

DORSET BOOKS

Title	Description	No of Pages	Cover	Price (UK)	Price (OS)
Abbotsbury, Greetings From	(Paul Atterbury) A short history of Abbotsbury, followed by a large variety of postcards drawn from private collections.	96	Soft	£ 8.65	£ 10.85
Ashcombe	(Cecil Beaton) The story of the author's 15 year lease of this house on the Dorset/Wiltshire border, now owned by Mr. & Mrs. Ritchie.	124	Soft	£ 10.60	£ 12.40
Badges & Beans	(Local History Society) Annals of the poor in the Yetminster Hundred 18th & 19th century.	146	Soft	£ 6.60	£ 8.05
Beaminster and Local Village Life, The Book of	(Beaminster Museum) Also covers the villages of Halstock, Hooke, Mapperton, Melplash, Mosterton, Netherbury, Salway Ash, South Perrot, Cheddington and Stoke Abbott. Another title from Halsgrove in their normal format, describing the lives and times of people in this large area of West Dorset.	160	Hard	£ 23.90	£ 27.00
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	£ 9.60	£ 11.05
Blandford Forum - a Millennium Portrait	(Rodney Legg) A description of the town through the years in words and pictures, beginning with the prehistoric period. Includes over 300 photographs and illustrations. A bargain price - 2 only.	160	Hard	£ 15.45	£ 19.80
Bridport and Lyme Regis, Around	(Gerald Gosling & Les Berry) A history of the two harbour towns, as well as many surrounding villages, including Charmouth, Marshwood, Stoke Abbott, Broadwindsor, Beaminster, Netherbury and Melplash. Over 100 old photographs of the area	128	Soft	£ 14.65	£ 16.45
Bridport Trade, The	(Celia Martin) The unique industrial history of the area - particularly rope & net making.	64	Soft	£ 6.35	£ 7.30
Bridport, The Book of - Town Harbour & West Bay	(Rodney Legg) Bridport has a long association with the sea and rope making. This book is a lively look at the town, harbour and adjoining villages.	160	Hard	£ 23.90	£ 27.00
Bridport, This Good Work	(Fiona Taplin) A history of Education in Bridport, 1238 - 2000, written by a retired Bridport teacher. There were many schools in Bridport, and a chapter is devoted to each type of establishment. Includes picture of pupils and staff, with many individuals named.	256	Soft	£ 11.15	£ 13.90
Brownsea, Dorset's Fantasy Island	(Rodney Legg) The history of this island including many interesting photographs.	80	Soft	£ 9.60	£ 11.05
Case Book of Sir Francis Ashley 1614-1635, The	(Ed J H Bettye) 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	£ 4.75	£ 7.70
Castleton, Dorset 1834-1901, 'Voices that be Gone': Reconstructing the Victorian Parish of	(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	£ 13.20	£ 14.05
Cerne Abbas, The Parish Book of, Abbey & After	(Vivian & Patricia Vale) The history of the village is covered from the earliest times, but essentially celebrates the story of the last 150 years.	160	Hard	£ 23.90	£ 27.00
Chaldon Herring - Writers in a Dorset Landscape	(Judith Stinton) A history of the village with many names included, and indexed.	208	Soft	£ 16.60	£ 19.55
Chideock, A Wander Through	(Chideock Society) Pictorial ramble around the parish covering the last 130 years - with named captions.	164	Soft	£ 12.20	£ 15.30
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	£ 13.60	£ 18.00
Crabchurch Conspiracy, The	(Mark Vine) Weymouth 1645. The true story of a Dorset family during the English civil war.	74	Soft	£ 7.35	£ 8.30
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	£ 3.35	£ 3.95
Dimond Gems	(Jack Dimond) The life and tales of a Dorset farmer 1925 to 1999.	104	Soft	£ 8.60	£ 10.05
Domesday Book: Dorset	The only uniform English translation ever made, published in parallel with the original Latin.		Soft	£ 14.30	£ 16.55
Dorchester and Around Through Time	(Steve Wallis) A fascinating selection of over 180 photographs traces some of the many ways in which Dorchester and nearby villages have 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.	95	Soft	£ 14.65	£ 16.85
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	£ 23.90	£ 27.00

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Dorset - America	(Rodney Legg) The story of Dorset's links with North America through the centuries. Includes 180 photographs and illustrations. A bargain price – 2 only.	160	Hard	£ 19.40	£ 22.40
Dorset Privvies	(Ian Fox) Use your imagination, better still, buy a copy.	96	Soft	£ 9.30	£ 10.65
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	£ 28.60	£ 32.65
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	£ 14.15	£ 17.10
Dorset, A History of	(Cecil N Culliford) An essential reference book of Dorset people from all walks of life, whether divided amongst themselves or living in peaceful harmony.	144	Hard	£ 19.05	£ 21.60
Dorset, Discovering Lost	(Rodney Legg) The author's personal view of the county through magic lantern photographs and other images in his unique collection.	160	Hard	£ 23.90	£ 27.00
Dorset's Forgotten Heroes	(David Beaton) The story of more than 100 Dorset men and women whose exceptional courage or outstanding qualities make them true heroes.	128	Soft	£ 9.60	£ 11.40
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	£ 35.65	£ 42.40
Drimpton - Who Were We?	(Andrew Pastor) A detailed look at 19th century Drimpton, near Beaminster in West Dorset, extending into the 20th century. The author has used the many records available for this period, including newspapers, to paint a picture of village life during this period. Plenty of photographs are included, with many of the people identified.	363	Soft	£ 21.15	£ 25.10
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	£ 8.30	£ 9.65
Eype, A Peep at	(Paul Atterbury) Postcards drawn from a number of private collections & assembled by the Eype Historical Group.	64	Soft	£ 6.60	£ 8.05
Famous Women in Dorset	(Elizabeth Edwards) Past and present personalities who have played an important part in the development of the area.	88	Soft	£ 6.35	£ 7.70
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	£ 9.20	£ 12.10
Folke & Alweston - Notes on Village Life in the 20th Century	(Nigel Cuff) A very diverse collection of information about the two villages, from local government and the church and chapel, to the village hall, farming and trades, occupations and business.	114	Soft - Comb binding	£ 12.70	£ 14.35
Fontmell Magna Heritage – a Community Study	(Ed Dave Hardiman & Ian Lawrence) A compendium of articles published on the web site of the Fontmell Village Archive Society, with additional material more suited to the book format. Includes details of many Fontmell families from the 18th Century, and many photographs.	120	Soft	£ 16.65	£ 19.60
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	£ 7.25	£ 8.25
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	£ 4.70	£ 5.45
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	£ 9.35	£ 10.70
Hats Off to the Past	The story of Will Harrison of Clapton.	36?	Soft	£ 2.90	£ 3.65
Hawkchurch - Where Dorset Meets Devon	(Banfield & Austin) The story of a West Country village inspired by the recollections of Jack Banfield.	120	Hard	£ 18.65	£ 22.05

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Hooke - A West Dorset Village, Paupers, Dukes and a Prince	(Duncan Harris) A history of the village from pre historic times to the 20th century. It includes details of 'individuals of interest' in each of the chapters, which each cover a specific period of time.	136	Soft	£ 10.15	£ 13.10
Literary Dorset	(Rodney Legg) An encyclopaedia of Dorset authors, an ABC of locations and their special people.	226	Hard	£ 12.55	£ 14.55
Love Poems and Letters of Willam Barnes and Julia Miles	(Ed Charlotte H Lindgren) Dorset Record Society Vol 10. The letters etc were all written in the 1820s.	99	Soft	£ 4.85	£ 6.20
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	£ 4.30	£ 5.30
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	£ 6.65	£ 8.10
Maiden Bradley (Changing Times)	Second part of a two-part account of 100 years of travel from Maiden Bradley.	36?	Soft	£ 2.90	£ 3.65
Maiden Bradley (The Horse Knew the Way)	First part of a two-part account of 100 years of travel from Maiden Bradley.	36?	Soft	£ 2.90	£ 3.65
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	£ 4.45	£ 5.80
Marnhull - A Dorset Village at the Millennium	(ed Adrian Bailey) A comprehensive picture of Marnhull in the Blackmore Vale at the new Millennium, and the story of the community from its earliest origins to the present day.	244	Hard	£ 15.45	£ 18.45
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	£ 1.40	£ 2.15
More Dimond Gems	(Jack Dimond) A follow-up to Dimond Gems, containing more farming tales.	104	Soft	£ 8.60	£ 10.05
Mysterious Dorset	(Rodney Legg) These are the inbuilt oral folk traditions of the County, a full compendium of Dorset legends.	138	Soft	£ 11.60	£ 14.20
Parson Knows 1953-1968, The	(Rev Oliver Wilmott) Records of village life around Loders, Dottery & Askerswell.	250	Soft	£ 11.65	£ 13.85
Place of The Rural Blacksmith In Parish Life 1500-1900, The	(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 & militia list details.	122	Soft	£ 14.15	£ 16.75
Ploughman of the Moon	(Sidney Wood) An evocative, light-hearted story of a Dorset village between 1920 and 1960, recounting the lives of fictional characters, but based on real people.	166	Soft	£ 6.60	£ 8.05
Poole, The Book of - Harbour and Town	(Rodney Legg) This book traces the history of Poole from pre-Roman times to the present day, and includes over 200 photographs. As usual with Rodney Legg's books, this is a thoroughly researched work.	160	Hard	£ 23.90	£ 27.00
Portland, The Book of - Gibraltar of Wessex	(Rodney Legg) Reveals the island's past from prehistoric times up to the present day. Portland stood apart from England both physically and mentally, until the first bridge was built in 1839.	160	Hard	£ 23.90	£ 27.00
Primary Schools - Small is Beautiful	(Margaret Cornish) An account of the author's time as a teacher at the primary school in Whitchurch Canonicorum from 1954 onwards. Includes a few photographs of pupils in the late 60s and early 50s.	248	Soft	£ 11.60	£ 12.85
Puddletown - House, Street and Family	(Ed C L Sinclair Williams) Dorset Record Society Vol 11. An account of the inhabitants of Piddletown parish in 1724. An index of names is included.	95	Soft	£ 6.35	£ 7.70
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	£ 23.90	£ 27.00
Purbeck the Ingrained Island	(Paul Hyland) An extraordinarily rich guide to this landscape and its history.	240	Soft	£ 10.55	£ 12.55
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	£ 6.65	£ 8.05
Shaftesbury	(Eric Olsen) Over 200 rare photographs with expertly researched captions giving an insight into the town's past.	128	Soft	£ 14.65	£ 16.45
Shaftesbury Recollections	(Eric Olsen) A diverse collection of over 200 photographs, selected to create a lively visual chronicle of Shaftesbury over the last 100 years.	128	Soft	£ 13.65	£ 15.45
Sherborne & Castleton: Abbey, Town and School	(Rodney Legg) Tells the area's history from the earliest times in chronological order with many fine photographs.	160	Hard	£ 23.90	£ 27.00
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	£ 13.65	£ 15.55

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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 tell of the past.	102	Soft	£ 12.00	£ 13.10
Sherborne Silk Mills & Marglass	(Elizabeth Cockburn) Details of an industry going back over 200 years and its modern counterpart.	18	Soft	£ 1.40	£ 2.15
Silton – Records of a Dorset Village	(Silton WI) A history of Silton, a chronicle of people, those who worshipped in the church, walked the lanes, tilled the fields, herded cattle and sheep, worked at the looms, and took part in the activities of the village.	208	Soft	£ 10.65	£ 13.60
Spetisbury, The Book of	(Ann Taylor) The history of the parish from the Bronze Age to the present day. It describes the Priory, which once towered above the centre of the village, the railway's arrival and departure, the church and its rectors, the school and its headmasters, the changes in farming, and above all the day-to-day lives of the villagers.	160	Hard	£ 23.90	£ 27.00
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	£ 7.35 £ 16.65	£ 8.70 £ 19.70
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	£ 23.90	£ 27.00
Sturminster Newton, Stur – The Story of	(Sturminster Minster Museum Society) The first published history of Sturminster Newton, beginning over 100 years ago. Has many illustrations, with many of the individuals named. Local folklore, myths and legends are also explored.	164	Soft	£ 16.10	£ 19.00
Sturminster Newton - The Early Years	(Robert Young) Recollections of Life in Sturminster Newton in the Early Nineteenth Century. Published by the Dorset Record Society, this is a transcription of Robert Young's manuscript in a small exercise book, originally written in 1908, enhanced by the inclusion of selected photographs.	22	Soft	£ 4.95	£ 5.55
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	£ 16.65	£ 18.85
Sturminster Newton's Chronicler - Robert Young	(Judith Bennett) Robert Young, the writer, spent almost his entire life in the town, but until now his life has gone almost unrecorded. The book corrects this omission, and explores his life and family.	47	Soft	£ 5.35	£ 6.35
Swaffs From The Shires, The	(Natalie Wheatley) Unique, authoritative, well researched & full of family detail, family trees & photographs of Swaffields.	287	Soft	£ 18.60	£ 23.00
Thorncombe – Life Memories & the History of the Village	(Ron Farley) A very well illustrated description of all aspects of village life, mostly beginning early in the last century, but also tracing some aspects to earlier centuries, particularly the church and the Braqqe family.	94	Soft	£ 9.15	£ 10.95
Touchyng Witchcraft and Sorcerye	(Ed G J Davies) Dorset Record Society Vol 9. A transcript of various cases of witchcraft in Dorset mostly in the 1600s but one case in 1566, and one in the early 1800s.	72	Soft	£ 4.75	£ 6.20
Two Days One Summer	(Elizabeth Buckler Gale) A sequel to "Farmers, Fishermen and Flax Spinners". In 1958 the greater part of Burton Bradstock and the eastern side of West Bay came under the hammer. Nothing was ever the same again. An account of life before the sale, and the happenings that followed.	344	Soft	£ 18.60	£ 21.65
Tyneham	(Rodney Legg) Some 300 photographs, also dealing with neighbouring communities; life unfolds through the eyes of the last inhabitants.	144	Hard	£ 21.70	£ 25.05
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	£ 8.35	£ 9.35
Wareham - Gateway to Purbeck	(T Davis) Interesting and informative together with plenty of illustrations.	96	Soft	£ 12.65	£ 14.65
West Bay, Just a Line from	(Paul Atterbury) A short history of West Bay, followed by a large variety of postcards drawn from private collections.	85	Soft	£ 8.15	£ 9.60
Weymouth and Portland	(Geoff Pritchard & Andy Hutchings) A pictorial history tracing events and developments which have taken place in Weymouth and Portland over the last century. Includes over 220 photographs.	127	Soft	£ 14.65	£ 16.45

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Whitchurch Canonorum, Church of Saint Candida & Holy Cross	A guide to the church, illustrated in colour. An edited and augmented version of that written by Cannon G V Syer in 1981.	24	Soft	£ 3.35	£ 3.95
Who's Afeard of Family History?	(Dorset Record Office) An excellent introduction to material held in the County Archives.	62	Soft	£ 8.20	£ 10.00
Wodetone – A Wooded Place, A History of Wotton Fitzpaine	(Guy Bryan) Describes the path that has taken the people of this corner of West Dorset from the neolithic period to the 21st Century.	140	Soft	£ 9.70	£ 12.45
Yetminster & Beyond	(Local History Society) A history of the village, well illustrated and indexed.	254	Soft	£ 11.15	£ 14.10
Yetminster St. Andrews Church	(Local History Society) A history of the church before 1900.		Soft	£ 3.85	£ 5.20
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	£ 23.90	£ 27.00
Yetminster, The Prebends of	(Norah Windridge) What is a Dean's Peculiar?	60	Soft	£ 3.10	£ 3.70
Yonder Ground, a Village History	(Anthony Blad) Bloxworth village history from the time of Henry VIII until the Second World War.	110	Soft	£ 7.65	£ 10.25
Yours Reverently 1948-1953	(Rev Oliver Wilmott) Records of village life around Loders, Dottery & Askerswell.	250	Soft	£ 11.65	£ 13.85