

## ESSEX DAYS OUT



### **The Essex Serpent and other Colchester Literary Connections – booklist**

#### **Novels**

**Ronald Blythe: *Akenfield*.** - author worked at Colchester library, novel about East Anglian farming and countryside

**Daniel Defoe: *Moll Flanders*.** - Moll was born in Colchester

**Barbara Erskine: *Hiding from the Light*.** – the Witchfinder General’s reign of terror

**Jonathan Gash: *The Lovejoy Novels*.** – the much loved antiques dealer.

**Goscinnny and Uderzo: *Asterix in Britain*.** – the shrewd cunning little warrior is in Britain

**James Henry: *Blackwater*.** - a crime novel, procedural, set in old police station and Colchester area

**Douglas Jackson: *Hero of Rome*.** - Colchester/The Colonia/Camulodunum appears during the Boudican revolt.

**Sarah Perry: *The Essex Serpent*** – gothic Victorian novel set in Colchester and the surrounding villages

**Ian Samson: *Essex Poison*.** - crime novel set in 1930’s Colchester, when the Mayors dies at the famous Oyster Feast

**Manda Scott: *Boudica*.** - The Boudican uprising and its terrible outcome for Colchester

**Beth Underdown: *The Witchfinders Sister*.** - The Witchfinder Generals sister’s tale

#### **Poetry**

**Charles E Benham: *Never Bin To Colchester*,** from - Essex Ballads and other Poems

**Martin Newell: poems: *Colchester and Anthem to Essex*,** many publications of essays and poetry, many of them with a very strong Essex theme, plus a weekly column in the East Anglian Daily Times

**Grayson Perry: *The Ballad of Julie Cope***

#### **Nursery Rhymes**

Jane and Ann Taylor: *Twinkle Twinkle Little Star* – written in Colchester

*Humpty Dumpty*: not really the Civil War gun on top of St. Mary’s Church in Colchester, but everyone loves to believe that it is.

*Old King Cole*: historically linked to Colchester

#### **Authors who are said to have performed Colchester**

Charles Dickens and Oscar Wilde in former Theatre Royal (now former bus garage)