

LAST DORSET DIARIES

David Edelsten

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Like its predecessors, *Last Dorset Diaries* will be a delight to true countrymen everywhere.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

The son of a country doctor, **David Edelsten** was born in 1933 and educated at Clifton College and the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst. Having commanded his regiment, the 13th/18th Royal Hussars (Queen Mary's Own), he took early retirement in the rank of brigadier, "finally giving in to the tug of home". He ran a charity for addiction sufferers, based in Taunton for a few years until writing took over. He is now a busy freelance journalist and reviewer, writing principally for *The Field* and *Horse & Hound*. *Last Dorset Diaries* is his third book. He is currently writing the official history of HM the Queen's Bodyguard, the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen at Arms, due for publication on the 50th anniversary of their foundation in 2009. He is married with two sons and two step-daughters.

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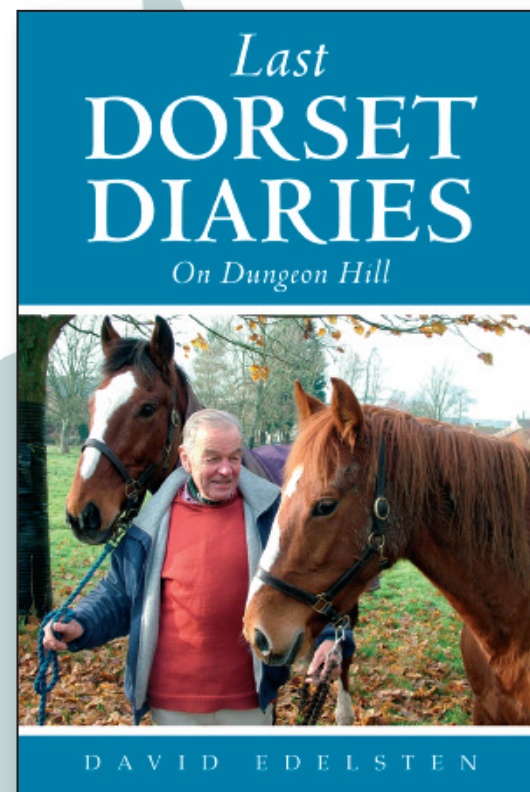
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