

ENID BLYTON AND HER ENCHANTMENT WITH DORSET

NEW EDITION

Dr Andrew Norman

Enid Blyton's daughter Gillian Baverstock
said about this book:

*'It will always contain a very illuminating picture of
her love of Dorset and our holidays long ago.
I hope her grandchildren will read it and want to
explore all that you describe for themselves.'*

Enid Blyton first visited Dorset at Easter 1931
with her husband Hugh Pollock; she was aged
thirty-four and pregnant with her first child. She
would later return to spend many holidays in,
and around the town of Swanage in South
Dorset's Isle of Purbeck, together with her two
daughters: Gillian (born 1931) and Imogen
(born 1935), and later her second husband
Kenneth Darrell Waters.

What was it about this particular region that
would draw her back, time and time again, and
what pursuits did she choose to follow whilst
she was here? In order to find out, we
accompany Enid as she walks, swims off
Swanage beach, plays golf, takes the steam train
to Corfe Castle, and the paddle-steamer to
Bournemouth.

The Famous Five books are treated chrono-
logically, from the first, published in 1942, to the
last in 1963. An account of Enid and her family,
and in particular of their association with Dorset,
runs concurrently.

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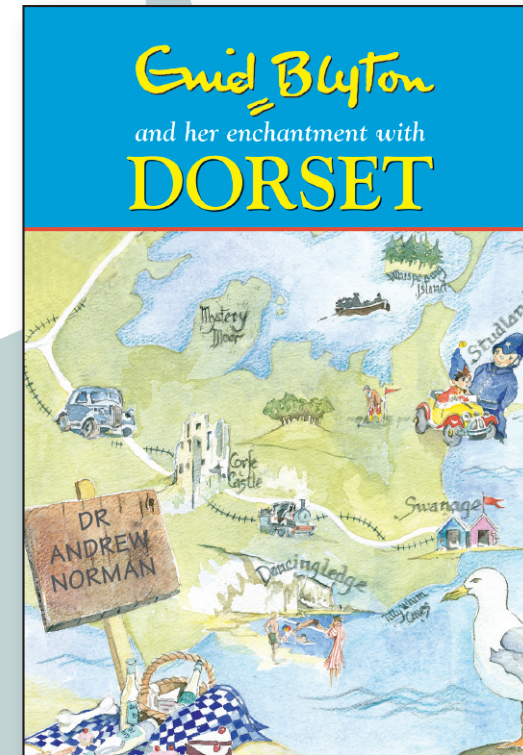
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