Novels in the Hampshire Chronicle, 1772-1829
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Novels in the Hampshire Chronicle, 1772-1829, is a database of fiction in a late eighteenth and early nineteenth provincial newspaper which had a wide area of distribution. The newspaper commenced publication in 1772 as a weekly publication and continues to this day.

The site offers an easily accessible database which records all references to fiction in the newspaper, on a weekly basis. These references consist mainly of advertisements, but also include three short stories and an article. The section illustrates ways in which advertisements were set out and how publishers presented fiction to potential readers.

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6. The Unfortunate Eleanor Hampshire Chronicle 3 January, 1785

It includes a cross section of non-fiction titles in order to demonstrate possible further reading at the time, and some brief historical pointers taken from the newspaper text is given as background. Because names of authors are sometimes omitted, titles are inaccurate, editions are not always indicated, and books were often advertised before publication, making the date unreliable, each work of fiction has been referenced.

Works of fiction are highlighted in bold print and non-fiction titles, magazine titles and headings of articles are in italics. ( ) brackets are used in the text.[ ] brackets indicate references and occasional editorial comment. Some advertisements are included in full in order to demonstrate ways in which the publisher/booksellers promoted their titles. Repeat advertisements are not always included.