

# Pig Nuts & Peacocks

Anthea Simmons

AUTUMN BOOK LAUNCH

Friday 21 October 2011

Sladers Yard

West Bay Road, Bridport, Dorset DY6 4EL

7.30 p.m.

(bar/café open from 6.00 p.m.)



You are invited to a book launch celebrating the publication of *Pig Nuts & Peacocks* by Anthea Simmons, a collection of poems and illustrations inspired by and chronicling her life afforded by the animals and natural surroundings in the depths of the East Devon countryside. A selection of original drawings made exclusively for the book will also be available for purchase.

Please come! [No RSVP required.](#)

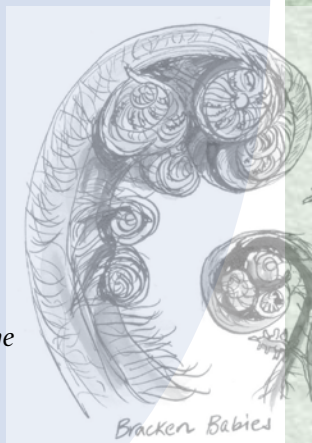
## A PIECE OF DORSET

The wispy braid of winter's wind-whipped briars  
Twists between puckered and wool-patched fields.  
The rooks' nests sway, cradled carelessly by stricken branches,  
Gothic black against a pewter sky.  
The carapace of winter shrouds the land,  
The colour leached, the texture gone.

I stand, skin scorched by cold,  
And watch my landscape, my piece of Dorset.

And, even as I watch and wait,  
Frost-fractured earth begins to split.  
Upstart shoots of green appear  
Insistent, wilful.  
Life tints the seam which splits the hill  
As Winter yields to headstrong Spring.

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*'A Piece of Dorset'* was first published in the  
*Marshwood Vale Magazine* in 2008



Bracken Babies

*"Clever, witty, warm words – that make you think you can smell damp leaves and feel the sun on your back. Fresh, tangy life-filled poems that taste like bottled Dorset cider."*

~ Nick Fisher

*"Her poetry paints pictures like no other poetry I have read since the 19th century Romantics, yet it is completely contemporary. If you love poetry and you love the countryside, this is a rare treat."*

~ Lucy Daniel Raby

*"Beautifully written, Pig Nuts and Peacocks is an intellectual response to the natural world surrounding the poet. Living on the edge of an East Devon woodland she finds herself in the company of several Bantams, a peacock, cats and a fox, all of whom she observes with a keen eye, a keen heart and a delicate sense of the passage of life."*

~ Fergus Byrne



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