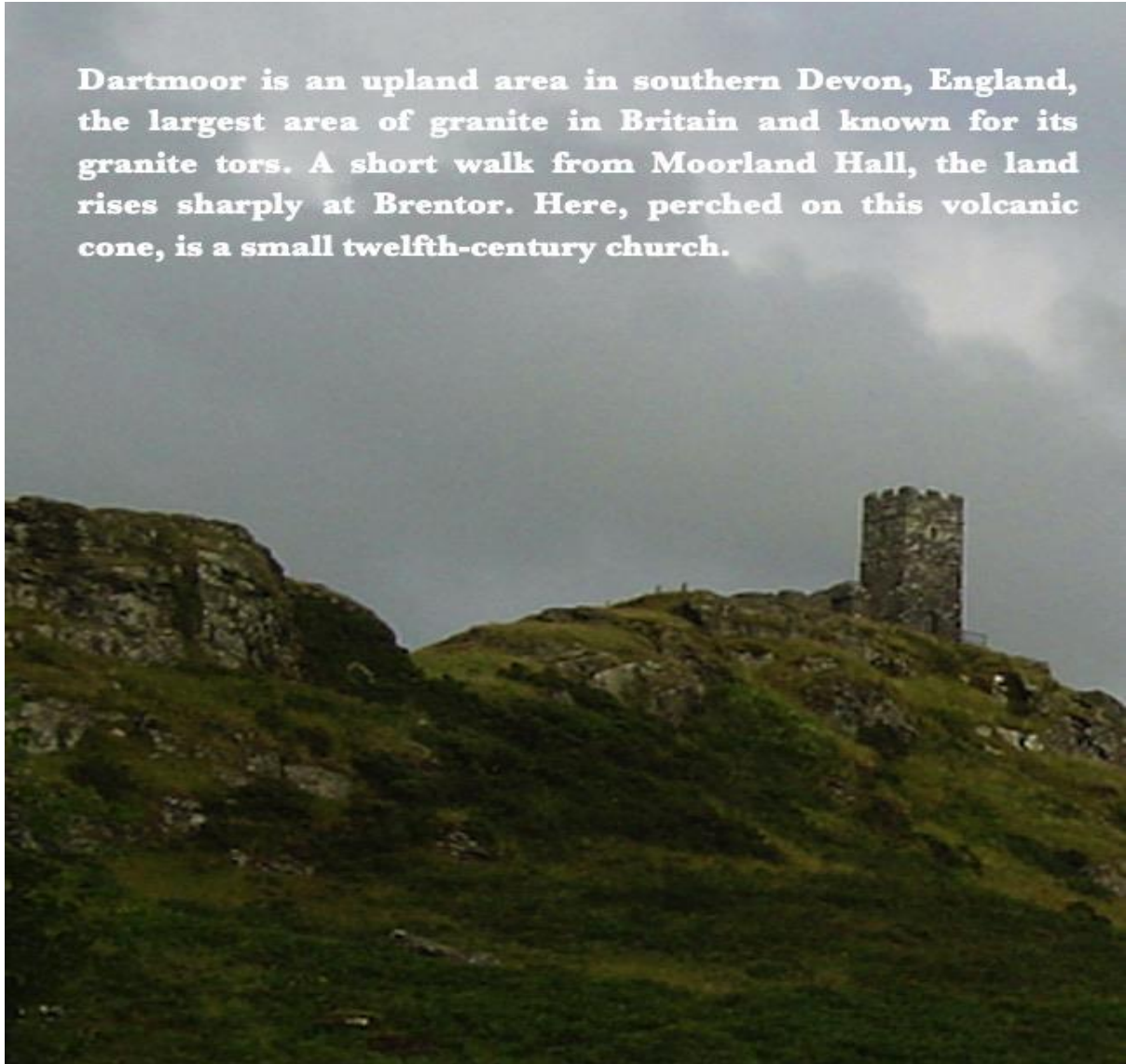
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Dartmoor is an upland area in southern Devon, England, the largest area of granite in Britain and known for its granite tors. A short walk from Moorland Hall, the land rises sharply at Brentor. Here, perched on this volcanic cone, is a small twelfth-century church.



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