

# Ducking Stools, Dissenters, Debtors and Drunks

## seventeenth century crime and punishment

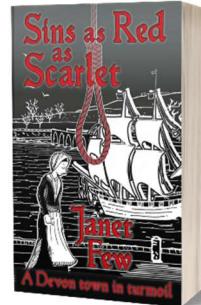
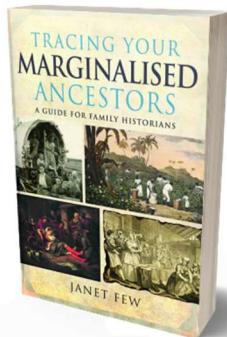
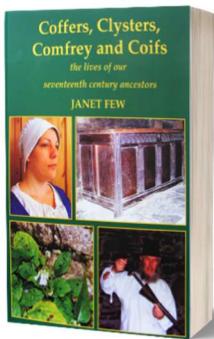
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[www.localhistories.org/pun.html](http://www.localhistories.org/pun.html) A description of various historical punishments

[www.witchtrials.co.uk](http://www.witchtrials.co.uk) Although this site is ostensibly about the Essex witch trials, it contains a great deal of general information including details of the witchcraft acts and a long list of those tried for witchcraft all over England.