

# A WOODEN LEG

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A powerful historical romance, *A Wooden Leg*, follows on the critical success of Janet Sawyer's earlier novel *Jess of Roos Hall*, the companion volume and precursor to the present work. Here we continue to follow the career of our hero, Hugo Jervis, now serving as a Lieutenant aboard a British warship where, at the Battle of Trafalgar, he receives a severe wound resulting in the loss of a leg. Undaunted by this misfortune, Hugo returns to his family farm in Beccles, Suffolk, and while still recuperating, embarks upon a journey to Corfe in Dorset in order to assist in a Parliamentary election. The author recreates a vivid picture of early nineteenth century 'democratic' procedures, scurrilous and amusing by turns, set against the background of English rural life, complete with smugglers tales.

As war in Europe continues, a letter from his former commander recalls Hugo to the Navy and, despite his disability, our hero returns to fight against the implacable enemy, Napoleon Bonaparte. In a gripping series of adventures that take Hugo from Spain to the Caribbean and on to India, the author conjures up the spirit of the age, with vivid descriptions of historic battles at sea, violent storms, encounters with pirates and slave traders, and with romance never far from the action.

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

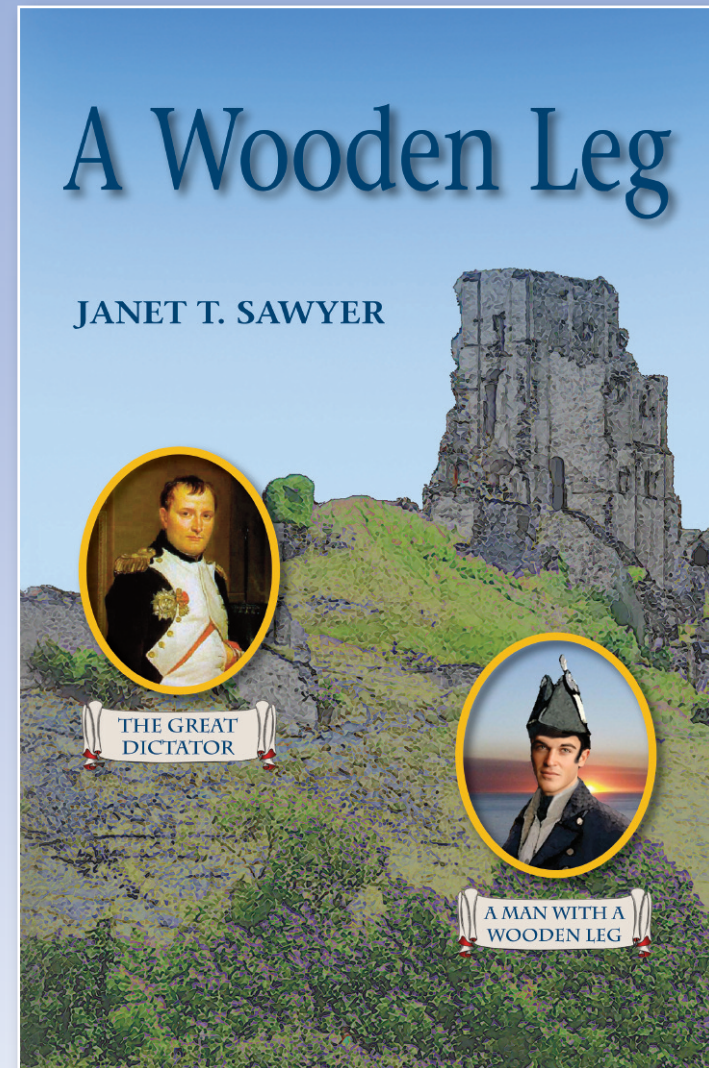
When Janet T. Sawyer retired to the West Country after forty years in Commercial Law in the City of London, her ambition was to use the History Degree she had gained long before at the University of Birmingham in order to research and write historical novels. Seeing a need to improve the teaching and understanding of British history, in this book, a sequel to *Jess of Roos Hall*, real historical events combine with humour and adventure to provide an entertaining read. At the end of it, the Author challenges the reader to detect from website and literary sources which of her characters really existed and which are purely fictitious. Reading about History can be great fun!

Also by Janet T. Sawyer:  
*Watersmeet*  
*Jess of Roos Hall*

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