

DORSET BOOKS

Title	Description	No of Pages	Cover	Price (UK)	Price (OS)
1950s Childhood, A	(Edward Page) An autobiographical story of life for a boy growing up in Weymouth in the austerity period. The family moved from London to run a guest house in Trinity Road, near the harbour. Many Weymouth residents are named.	224	Soft	£ 13.09	£ 17.19
Blackmore Vale Childhood	(Hilary Townsend) An account of the author's childhood that breathes life into the deep dairy farming countryside of the Vale, and the small market town of Stalbridge, then the centre of her world.	144	Soft	£ 11.05	£ 15.15
Blandford in the Great War	(ed Nicci Brown) Over 100 of the more than one million UK soldiers killed in the First World War were from Blandford, and more than 200 from nearby villages. This book is a testimony to them, and all the others who served their country and their community. It records in some detail the lives of the casualties, and includes many transcripts of press reports from the time.	272	Soft	£ 15.40	£ 20.45
Boscombe and Southbourne Photographic Memories	(Roger Guttridge) An evocative collection of archive photographs from the Francis Frith collection, which shows Boscombe and Southbourne from mid-Victorian times, and depicts the considerable changes they have undergone during the 19th century. Reduced price.	94	Hard	£ 15.40	£ 20.45
Brownsea, Dorset's Fantasy Island	(Rodney Legg) The history of this island including many interesting photographs.	80	Soft	£ 1.05	£ 15.15
Case Book of Sir Francis Ashley 1614-1635, The	(Ed J H Bettey) Dorset Record Society Vol 7. Sir Frances Ashley was the Recorder of Dorchester, and the book is a calendar of the examinations, information, affidavits and cases heard before him. Includes an index of names.	133	Soft	£ 6.60	£ 10.70
Chaldon Herring – Writers in a Dorset Landscape	(Judith Stinton) A history of the village with many names included, and indexed.	208	Soft	£ 18.05	£ 22.15
Corfe Castle Encyclopaedia	(Rodney Legg) A self-indexed book of a variety of detail covering the Purbeck parishes of Church Knowle, Corfe Castle, Kimmeridge, Langton Matravers and Worth Matravers. A bargain price – a few only	208	Hard	£ 14.39	£ 23.70
Country Childhood, A	(H S Joyce) The author opens a window on to Victorian rural Dorset, colourfully and readably describing a way of life already familiar through the novels of Thomas Hardy. First published in 1946 as 'I Was Born in the Country'. Reduced price.	208	Soft	£ 13.10	£ 17.20
Crabchurch Conspiracy, The	(Mark Vine) Weymouth 1645. The true story of a Dorset family during the English civil war.	74	Soft	£ 8.59	£ 12.34
Death and Times of John Daniel, The	or Beaminster and its Apparitions Extraordinary of AD 1728 (Marie de G Eedle and Raymond E Paul.	48	Soft	£ 4.13	£ 7.88
Discover Your Dorset Ancestors	(Chloe O'Shea) This book is aimed at both amateur family historians as well as experienced genealogists who wish to research their background in the county. The initial chapters deal with different record types, such as newspaper articles, title deeds and manorial records, with explanations of what you might find, where you can find them and the values and limitations of each record. This is followed by a look at other relevant sources, such as family history societies, museums etc.	105	Soft	£ 18.05	£ 22.15
Domesday Book: Dorset	(Edited by John Morris) The text has only once been set and printed, in 1783, in an edition of 1,200 copies, many of which have not survived. This edition is the only uniform English translation ever made, published in parallel with the original Latin, and has corrected the few errors detected in the 18th-century setting of the Latin text. It includes a map, indices and an explanation of technical terms.		Soft	£ 15.64	£ 23.60
Dorchester Century	(Steve Wallis) Fascinating glimpses of old and new Dorchester highlighting the changing face of the town over a hundred years of the 20th century. Includes over 200 photographs.	144	Hard	£ 24.38	£ 33.69
Dorset – Crime and Punishment in – A Thousand Years of Murder, Mayhem and Mystery	(Terry Hearing) The story of Dorset's criminal past begins with skulduggery in the Royal Family in the 10th century, and progresses through much human folly to treason and murder in the 20th century. Curiously, domestic violence was often not regarded as criminal, unless it turned into murder, whereas theft of even minor property was subject to savage penalties. Dorchester prison was originally simply a holding pen for prisoners before trial, but for the last 200 years it developed into a place where substantial attempts were made for reform and rehabilitation. A large format book	144	Hard	£ 24.38	£ 34.99

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Dorset, Curious and Surprising	(Roger Guttridge) The country clergyman who eloped with a parishioner's wife ... the stranded whale that became a tourist attraction on a Dorset beach ... the spinster who kept her companion's body for almost three years without reporting her death. These are just three of more than thirty eyebrow-raising tales selected by the author.	144	Hard	£ 12.74	£ 17.19
Dorset Farmhouses, Traditional	(Bob Machin) A major series of essays about the author's research into old countryside buildings, mostly farmhouses. The book is the result of many years of investigation, stemming from the author's interest in the houses of ordinary people. What did they build? How did people live in them? How and why were they altered? The essays concentrate on house plans, which reveal mind-sets and life-styles, rather than building materials or construction details. Includes over 270 illustrations, of which nine are maps.	230	Soft	£ 24.39	£ 33.70
Dorset Privvies	(Ian Fox) Use your imagination, better still, buy a copy.	96	Soft	£ 10.55	£ 14.30
Dorset Quarter Sessions Order Book 1625-1638	(Ed Terry Hearing & Sarah Bridges) Dorset Record Society Vol 14. Consists of 642 numbered folios plus some additional sheets. Because of the limited survival of such records, this book is the best source for the history of local government in Dorset.	503	Hard	£ 29.39	£ 40.00
Dorset War Memorials, 10,000 Fallen Remembered on	(Murial Monk) The author and her husband Arthur travelled all over the County visiting 300 parishes. The result is this comprehensive record of names, ranks, place of death and conflict as available. A CD, with memorial pictures and additional data, is now included with this book.	147	Soft	£ 8.10	£ 12.20
Dorset's War Diary – Battle of Britain to D-Day	(Rodney Legg) Tells the story on a daily basis, from the threat of German invasion during the hot summer of 1939, through radar research and the secret war, to the arrival of the US Army and the cross-channel sea and air armada on D-Day.	336	Hard	£ 22.39	£ 34.90
Dunshay – Reflections On A Dorset Manor House	(Dr Andrew Norman) An attractive yet simple medieval house, its former inhabitants include figures who have made outstanding contributions in the fields of architecture, art and sculpture. Their contributions have been not just of local importance but of national, and sometimes international importance. A detailed look at these people includes the impact of Leslie Everett Baynes an aircraft designer and inventor.	96	Soft	£ 9.55	£ 13.30
Farmers, Fishermen & Flaxspinners	(Elizabeth Buckler Gale) Enthralling account of the lives of the people of the Burton Bradstock locality from long ago to recent times.	172	Soft	£ 10.60	£ 14.70
Ferndown, A Pictorial History	(Roger Guttridge & Audrey Greenhalgh) A short history of the town, followed by an excellent collection of 181 photographs mostly from the early 20th century. Some of the people pictured are named. Reduced price.	124	Hard	£ 15.10	£ 19.20
Gillingham, Around	(David Lloyd) A small format 'Pocket Images' book containing over 230 photographs of the town from the late 19th Century to the present day. The content traces the past from an industrial heritage through the decline in prosperity after WWII to the ongoing process of rejuvenation that began in the 1970s.	128	Soft	£ 8.59	£ 12.34
Halstock Memories	(Halstock Village Trust) Life in Halstock in the 20th century as recalled by members of the community. Incorporates two CDs of the recollections spoken by the individuals concerned, with a total running time of 152 minutes. Includes a number of photographs.	57	Soft	£ 10.60	£ 14.35
Halstock, The Story of St. Mary's	(Pam Lemmey, Jennifer Smith & Yvonne Stephenson) The story of the church and the parish, including today's building which dates from the 15th century and earlier churches. Includes many names of curates, church officials, some of those commemorated in the church and the churchyard as well as other involved in the parish.	40	Soft	£ 5.18	£ 6.53
Hats Off to the Past	The story of Will Harrison of Clapton.	36	Soft	£ 3.38	£ 4.73
Love Poems and Letters of William Barnes and Julia Miles	(Ed Charlotte H Lindgren) Dorset Record Society Vol 10. The letters etc were all written in the 1820s.	99	Soft	£ 6.10	£ 9.85
Lulworth (Memories of Old Lulworth)	(Wally Dorey) The life and times of a small fishing village as seen through the eyes of a local.	30	Soft	£ 5.55	£ 9.30
Lulworth Encyclopaedia	(Rodney Legg) A self-indexed book of a variety of detail covering the Lulworth Ranges, and the Dorset coastal parishes of West Lulworth, East Lulwoth, Tyneham, Steeple, East Holme and Coombe Keynes.	128	Soft	£ 8.10	£ 12.20

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Lyme Regis Censuses 1695 – 1703 - Birth, Marriage, Death and Taxes	(Ed Judith Ford) Only about 150 Marriage Duty Act documents are known to exist in Britain; the survival of seven assessments for Lyme Regis is a remarkable bonus for the history of the town and for Dorset. These records form a rare and almost complete census of the population at a very early date, giving an invaluable glimpse of Lyme Regis between 1695 and 1703.	216	Hard	£ 16.89	£ 26.20
Maiden Bradley (Changing Times)	Second part of a two-part account of 100 years of travel from Maiden Bradley.	36?	Soft	£ 3.38	£ 4.73
Maiden Bradley (The Horse Knew the Way)	First part of a two-part account of 100 years of travel from Maiden Bradley.	36?	Soft	£ 3.38	£ 4.73
Mapperton Rectory 1699-1703, The Building Accounts of	(Ed R Machin) Dorset Record Society Vol 8. Provides detailed information on building practices and costs at a crucially important period, which saw on of the greatest pre-nineteenth century building booms in England.	37	Soft	£ 5.63	£ 9.38
Marnhull - Where's That To In Marn'll Then?	(Adrian Bailey) A guide to place names in Marnhull. The author, who became confused in trying to identify so many 'local' names as he struggled through his own family history research, decided to trace them all. The book provides a brief history of the town, with accompanying colour photographs, followed by the 'Marnhull Gazetteer' which lists 206 such local names, a brief history and the current names and locations in the town.	250	Soft	£ 13.39	£ 18.44
Marshwood Vale - Dorset's Western Vale	(Sylvia Creed) This book was written to show the changes that had taken place in the last one hundred years. Whitchurch Canonicorum is the largest village in the vale, a low-lying, bowl-shaped valley drained by the river Char. Other villages in the vale include Fishpond Bottom, Marshwood, Birdsmoorgate, Bettiscombe, Pilsdon, Bowood, Broadoak, and Ryal. Agriculture obviously plays a major role in the vale, so is well covered in the book. It also covers local activities and pastimes which include cider making, the original Char Valley Horse Show and the social scene.	152	Soft	£ 15.53	£ 21.58
Marshwood Vale – The Making of a Landscape	(Bob Machin) This book describes the history of the vale from early times. The vale was an uncultivated waste until the late Saxon period. By 1086 only twelve small areas had been enclosed. Many new farms were established in the 13th century, but the waste was not finally cleared until the late 16th century. These smallholdings were gradually amalgamated into ever-larger farms, so the characteristic isolated farms of the vale are a comparatively late feature. Includes 49 maps and 11 photographs.	155	Soft	£ 23.40	£ 28.45
Marshwood Vale, Some Folklore of	(Cecil Walter Creed) The author recounts from his own experiences some of the customs, beliefs and practices of the Marshwood Vale folk in the early years of the twentieth century.	28	Soft	£ 1.88	£ 3.23
Once Upon a Pint – A Reader's Guide to the Literary Pubs & Inns of Dorset & Somerset	Somerset (Terry Townsend) This book is a literary pub crawl around two of England's most beautiful and least spoilt shires, Dorset and Somerset, following in the steps of famous and lesser known writers. The author has included town pubs, country pubs, village pubs, riverside pubs and seaside pubs all with one thing in common; they have been immortalised by association with books or writers.	128	Hard	£ 13.92	£ 21.47
Over & Nether Compton - Snapshots in Time	(Barbara Elsmore) From midway through the reign of Queen Victoria to the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II the many changes affecting the way of life in Over and Nether Compton are explored. Life is viewed through the eyes of members of the Collings family, so told as a story, who lived and worked in Nether Compton over four generations as they witness the changes that reveal how the villages appear to today's resident and visitor.	240	Soft	£ 13.40	£ 18.45
Parson Knows 1953-1968, The Place of The Rural Blacksmith In Parish Life 1500-1900, The	(Rev Oliver Wilmott) Records of village life around Lodders, Dottery & Askerswell. (Marcia Evans) The village forge was often a focus of local activity and here we have accounts of some of the families whose skills were passed on for generations. Trade directories, census and militia list details.	250	Soft	£ 13.09	£ 17.19
Poole, A History & Celebration	(Roger Guttridge) The author recounts the stories and events that together make up Poole's history, and relates them directly to what you can still see on the ground today. Includes many Francis Frith photographs. Reduced price.	122	Soft	£ 15.60	£ 19.70
Preston, Bowleaze and Overcombe	(D Joan Jones) These communities, close neighbours of Weymouth, could be overlooked, but now through original research and conversations with local people, a wealth of knowledge has been uncovered to provide a revealing look at these neighbourhoods. Many pictures in colour.	119	Hard	£ 15.40	£ 20.45
		69	Soft	£ 9.59	£ 13.34

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Primary Schools – Small is Beautiful	(Margaret Cornish) An account of the author's time as a teacher at the primary school in Whitchurch Canonorum from 1954 onwards. Includes a few photographs of pupils in the late 60s and early 50s.	248	Soft	£ 13.38	£ 20.04
Puddletown Memorial	(Ian Miller) This book is dedicated to the memory of the 22 men of the village who went to war and did not return. The life of each of the men is described to the extent that the available records allow; there is plenty of information about most of them, but only a limited amount for a few. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission commemorative certificate for each man is illustrated in full colour.	59	Soft	£ 7.35	£ 11.10
Purbeck Century	(Rodney Legg) The author on a unique ramble through his beloved Purbeck. History, Geography and anecdote combine to examine the magic and mystery of the villages.	160	Hard	£ 20.39	£ 31.00
Purbeck the Ingrained Island	(Paul Hyland) An extraordinarily rich guide to this landscape and its history.	240	Soft	£ 12.34	£ 19.00
Remembering World War II	(ed Paul Willis) A compilation by the Bridport Heritage Forum of papers from local historians about the effects of the war on the West Dorset area, especially around Bridport, Beaminster and Lyme Regis.	72	Soft	£ 8.09	£ 12.19
Shaftesbury	(Eric Olsen) Thomas Hardy once described Shaftesbury as 'A city of a dream' In this collection the local author attempts to lend substance to the receding past and ever-changing appearance of this picturesque town with over 200 photographs. Over 200 rare photographs with expertly researched captions giving an insight into the town's past.	128	Soft	£ 16.09	£ 20.19
Shaftesbury Recollections	(Eric Olsen) , This diverse collection of 200 archive images has been selected to create a lively visual chronicle of Shaftesbury over the last 100 years. This hilltop Dorset town has gently absorbed the transitions of industry ,and these old photographs and postcards reflect the effects of recent history on the landscape and architecture.	128	Soft	£ 15.09	£ 19.19
Shaftesbury Through Time	(Roger Guttridge) With the help of the Gold Hill Museum archive, the author takes a fascinating look at how Shaftesbury's streets, buildings and enterprises have changed over the years, highlighting what they meant to its citizens. The town grew up around its abbey, and became one of the richest religious establishments in the country, before it was destroyed during the Dissolution of the Monasteries.	96	Soft	£ 18.09	£ 22.19
Sherborne (A History of Long Street)	(Susan & Ray Penn) A historical overview of the street, followed by a brief description of each house. Some of the buildings have been selected for a more detailed attention.	138	Soft	£ 18.40	£ 23.45
Sherborne (The Known History of the Shops in Cheap Street Sherborne)	(Alec Oxford) A methodical journey down the street, recording who or what is there today, then revealing some of the 'evidence' that tells of the past.	102	Soft	£ 13.60	£ 17.70
Sherborne Almshouse Register	(ed Ann Clark) The Almshouse Register is a rare document. In the 1590s the governing body, the brethren of the almshouse, began to copy their most important records into this one volume. This transcription is in modern English for accessibility. Contains records from the 1580s to 1866, including brethren and admission of almspeople.	156	Hard	£ 16.89	£ 26.20
Sherborne, John Slade of	In the late 1920s John Slade borrowed heavily in order to set up as a Maltster and Brewer in Sherborne. Within a few years he was bankrupt and subsequently fled Sherborne.	24	Soft	£ 4.38	£ 5.73
Sherborne Silk Mills & Marglass	(Elizabeth Cockburn) Details of an industry going back over 200 years and its modern counterpart.	18	Soft	£ 1.88	£ 3.23
Sherborne, Castleton Parish: 'Voices that be Gone': Reconstructing the Victorian Parish of Castleton, Dorset 1834-1901	(Michael Hanson) Castleton's population in 1901 was a quarter of its 1831 peak, primarily due to the building of the Sherborne section of the London to Exeter railway. This book looks in detail at the residents during this period, and where possible analyses each of the censuses to identify where they came from, and where they moved to. Includes several photographs.	81	Soft	£ 10.60	£ 14.70
Shipton Gorge from the 1930s to the 1950s, Memories of	(ed Sylvia Weston). A collection of five memoirs from authors who bring to life events, interests and everyday living of village people in the not-too-distant past. From lack of mains water and electricity and infrequent transport, to the austerity of the war years, it was a hard life, especially for the adults.	109	Soft	£ 10.55	£ 14.30

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Sixpenny Handley – The Story of Our Parish	(Various authors) Sixpenny Handley has been home to smugglers and poachers, it has been burnt down on more than one occasion and there have been riots, murders and ghostly riders on horseback. It is all true, except perhaps for the ghosts. The book covers many interesting facts about, and memories of, the village.	90	Soft	£ 8.10	£ 12.20
Stour Provost, The History of Stour Valley, The	(compilation) A collection of historical records. (Rodney Legg) From Stourhead to Christchurch - A description, with a multitude of photographs, of the many interesting locations, buildings, monuments etc on the 65-mile walk along the Stour.	62 144	Soft Hard	£ 8.59 £ 17.34	£ 12.34 £ 26.65
Studland, The Book of	(Rodney Legg) The book traces the history of the village from earliest times and includes over 200 photographs drawn from across the community.	160	Hard	£ 24.34	£ 34.95
Sturminster Newton, Around and About - A Photographic Journey	(Steve Case) With more than 300 images, most of them previously unpublished, this book is for anyone with an interest in the life and times of a pleasant, bustling, rural market town. Some photographs date back to the late 1800s, and many of the people in the pictures are named. Includes the villages of Hinton St Mary, Lydlinch, Marnhull and Shillingstone.	174	Soft	£ 16.35	£ 21.40
Sturminster Newton Through Time	(Roger Guttridge & Steve Case) A fascinating selection of over 180 photographs traces some of the many ways in which Sturminster Newton has changed over the last century. The pictures are arranged in a 'then and now' fashion, so that direct comparisons may be made between today's colour photograph and the old one.	96	Soft	£ 18.09	£ 22.19
Swaffs From The Shires, The	(Natalie Wheatley) Unique, authoritative, well researched & full of family detail, family trees & photographs of Swaffields.	287	Soft	£ 19.39	£ 28.70
Swanage, Discover Old	(David Haysom) A collection of over 350 photographs, advertisements and extracts from the town's 1926 Ordnance Survey map. The book is laid out in seven easy-to-follow sections, with route maps to help find your way should you wish to explore the buildings etc on the ground.	181	Soft	£ 17.35	£ 22.40
Treasure of the Golden Grape	(Selwyn Williams) A detailed examination of a 1641 wreck off Chesil Beach in Dorset. The work includes transcriptions of the HCA Inquiry into the wreck with the names of over 300 local witnesses from Portland, Wyke Regis, Fleet, Langton Herring, Abbotbury, Portesham, Radipole, Weymouth and Melcombe Regis, as well as mention of another 200 or so local people. A transcription of the 1641(2) Protestation Returns for all these villages is also included, as well as a list of ships engaged in privateering from Weymouth between 1580 and the 1600s.	320	Soft	£ 19.34	£ 28.65
Tyneham - A Tribute	(Andrew Norman) In November 1943, during the Second World War, a tiny village near the Dorset coast was busy preparing for Christmas. Despite the conflict, the community had remained much as it always had been: then suddenly the residents were informed that the whole parish had to be evacuated within 28 short days to provide a training ground for the Normandy invasion. Despite promises to the contrary, the villagers were never allowed to return to live in their homes and today all that remains are a few deserted buildings and the precious memories of the last inhabitants. The author has gathered the recollections of one of the last inhabitants, who was a seamstress at Tyneham House, to help present a vivid portrait of what had been a thriving community.	112	Hard	£ 16.52	£ 22.57
Walcot, The Life and Family of Beatrice	(Cynthia Walcot) Beatrice was born in Shropshire, settled to live in Sherborne Castle, Dorset, and lived through a dramatic siege during the Civil War. She died in 1758, aged 84, and is buried in Sherborne Abbey. The book is the story of Beatrice's life and family.	93	Soft	£ 7.60	£ 11.35
West Bay – Swimming and Some More	(Elizabeth Buckler Gale) This book looks at the history of Bridport Harbour, now known as West Bay, and the Bridport Swimming Club which was founded in 1898, along with the author's family's ties to the town. Includes over 70 photographs. Burton Bradstock is also mentioned, as the	77	Soft	£ 10.35	£ 14.10
Weymouth from Old Photographs	(Eddie Prowse) A selection of photographs from the Weymouth born author's collection of cards and postcards that may not have been seen previously. Includes 187 illustrations, including the town centre, the promenade and beach and residential streets in Weymouth, as well as pictures of Upway, Wyke Regis, Preston and Osmington. Everyone is named in a picture of St Paul's Harriers, but there are few other names.	128	Soft	£ 16.09	£ 20.19

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Weymouth Through Time	(Debby Rose) The book shows how an important harbour since the 14th century became one of the most popular seaside resorts in the country. Historic photographs and modern pictures of the same location show how the town has changed over the last hundred years or so. The people, the buildings, the entertainments and the unusual events which feature in Weymouth's history are explored.	96	Soft	£ 16.09	£ 20.19
Wimborne Photographic Memories	(Roger Guttridge) A collection of archive photographs from the Francis Frith collection, offering a fascinating portrait of Wimborne in years gone by. Reduced price.	92	Soft	£ 13.10	£ 17.20
Who's Afeard of Family History?	(Dorset Record Office) An excellent introduction to material held in the County Archives.	62	Soft	£ 10.05	£ 14.15
Yetminster St. Andrews Church	(Local History Society) A history of the church before 1900.		Soft	£ 5.10	£ 8.85
Yetminster, The Book of	(Shelagh Hill) Published by Halsgrove, the book begins with a history of Yetminster, and covers all aspects of life in the village, with over 280 photographs.	160	Hard	£ 24.38	£ 34.99
Yetminster, The Prebends of	(Norah Windridge) What is a Dean's Peculiar?	60	Soft	£ 4.35	£ 8.10
Yours Reverently 1948-1953	(Rev Oliver Wilmott) Records of village life around Loders, Dottery & Askerswell.	250	Soft	£ 13.09	£ 17.19