



## British Pigs

By Val Porter

Shire Publications Ltd. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, British Pigs, Val Porter, Not so long ago there were local British pigs of every size, colour and shape. Over the centuries different localities had developed their own tastes in what their pigs should look like - often coloured pigs in the Midlands, black ones in the southern counties and white ones in the north - and every county had its own 'breed'. But as urban populations exploded and needed to be fed from the countryside, pig breeders became selective and scientific, concentrating on productivity. Today most of those colourful old local breeds have disappeared; now only three or four highly commercial breeds and a handful of rare breeds remain of that once splendid diversity. This book describes these breeds and how they developed; it also looks at some of the evocatively named extinct pigs and at foreign breeds now being imported and becoming part of the British pig.



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