

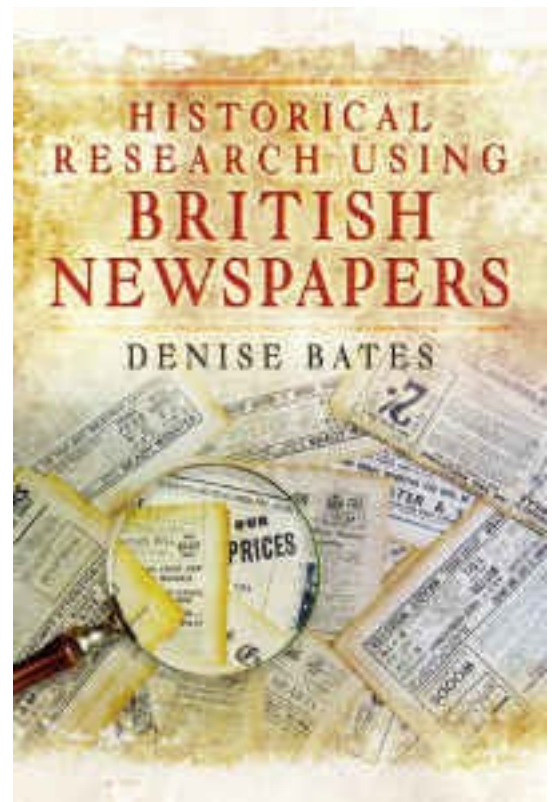
Historical Research Using British Newspapers

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Thanks to digitisation, newspapers from the seventeenth to the twenty-first century are now an indispensable and accessible source. Through their pages, anyone with a passion for a person or a place or a time or a topic can rediscover forgotten details and gain new insights into the society and values of bygone ages.

Historical Research Using British Newspapers provides information and practical advice by:

- tracing the development of the British newspaper industry
- showing the type of information that can be found in newspapers and how it can be used
- outlining the strengths of newspapers as source material
- revealing the drawbacks of newspapers as sources and giving ways to guard against them
- identifying the best newspapers to start with when researching a particular topic
- suggesting methods to locate the most relevant information available
- demonstrating techniques for collating, analysing and interpreting information
- showing how to place newspapers in their wider context



Historical Research Using British Newspapers is designed for anyone who uses old newspapers as source material. This includes students of history, media studies and digital humanities who are undertaking project work. Researchers who hope to add context to their family history or discover more about a personal interest will find this guide to productive research an essential companion.

About the author

Historian and writer **Denise Bates** used old newspapers extensively when researching her first two books, *Pit Lasses* and *Breach of Promise to Marry* and the information she discovered added greatly to the existing knowledge about both subjects. *Historical Research Using British Newspapers* draws on her extensive practical experience of using this source.



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