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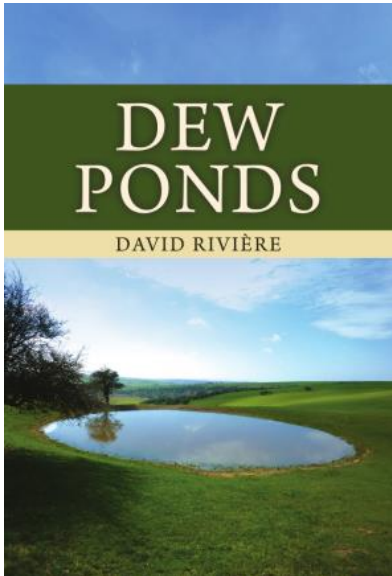
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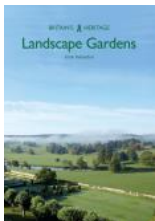
An introduction to the history, construction and restoration of dew ponds as well as their representation in myth and art.



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For a relatively ephemeral feature of the landscape of those English uplands made of porous chalk and limestone, the artificial watering sites for livestock known as dew ponds have been the subject of a great deal of legend, outright misinformation, experimentation and scientific research. This generated much published material from the late 1700 onwards, the key elements of which are highlighted in this book. These parts of the farmed landscape are of uncertain age, and for centuries they had been essential water sources for the great flocks of sheep that grazed the upland pastures. Today, a well-watered dew pond is an attractive aspect of the landscape, and they are increasingly recognised as valuable sources of wildlife diversity.

David Rivière explores the history, construction and restoration of dew ponds as well as their representation in myth and art in this introduction to an increasingly forgotten feature of the country's landscape heritage.

PRESS INFORMATION

- Will appeal to those interested in the British landscape and rural life.
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