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There Portsmouth Guides section contains six CD-ROM's covering the period between 1775 and 1930. The Dockyard, Gunwharf, Haslar Hospital and the Isle of Wight are featured along with the town, markets, ferries and the surrounding area. When Lake Taswell, surgeon and apothecary, wrote the first Portsmouth guidebook in 1775, extolling the town's virtues, Portsmouth (now Old Portsmouth) huddled unhealthily behind its moats and ramparts, afflicted by poor water supply and even poorer waste disposal. An ever-changing population of sailors and soldiers left it even more open than the average eighteenth century town to the effects of disease, and its economy fluctuated greatly in accordance with the demands of the Royal Navy in peace and war. Nevertheless there was pride in the town and in the Dockyard and there were the stirrings of curiosity about Portsmouth and its past.

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This is the first "Guide to Portsmouth" known to be in existence. Printed in 1775 and describing the town as "one of the most pleasant, neat and healthy towns in the kingdom", it gives a full description of Portsmouth and its surrounding area. The Isle of Wight, where the author comments on the large number of exotic birds nesting on the cliffs is also described. Details of the times of Stage Coaches, the London Mail and the charges for bathing (nine pence with a guide and six pence without) give a delightful glimpse into a world long gone. (93 images) [\[Product Details...\]](#)

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This Portsmouth Guide, published by Hollingsworth (of the 'Promenade Rooms, Southsea Beach') is an extremely detailed description of the town, made easier to read by the adoption of the letter 'œ' throughout rather than the previously used 'f'. A comprehensive history of the area, starting with the Saxon Chronicles of AD 501 makes up half of the publication, the remainder being a description of the architectural and social structure of the town and its adjacent areas. Details of the local stagecoach timetables are given as are the times of local ship sailings and the 'Fine Weather Fares' (193 images)

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Portsmouth, which as a port and arsenal, is of such vast importance to the Nation, has many charms to recommend it to those who wish for a relaxation from their usual pursuits, or for recruiting their health; whilst nature has been very profuse, the hand of art has done much, to improve the delightful scenery that every where abounds, and from its sheltered situation the air is rendered salubrious and renovating. Independent of its own immediate attractions, the surrounding country stands unrivalled; the pleasant excursions that may be daily to the towns and villages in the neighbourhood, by land or water, greatly contribute to render Portsmouth a place of fashionable resort. (Hollingsworth, Promenade Rooms, Southsea Beach; And High-street, Portsmouth) [\[Product Details...\]](#)

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