

There are articles about butterflies in the works of P. B. M. Allen (his books can be obtained from E. W. Classey) but perhaps the best but - where more articles about butterflies are concentrated - is the last in the series *'Leaves from a Moth Hunter's Notebook (1980)*.

Interesting anecdotes and butterfly breeding/collecting and sightings can be found in the writings of L. Hugh Newman. The best of his works is *'Talking of Butterflies, Moths and other Fascinating Insects'*.

The country writer, B.B (Denys Watkins-Pitchford) has written extensively and regularly about butterflies; unfortunately, references are scattered passim throughout his works. There are the early works of the 1940s and early 50s and from this period I would chose *'The Countryman's Bedside Book'* and the later collections of the 1970s and 80s from which I would select *'Ramblings of a Sportsman-Naturalist'*. All B.B's books are effectively illustrated by himself.

The well known short story writer H. E. Bates has also mentioned butterflies in some of his natural history writings, but he has also written *'The White Admiral'*, a story for children (now very scarce but possibly obtainable from a library).

Older readers might like to try *'Love Among the Butterflies'*, the diaries of a wayward, determined and passionate Victorian lady, Margaret Fontaine; the first volume covers the period 1878 -1914, but there is a sequel. There is also a work of fiction, *'The Collector'* by John Fowles which describes the collector mentality but has only incidental references to butterflies and is a very disturbing novel.

