

Gloucestershire Authors

Fiction

Author	Link to Gloucestershire	About the Author
Bailey, Jane	Leckhampton	Born in Leckhampton, Jane is a former Italian and French teacher, and writes historical novels set in Gloucestershire.
Barnes, Zoe	Cheltenham	1957 - 2009 Wrote romantic and erotic fiction under various pen names. During her writing career, she wrote 45 books. Her real name was Susan Morgan.
Beaton, M C	Blockley	Known for historical romance and mystery novels. Marion Chesney was born in Glasgow, Scotland, and worked in a Glasgow bookshop, as a theatre critic, newspaper reporter and editor. She has a cottage in the Cotswolds.
Cooper, Jilly	Bisley	A journalist and fiction writer. She was appointed OBE in 2004 for services to literature, and in 2009 was awarded an honorary Doctorate of Letters by the University of Gloucestershire for her contribution to literature and services to the County.
Dickinson, John	Painswick	An author for young adults and adults. Has written fantasy, science fiction and historical books.
Etchells, Olive	Cheltenham	Born in Lancashire, England. She has been writing for many years and is best known for her Jericho Rose Lancashire sagas.
Fforde, Katie	Stroud	Fforde has lived near Stroud, Gloucestershire for over twenty years. Her hobbies include singing in the local choir, shopping and watching TV.
Hill, Susan	Ebrington	Writing has helped Susan through difficult times. She and her husband live in Gloucestershire, where she runs a small publishing company.
Jolly, Alice	Rodborough	Brought up in Gloucestershire and educated at Oxford. Alice Jolly came back to her home county of Gloucestershire after sixteen years living abroad. She writes fiction & poetry.
Joyce, Rachel	Bussage	She currently lives in Gloucestershire with her family and has recently published her second novel, <i>Perfect</i> .
Limb, Sue	Nailsworth	Sue lives on an organic farm near Nailsworth. When not writing she likes to be out of doors messing about with plants and animals. Adult & Teen Fiction
Manby, Chris	Gloucester	Grew up in Gloucester, and attended The High School for Girls. Published her first short story in Just Seventeen magazine at the age of fourteen and now writes fiction.
Potter, Dennis	Forest of Dean	Born in Berry Hill, Forest of Dean. Potter attended Bell's Grammar School at Coleford. Wrote fiction, stage and TV plays.
Rowlands, Betty	Cotswolds	She lives in the heart of the Cotswolds, where her Melissa Craig murder mysteries are set.
Sallis, Susan	Gloucester, now lives in Somerset	Born in Gloucester and worked as a teacher, attended Girls High School, Gloucester; St. Matthias College of Education, Bristol. Author of over twenty best selling novels, many set in the West Country.
Taylor, Andrew	Coleford	Writes crime fiction, Andrew and his family have lived for many years in Coleford in the Forest of Dean on the borders of England and Wales.
Tope, Rebecca	Cotswolds	Writes crime fiction about Gloucestershire (Cotswold Mysteries).
Trollope, Joanna	Minchinhampton	Born in Minchinhampton. Writes romantic and historical fiction. Awarded OBE in 1996 for services to literature.

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Poetry

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Abercrombie, Lascelles	Dymock Poet	Was a British poet and literary critic. He lived for a time at Dymock, part of a community that included Rupert Brooke and Robert Frost.
Brooke, Rupert	Dymock Poet	Was an English poet known for his idealistic war sonnets written during the First World War, especially, The Soldier. He was also known for his boyish good looks, which were said to have prompted the Irish poet W. B. Yeats to describe him as "the handsomest young man in England".
Clark, Leonard	Forest of Dean	Was an English poet and anthologist. He was born and brought up in the Forest of Dean and the early experience of growing up in an essentially rural setting influenced both his prose and his poetry. He worked as a teacher and school inspector.
Drinkwater, John	Dymock Poet	Drinkwater was born in Leytonstone, London, and worked as an insurance clerk. He was one of the group of poets associated with the Gloucestershire village of Dymock, along with Rupert Brooke and others.
Fanthorpe, Ursula Askham	Wotton-under-Edge	Lived in Wotton-under-Edge. She was educated at St Catherine's School, Bramley in Surrey and at St Anne's College, Oxford, where she received a first-class degree in English language and literature, and subsequently taught English at Cheltenham Ladies' College for sixteen years.
Frost, Robert	Dymock Poet	An American Pulitzer prize winning poet, who joined the Dymock Poets and was part of a group of poets known as, The Georgians.
Gibson, Wilfred Wilson	Dymock Poet	British Georgian poet 1878-1962 Gibson was one of the founders of the so-called, Dymock Poets, a community of writers who settled briefly, before the outbreak of the Great War, in the village of Dymock, in north Gloucestershire.
Gurney, Ivor	Dymock Poet	Ivor Gurney, the son of a tailor, was born in Gloucester in 1890. Gurney was educated at King's School, Gloucester as a chorister and he won an open scholarship to the Royal College of Music in 1911. After several failed attempts at suicide, he was sent to a mental asylum in Gloucester. Is buried at Twigworth.
Haines, John Wilton	Hucclecote	Poet, botanist and solicitor. In 1854, he was appointed chaplain to the Gloucester County Lunatic Asylum. Buried in the Gloucester cemetery, a memorial brass bearing his effigy, an excellent likeness, was placed in Gloucester Cathedral by friends and old pupils.
Harvey, Frederick William	Hartpury, Gloucester	He was born in Hartpury and was educated at the King's School, Gloucester, where he formed a close friendship with Ivor Gurney. Gurney and Herbert Howells, local composers, set a number of his poems to music. Dubbed the Laureate of Gloucestershire.
Thomas, Edward	Dymock Poet	Thomas immortalised the railway station at Adlestrop in a poem of that name after his train made an unscheduled stop at the Cotswolds station in June 1914.

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Children's and Young Adult Fiction

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Dougherty, John	Stroud	John Dougherty is a Northern Irish author, born in the town of Larne in 1964. He now lives in Gloucestershire. He worked as a primary school teacher in London, and began to write stories for children.
Edge, Christopher	Cirencester	He grew up in Manchester where he spent most of his childhood in the local library dreaming up stories, but now lives in Gloucestershire where he spends most of his time in the local library dreaming up stories. When not writing, he also works as a freelance publisher and education consultant and has written publications about encouraging children to read.
Gavin, Jamila	Stroud	Jamila Gavin is a British writer born in Mussoorie, India in the foothills of the Himalayas. Her novel <i>Coram Boy</i> won the Whitbread Prize.
Jefferies, Cindy	Cirencester Junior Fiction	Cindy Jefferies was born in 1951 in Cirencester, and after some years in Scotland she returned to the county, where she still lives and continues to write for children.
Percival, Tom	Rodborough	Illustrator, Tom, after trying a few cities on for size, decided that deep down he had always been a country boy and now he lives on the edge of Rodborough Common.
Rayner, Shoo	Coleford	Shoo is a prolific author and illustrator Shoo Rayner was born Hugh Rayner and lives in the Forest of Dean.
Rowling, J K	Tutshill & Wydean	Born in Yate, South Gloucestershire. At the age of nine, Rowling moved to the Gloucestershire village of Tutshill. She attended Wydean Secondary school.
Shaw, Hannah	Stroud	Graduated from the University of Brighton with a degree in illustration. Lives near Stroud. Hannah is an illustrator and author.



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Non Fiction

Author	Link to Gloucestershire	About the Author
De Courcy, Anne	Barnsley, Cotswolds	Anne de Courcy is a writer, journalist and book reviewer. She has worked on Daily Mail as a feature writer, with a special interest in historical subjects.
Foley, Winifred	Brierley, Forest of Dean	1914-2009 Winifred Foley's best known work was the autobiographical <i>A Child in the Forest</i> (1974), mainly an account of her childhood in the Forest of Dean.
Gibbs, J Arthur	Ablington	1868-1899 The author lived in Ablington, and is famous for his book, <i>A Cotswold Village</i> , a classic work on Cotswolds life.
Jewson, Norman	Sapperton	1884-1975 Norman was an English architect-craftsman of the Arts and Crafts movement, who practised in the Cotswolds. He wrote about country life.
Lee, Laurie	Slad	1914 -1997 Born in Stroud, raised in the village of Slad, and went to Marling School. Wrote novels, poetry, plays and screenplays.
Massingham, H J	Winchcombe	1888-1952 An enthusiastic collector of artefacts and established his own private museum to house the objects he acquired. Wrote poetry and about the countryside.
Moore, John	Tewkesbury	A best-selling British author and pioneer conservationist. He was born in Tewkesbury in 1907 and died in Bristol in 1967. Moore was educated at Malvern College. His first major success was with <i>Portrait of Elmbury</i> (1945), a fictionalised 'biography' of Tewkesbury.
Warren, Clarence Henry	Cotswolds	1895-1966 Author, broadcaster, reviewer and lecturer, author of <i>English Cottages and Farm-Houses</i> , and other works on the countryside.
Witts, Chris	River Severn	Natural history writer. Former Mayor of Gloucester 2009-2010. A man with a passion about the River Severn. It is a passion that has taken him from teenage deckhand on the river to successful publisher, in an interesting and varied life.

6 Gloucestershire Authors featured in the Reading Passport:

- 1) Andrew Taylor,
- 2) Rachel Joyce,
- 3) Christopher Edge
- 4) Edward Thomas,
- 5) Susan Hill,
- 6) Sue Limb

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