

An aerial photograph of a section of the Cambridge River. The river flows from the top left towards the bottom left. On the right bank, there are several large, historic university buildings. The most prominent is a long, light-colored building with a series of small, square-roofed towers along its roofline. To its right is a larger, more ornate building with a blue-tiled roof and many tall, narrow windows. In the foreground, there is a large green lawn with a small circular fountain in the center. The background is filled with lush green trees and a large green field.

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The Cam

An Aerial Portrait of the Cambridge River



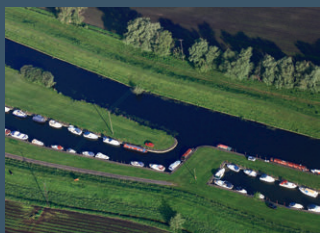
The book is an aerial portrait of the Cambridge river. Few of us fly to see such birds-eye views. They may not be more beautiful or more informative than views from the ground but they often reveal different and unfamiliar aspects of the countryside through which the Cambridge river runs. A good portrait should please the eye by painting with patterns of light and colour. Like any good portrait, these require the viewer to ask questions: Why are form and environment as they appear? What is the historical and contemporary setting? This text is written to complement the photographs and should add to your understanding of Cambridge and its river in their own context.



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