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Author	Title	Genre	Connection to Dorset
Paul ATTERBURY	Several titles including: Branch Line Britain, Britain's Lost Railways, Just a Line from West Bay, A Guide to Moorcroft Pottery	Non Fiction	Antiques Roadshow ceramics expert who resides in Dorset and writes about railways and rural life.
Maureen ATTWOLL	Several titles including: The Bumper Book of Weymouth, Discovering Dorset, Weymouth & Portland at War	Local History	Local author and historian, known for her collections of photographs of Old Weymouth & Portland.
Jane AUSTEN	Persuasion	Literary	Partly set in Lyme Regis which Austen visited on several occasions.
William BARNES	Titles include: Poems of Rural Life, Blackmoor by the Stour, Dorset Collection Vols 1-4	Poetry	Known as the Dorset Dialect Poet. Try reading his work aloud.
Kit BERRY	Magus of Stonewylde, Shadows of Stonewylde, Shaman of Stonewylde	Teen/YA Fiction	Local author who staged her trilogy in rural Dorset where an idyllic community has a darker side.
Elizabeth BUCKLER GALE	The Dog Tags	Teen/YA Fiction	Local author used her childhood wartime experience to write this mystery novel.
Tracy CHEVALIER	Remarkable Creatures	Literary	Novel about Mary Anning, early fossil collector and palaeontologist who lived in Lyme Regis.
John Meade FAULKNER	Moonfleet	Historical Fiction	Spent his childhood in Dorset which is the setting for this smuggling classic.
James CROWDEN	Several titles including: Dorset Footsteps, Dorset Women, Blood Earth and Medicine	Poetry	Devon born poet who writes about Dorset.
Julian FELLOWES	Past Imperfect, Snobs, Piccadilly Jim	Fiction	Novelist Lord Fellowes, of Downton Abbey fame, lives in Dorset.

John FOWLES	Several titles including: French Lieutenant's Woman, Collector, Lyme Worthies	Literary	Wrote many books whilst living in Dorset and set The French Lieutenant's Woman in Lyme Regis.
David GARNETT	The Sailor's Return	Literary	Racial tension in 1920's Dorset.
Jason GOODWIN	The Janissary Tree, The Bellini Card, An Evil Eye, On Foot to the Golden Horn: A Walk to Istanbul	Crime Fiction/Non-Fiction	Local author and historian writes crime and non-fiction largely set in Turkey & The Ottoman Empire.
Thomas HARDY	Titles include: Far from the Madding Crowd, Jude the Obscure, Tess of the D'urbervilles and poetry titles	Literary	Dorset's most famous author, his fictional Wessex was based on several Dorset towns.
Mark HIX	Titles include: Fish etc, Mark Hix on Baking, British Regional Food	Non Fiction	Born in Dorset, the chef and food writer won BBC's 'Great British Menu' in 2007.
Francis ILES	Before the Fact	Fiction	Classic 1932 novel set in Dorset.
P.D JAMES	Titles include: The Black Tower, The Private Patient	Crime Fiction	Local crime writer who has set several novels in Dorset.
T. E. LAWRENCE	Titles include: Seven Pillars of Wisdom, Evolution of a Revolt, Letters of T E Lawrence, Secret Letters from Arabia	Epistolary	'Lawrence of Arabia' lived near Dorchester and is buried at Moreton.
Rodney LEGG,	Mysterious Dorset, Blackmore Vale, Discovering Lost Dorset and many local guides	Local History	Local author who writes about Dorset history as well as guide books and walking guides to the county.
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John Cooper POWYS	Maiden Castle, Weymouth Sands, Wolf Solent and others	Literary	Controversial anarchist author and poet from famous literary family who settled in Dorset for part of his life. Brother to T. F Powys,
T. F. POWYS	Mr Weston's Good Wine, Mr Tasker's Gods, God's Eyes A-Twinkle (anthology) and others.	Literary	Another of the Powys brothers, the reclusive JC held unorthodox religious views which manifested in his fantasy novels.
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Keith ROBERTS	Pavane (Series 1968)	Sci-Fi	Classic Sci-fi written in the 1960's, This alternative history is set in Dorset.
Sarah SINGLETON	Dark Storm	Teen/YA novels	Author with a Lyme Regis connection uses it as a model for the fictional coastal town where this ghost story takes place.
Anne SHEASBY	Titles include: The Bread Machine Bible, Gluten Free Cookery, The Soup Book	Non-Fiction	Prolific cookery writer who lives in Dorset.
Natasha SOLOMONS	Mr Rosenblum's List, The Novel in the Viola, The Gallery of Vanished Husbands	Fiction	Local author about to publish her third novel.
Sheila SPENCER-SMITH	Larksbury Rings, The Tidings Tree	Fiction/Romance	Local author who sets many novels in rural Dorset.
Lyndon STACEY	Titles include: No Going Back, Blindfold, Deadfall	Crime Fiction	Local author - described as "The Queen of West Country Crime."
Clive STAFFORD-SMITH	Bad Men, Injustice	Non-Fiction	Local author and international human rights lawyer.
Julie STRACHEY	Cheerful Weather for the Wedding	Literary	1930's novel set in Dorset reprinted as a classic several times.
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