



Wild About Dorset

The Nature Diary of a West Country Parish

BRIAN JACKMAN

Illustrated by CARRY ACKROYD

A year in the life of nature and landscape in the Dorset AONB from one of Britain's best-loved nature writers

- Brand new collection of Brian Jackman's columns – will appeal to anyone interested in nature writing, not just local residents
- **Full colour illustrations throughout**, from award-winning artist Carry Ackroyd
- **“Firmly established among the greats of British nature writing”** – Richard Girling

Wild About Dorset is a new collection of nature writing from award-winning journalist and author Brian Jackman. Drawing on a decade's worth of monthly columns in his local parish magazine, Jackman paints a 'year in the life' of wildlife and wild places in West Dorset's Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), where he has lived for fifty years. A rumpiled, tumbling world of green-gold hills, bordered by the Jurassic Coast's crumbling cliffs and melting away inland somewhere north of Beaminster, few corners of England are so rich in wildlife or so intensely rural. Arranged month-by-month, this book celebrates the only place in the British Isles that reminds Jackman of the lost countryside of his youth. Complementing Jackman's love letter are thirteen full-page colour illustrations by celebrated nature artist Carry Akroyd, an award-winning member of the Society of Wildlife Artists.

Evocative, personal and authoritative, this is a unique portrait of rural England's wildlife and landscapes, a breath of country air that will inspire reader to don walking boots and grab binoculars, then fall in love again with the great British countryside.

Brian Jackman's distinguished career in journalism, a lifetime spent writing about wildlife and the world's wild places, has earned him a reputation as one of the pioneers of ecotourism. He may be best known as Britain's foremost writer on African wildlife safaris, but his first love has always been the countryside around his home in West Dorset where he has lived for the past 50 years – and this beautiful book is his tribute to its unique landscapes and rich natural history. An award-winning journalist and author, Jackman's books include *The Countryside in Winter*, *Wild About Britain*, his autobiography *West with the Light – my Life in Nature*, *The Marsh Lions* (with Jonathan Scott) and *Savannah Diaries* (the last four all published by Bradt). He worked for *The Sunday Times* for twenty years, but now writes principally about nature and travel for *The Daily Telegraph*.



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