



'Daring, tender and fascinating, this is a wonderful work.'

Robert Macfarlane

Shorelines is a ground-breaking work about Southwold's longshore fishermen. Robert Jellicoe comes from a long-standing Southwold family and this book uses first-hand testimony and original archival material collected since 1976. In that year, Jellicoe recognised that a culture of fishing and beach life had disappeared. He began to tape-record those who remembered it, gathering an unprecedented insight into a long-forgotten way of life and language. Fascinated by what he learned, he went on to research other aspects of beach life.

Shorelines creates a vivid account of both the history and culture of this community—the Beach Companies, the Lifeboat, the annual round of fishing seasons, the experience of 'big-boating' from Lowestoft to the Shetlands and Cornwall and of surviving the winters through back-breaking work, poaching and stealing root-crops. This is a book of voices, real and imagined, speaking from the beach, the sea, the pubs and the depths. Illustrated by PH Emerson's extraordinary photographs together with the paintings of Joseph Southall and others and the Novels of Neil Bell, this is a magnificent salvage operation and a fitting tribute to Southwold fishermen.

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