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## Foreword

This adventure book for children was originally published in 1982 and is the first of a series of four. Its action takes place on and around the Ochil Hills of mid-Scotland, and centres on a peak called Dumyat (pronounced *Dum-eye-at*).

The story is set in an era before health and safety concerns constrained young people's fun in the outdoors. Modern readers should not be encouraged by it to light fires or carry knives or bows and arrows except under the supervision and approval of adults.

Most of the experiences of the children in this book are based on real events. Some of the sites, such as the secret cave, are partly fact and partly fiction.

This book was chosen for study and discussion at a conference of Stirling primary schools held at the University of Stirling and was a Scottish Top Ten best-seller. Its sequel, *The White Stag Adventure*, was broadcast for schools by the BBC.

The two other books that feature the same children – Clare, Gavin, Michael and Mot (Tom) – are *The Day the Mountain Moved* and *Jewels on the Move*. All have been used in Scottish schools.

*Light on Dumyat* is about adventure in the outdoors. Enjoy this new edition!

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