Weymouth & Portland in 50 Buildings: A Historical and Architectural Tour

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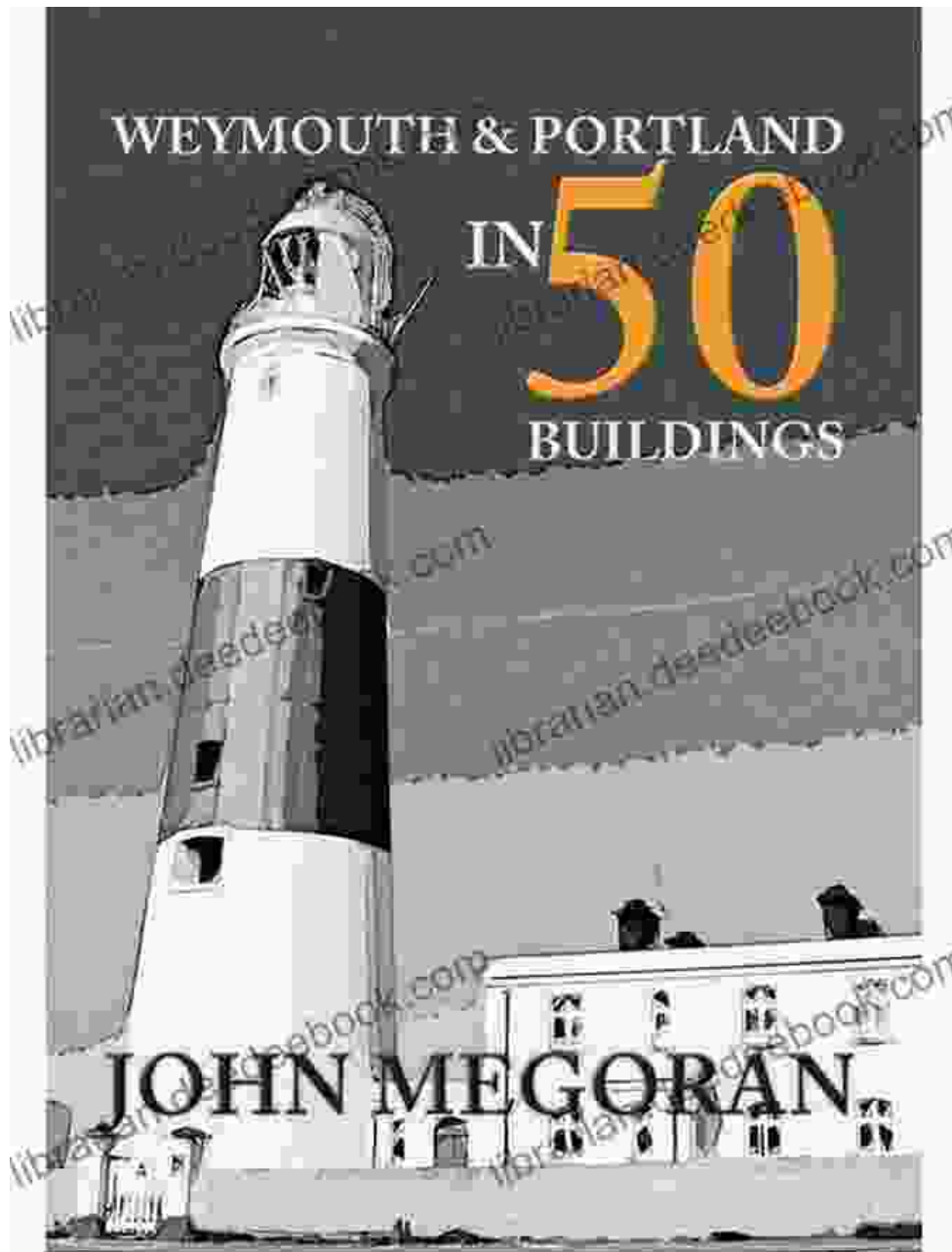|	
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Weymouth and Portland, two neighboring towns on the south coast of England, are home to a rich and diverse range of buildings that reflect the area's long and varied history.

From the medieval churches and castles that dot the landscape to the grand Victorian seaside resorts that line the coast, Weymouth and Portland's buildings tell the story of a region that has been shaped by war, trade, and tourism.

In this article, we will take a tour of 50 of the most significant buildings in Weymouth and Portland, exploring their history, architecture, and cultural significance.

1. Weymouth Harbour

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Weymouth Harbour is the heart of the town, and has been a major port since the Middle Ages.

The harbor was expanded in the 18th century to accommodate the growing number of ships trading with the Americas, and was further developed in the 19th century to become a major naval base.

Today, Weymouth Harbour is a popular destination for tourists and boaters, and is home to a variety of shops, restaurants, and cafes.

2. Nothe Fort

Nothe Fort is a coastal artillery fort built in the 19th century to protect Weymouth Harbour from attack.

The fort is armed with a variety of guns, including 12-inch mortars and 6-inch guns, and was designed to be able to withstand a prolonged siege.

Nothe Fort is now open to the public, and offers visitors a chance to explore the fort's history and learn about its role in the defense of Weymouth.

3. Weymouth Pavilion

Weymouth Pavilion is a Victorian seaside resort complex that was built in the 19th century.

The complex includes a concert hall, a ballroom, a theater, and a variety of shops and restaurants.

Weymouth Pavilion is a popular destination for tourists and locals alike, and hosts a variety of events throughout the year, including concerts, plays, and exhibitions.

4. Sandsfoot Castle

Sandsfoot Castle is a 16th-century coastal artillery fort that was built to protect Weymouth from attack.

The fort is armed with a variety of guns, including 12-inch mortars and 6-inch guns, and was designed to be able to withstand a prolonged siege.

Sandsfoot Castle is now open to the public, and offers visitors a chance to explore the fort's history and learn about its role in the defense of Weymouth.

5. Portland Castle

Portland Castle is a 16th-century coastal artillery fort that was built to protect Portland Harbour from attack.

The fort is armed with a variety of guns, including 12-inch mortars and 6-inch guns, and was designed to be able to withstand a prolonged siege.

Portland Castle is now open to the public, and offers visitors a chance to explore the fort's history and learn about its role in the defense of Portland.

6. Rufus Castle

Rufus Castle is a 12th-century stone keep that was built by King Henry I.

The castle is named after Rufus, the nickname of King William II, who was killed in a hunting accident in the New Forest in 1
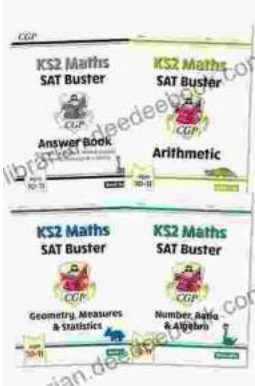
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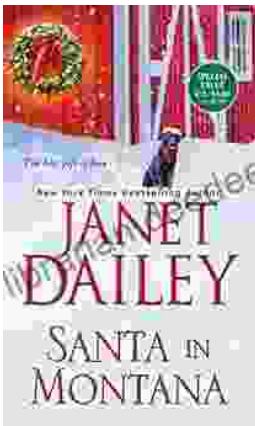|	
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