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Gloucestershire is a long County which sprawls across both sides of the River Severn. It vibrates with English history as well as the stories of many remarkable men and women. So many of the small villages, which seem either picturesque or inconsequential, echo valiant or terrible deeds. It is very much a mixed County as the landscape ranges from hills down to gentle pasture land, intermixed with natural wet lands yet we know, countless centuries ago, much was sea.

Man has always favoured Gloucestershire just because of its benign temperament. The ancient Britons heavily settled this area in their various tribes always ready and very eager for their usual hobby of Internecine tribal warfare. The Romans too were most enthusiastic about Gloucestershire, and promptly did their own thing by plastering it with their splendid roads.

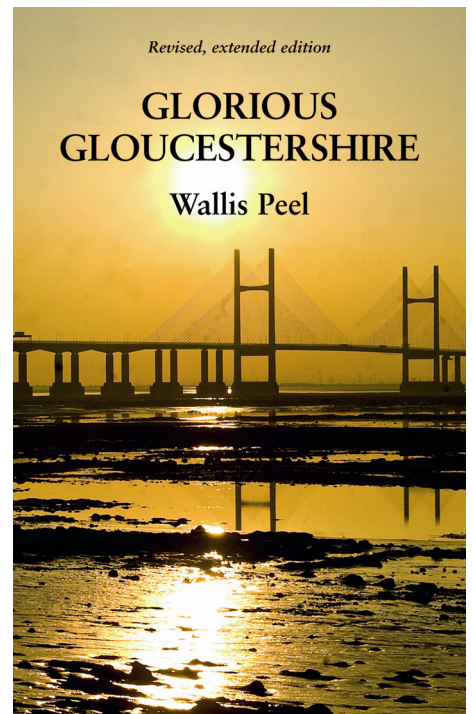
It is quite remarkable how so many of the County's little villages, today perhaps sleepy and peaceful, have been touched by the history of a long line of kings and queens, as well as other remarkable citizens – some born in Gloucestershire, and others who adopted it as their home. Perhaps some of this fascination arises from its various gentle scenic views as well as the majestic and awesome power of the mighty River Severn. As today's visitors drive or walk, exploring this county, from north to south then east to west, they too will also fall under the magical spell of **GLORIOUS GLOUCESTERSHIRE**.

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Wallis Peel is the writer of numerous published books, short stories and newspaper features. She is a long established member of the Society of Authors.

She had the normal working-class education of her era but she hated school and left at fourteen. She spent one miserable year in offices then followed her heart's desire to work with horses. She started at the bottom of the pile and worked her way up as she gained experience and knowledge. She started writing in her late twenties then had gaps because of one thing or another but always, at the back of her mind, was the desire to write.

"Here we find Shakespeare rubbing shoulders with Daniel Defoe and Anna Sewell; the inventor of vaccinations hobnobbing with the first man to produce industrial chemicals. As far from dry-as-dust history as it is possible to achieve—a rollicking romp through the history of this most fascinating county and, after reading it, it is impossible to think of living anywhere else." *Editor, The South Gloucestershire Gazette*



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