

WRIGHTCHOICE SOFTWARE  
PRESENTS



THE LOST RUBY

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In the summer of 1891 Queen Victoria hid a ruby somewhere on the Isle of Wight. Throughout that year hundreds of people searched the island for the priceless jewel, but it was not discovered. When Queen Victoria died in 1901 the ruby had still not been found, it's secret location was committed to the grave along with Queen Victoria.

Despite the passage of time, many clues still remain as to the ruby's whereabouts. Perhaps you can solve the mystery?

## HOW TO USE THE ADVENTURE

### *Loading Instructions*

The program is loaded with the Load " " enter format, the program will then load and run automatically.

### *Word Entry*

Input of commands (in the majority of cases) is achieved with a verb noun format.

### *Special Commands*

*Movement:* all movement can be abbreviated to a single letter, (N,S,E,W) and the more

complicated directions must be abbreviated (NE,SE,SW,NW).

*Inventory or I:* will clear the screen and list all the objects you are presently carrying. Pressing any key will redescribe your present location.

*Pictures:* will turn the graphics on.

*Words:* will turn the graphics off.

*Redescribe or R:* will attempt to redescribe your current location. (If it's dark and you haven't a source of light then this will not be possible).

*Quit:* ends the current game and allows you to start again.

*Save:* for this command you need a blank cassette. Once you have typed SAVE and enter, follow the instructions on the screen. This will save your present game position to tape.

*Load:* when you have saved a game position to tape typing LOAD and enter will allow you to load back a saved game position.

*Store:* this command is a RAM save facility and allows you to store your present game position in RAM. Use it before you attempt anything dangerous then should you be killed, lose a valuable object or game position, you can use ....

*Restore:* this command recalls a previously stored position from RAM and allows you to continue from it. (Nb. You must have previously stored a position for it to work).

*Help:* work this one out for yourself!

### *Vocabulary*

The adventure has an extensive vocabulary and incorporates two very useful commands. VERBS and NOUNS. Typing verbs or nouns will cause the screen to be cleared and over 50 of the appropriate verbs or nouns will be displayed which the adventure understands. (Nb. The lists of verbs and nouns are NOT complete and some of the words the adventure uses you will have to discover yourself).

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