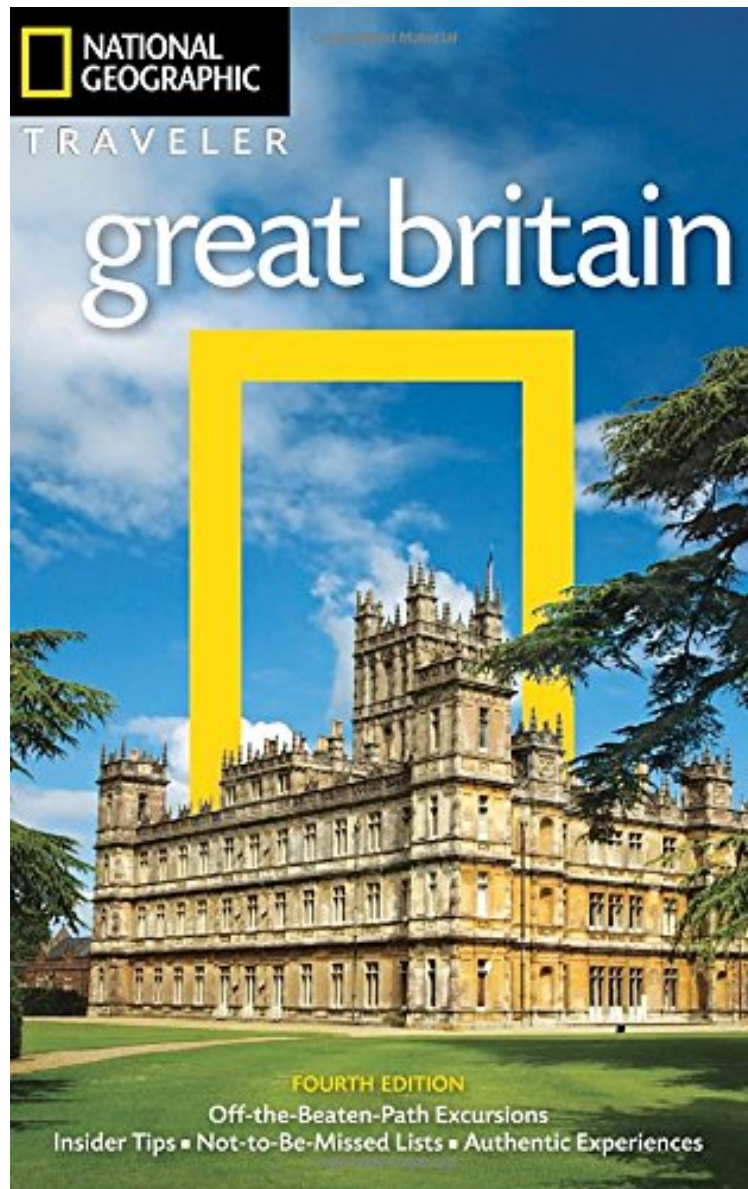


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About the AuthorCHRISTOPHER SOMERVILLE spent his childhood in a remote village in rural Gloucestershire, where he reveled in the freedom to roam the woods, fields, and riverbanks. This upbringing gave him a lifelong love of walking in the open air and a taste for the quieter corners of the British countryside. Since then he has written 40 books and writes regularly for *The Times* (as Walking Correspondent) and other national publications about his travels in the hidden corners of Britain and Europe. ALISON WRIGHT, a New York-based documentary photographer, has traveled the globe photographing endangered cultures and people. She is published in numerous National Geographic books and publications, is a recipient of the Dorothea Lange Award in Documentary Photography, and a two-time winner of the Lowell Thomas Travel Journalism Award. In 2000, Wright's life was nearly cut short in a bus accident on a remote jungle road in Laos. Her memoir, *Learning to Breathe: One Woman's Journey of Spirit and Survival*, chronicles her years of rehabilitation and her ongoing determination to recover and continue traveling the world as a photojournalist.