

SOUTH WEST READING PASSPORT

Devon Libraries

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Author	Title	Genre	Connection to Devon
Elizabeth Barrett Browning		Poetry	Lived in Sidmouth
RD Blackmore	Lorna Doone		Lived in Devon and this particular novel was set on Exmoor.
Arthur Conan Doyle	The Hound of the Baskervilles		Set on Dartmoor
EM Delafied	Diary of a Provincial Lady		Lived in Kentisbeare
RF Delderfield	A Horseman Riding By & To Serve Them All My Days		Set on Exmoor
Charles Dickens			Leased a cottage in Exeter for his parents and met his wife there.
George Eliot			Holidayed regularly in the Lynmouth area.
Kate Ellis	Numerous	Crime	Books set in Dartmouth
John Galsworthy			Had a second home in Manaton on Dartmoor
Simon Hall		Crime	Crime correspondent for BBC South West and lives in Devon.
Thomas Hardy	Jude the Obscure and others		Partly set in Exeter which he renamed Exonbury
Philip Hensher	King of The Badgers		The fictional town of Hanmouth is in Devon.
Ted Hughes		Poetry	Lived in North Tawton in Mid Devon
Michael Jecks	Numerous	Medieval murder mystery	Lives in Devon.
Charles Kingsley	Westward Ho!		Kingsley's novel, set in Bideford, led to the founding of the town in Devon
Rudyard Kipling			Kipling spent part of his childhood in Westward Ho!
Clare Morrall	Astonishing Splashes of Colour and others		Born in Exeter and some of her books are set in Devon
Ian Mortimer		Historical fiction	Lives on Dartmoor
Mal Peet		Children's	Lives in Devon
Syliva Plath	Ariel and others	Poetry	Whilst living in North Tawton, was inspired to write some of her most powerful poetry
Beatrix Potter	The Tale of Little Pig Robinson	Children's	A frequent visitor to Devon and set The Tale of Little Pig Robinson in the county..

JK Rowling	Harry Potter & The Cuckoo's Calling (as Robert Galbraith)		Studied at Exeter University
Belinda Seaward	Beautiful Truth & Hotel Juliet		Brought up in Devon
Percy Bysshe Shelley		Poetry	Shelley and his 16 year old bride stayed at a hotel in Lynton after they eloped. The hotel was later named after him.
Freya Stark	Numerous		Her father Robert was a painter from Devon and she spent much of her childhood in Chagford.
Flora Thompson	Lark Rise to Candleford		Lived for a time in Dartmouth
Anthony Trollope	He Knew He Was Right		Trollope visited Exeter many times and based the character of Miss Jemima Stanbury on his mothers' friend Mrs Bird who lived there.
Barbara Vine	The Chimney Sweepers Boy		Set in Devon
Evelyn Waugh	Brideshead Revisited		Waugh wrote this novel whilst staying at Eaton Court in Chagford.
Henry Williamson	Tarka the Otter		Williamson lived in Devon for many years and his almostmystical relationship with Exmouth led him to write his best-known work.
William Wordsworth	Reflections on Leaving a Place of Retirement	Poetry	Wordsworth loved Lynton and Lynmouth which he visited many times with his friend Coleridge. This poem describes a flowery combe in Lynton.

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Jane Austen

Graham Hurley

Hilary Mantel

Philip Reeve

Marcia Willett

Henry Williamson



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