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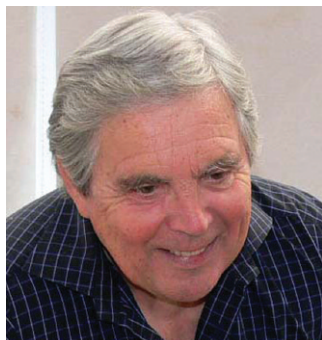
A READER'S GUIDE TO THE LITERARY
PUBS & INNS OF DORSET & SOMERSET

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Most people enjoy visiting old inns simply because they feel a vague sense of history. This pleasure can be greatly enhanced if a few facts are known about its past. Every county in England has its share of literary pubs and inns but the southern counties are particularly blessed. This book is a literary pub crawl around two of England's most beautiful and least spoilt shires, Dorset and Somerset, following in the steps of famous and lesser known writers.

Here are town pubs, country pubs, village pubs, riverside pubs and seaside pubs all with one thing in common; they have been immortalised by association with books or writers. Among the many characters you will meet along the way are *Lorna Doone*, *Sam Weller*, *Inspector Morse*, *Tess of the d'Urbervilles*, *Barry Lyndon*, *The Ancient Mariner*, *Anne Elliot and her Captain Wentworth*, *The French Lieutenant's Woman*, *The Mayor of Casterbridge* and a Poet Laureate turned thriller writer.

The literary pilgrimage has long been accepted as a good excuse to travel. Now, if you need it, you also have a good excuse to pop down the pub. Illustrated throughout in colour, this handy new hardback is the essential guide to more than fifty of the most characterful hostleries in the fair counties of Dorset and Somerset and their famous literary links. Cheers and good reading!



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

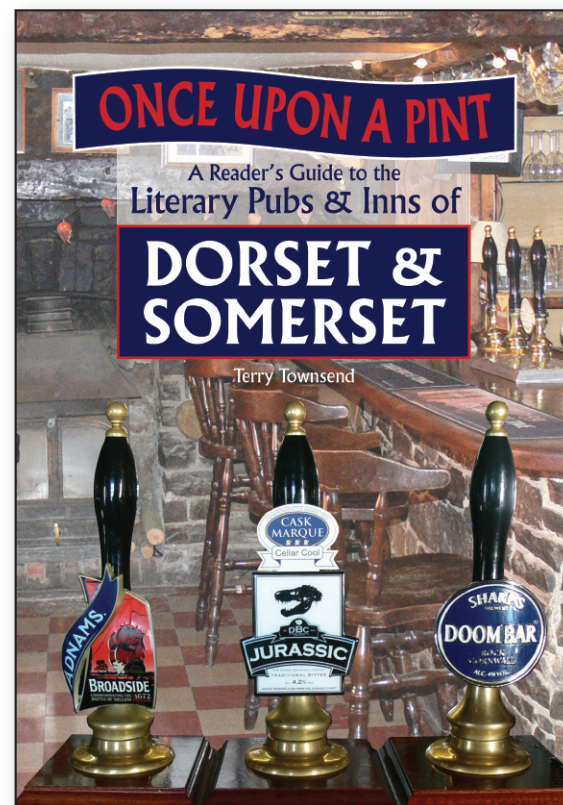
Retired graphic designer Terry Townsend has combined his life-long interests in English Literature and English pubs to produce this reader's guide to those twin sources of delight and amusement. Terry lives in Dorset with his wife Carol and their cat Smudge.

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Above: As a result of the film, *Hot Fuzz* the Crown at Wells is now one of the top 100 Famous Grouse pubs

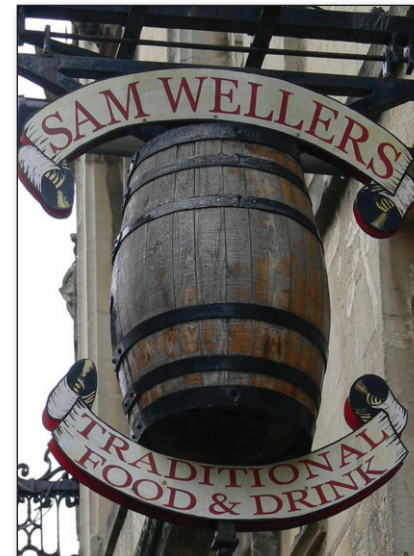
Left: The sixteenth-century Acorn Inn in Evershot appears as the Sow & Acorn at Evershead, in two of Thomas Hardy's powerful stories: *Interlopers* at the Knap and *The First Countess of Wessex*.



The Ship Inn Swanage where Enid Blyton brought her daughters in May 1940 for the first of many holidays staying in the town.



Example of a double-page spread.



Above left: The Sam Wellers' unusual and attractive pub sign.



Above right: The George & Pilgrims features in J. C. Powys' tour-de-force novel *A Glastonbury Romance*.