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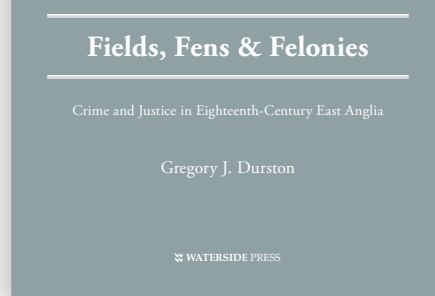
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## Advance Information

<b>Title</b>	<b>Fields, Fens and Felonies</b>	
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<b>Category</b>	Crime and Punishment, Criminal Justice, Legal History, Social History.	
<b>Subjects</b>	LAZ=Legal history; HBJD1=British and Irish history	
<b>Who will buy it?</b>	Legal and social historians, lawyers, people interested in crime and punishment, libraries, students, East Anglians.	



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John Hostettler, Legal Historian and author.

### Author

Gregory J Durston is a barrister-at-law who has taught in Law Schools in England and Japan. He is Reader in Law at Kingston University, Surrey and the author of the acclaimed *Whores and Highwaymen: Crime and Justice in the Eighteenth-Century Metropolis*, Waterside Press, 2012, the paperback edition of which is being released at the same time.



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