

Skylarking



Launching our new events programme for Autumn 2026

Over the summer we've been working on a programme of author talks and events that we think you will like and so we are now pleased to be able to announce what we have planned between now and Christmas.

From the history of our country told in a brilliantly new way to an urban pavement safari to uncover the wild plants and wildlife that often goes unnoticed as we walk around town. And from an epic journey exploring the chalk figures carved into our landscapes, and our culture, to the lives of the women who played a big part in the work of one of our county's finest writers. Plus, a spooky look at the darker side of this beautiful county with tales of terror close to home!

Back by popular demand, Teasel & Skylark's Great Big Bookish Quiz Night for Charity will this time be (*slightly Christmassy*) and also returning after the success of our Hardy-themed live audiobook earlier in the year, we have two standalone readings in time for Hallowe'en and Christmas. **For all the details, see the graphic below, ask us for a leaflet in store, or check out all the event pages on our website and elsewhere in this newsletter.**



 **TEASEL & SKYLARK** 
Autumn Event Programme

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Saturday 3 October 11am - The King's Arms	<i>History of England in 25 Poems</i> Catherine Clarke
Saturday 17 October 10am - The King's Arms	<i>Wild Pavements</i> (Walk + Talk) Amanda Tuke
Wednesday 28 October 7pm - Tom Browns	Reading: <i>Ghost Stories</i> Alastair Braidwood
Saturday 31 October 2pm - The King's Arms	<i>Dark Dorset</i> Jeni Bell & Karen Heaney
Monday 7 December 7pm - The King's Arms	The Great Big (Christmassy) Book Quiz for Mencap
Wednesday 16 December 6pm - Tom Browns	Reading: <i>A Christmas Carol</i> Alastair Braidwood

A huge thankyou to the authors and speakers for working with us on this programme and we cannot wait to work with you. Thank you also to our venues, The King's Arms Hotel and Tom Browns Pub, for letting us use your amazing spaces.

And a massive thank you to our customers and everyone who supports our events. We love bringing them to Dorchester and we will continue to do so as long as you want us to.

Book your place today on our website or call us, email us, or ask us in the shop. Thank you!

To buy tickets for any of these events,
please use our website or ask in the shop



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Don't Miss Out!
Book Your Place Now!

What have we been up to?

Whilst we've not had any events on over August we've still been busy little beavers keeping all of our wonderful customers happy, whether that's providing the very latest fiction and non-fiction, or beautiful art and gifts.



Great Things -

Hardy's Hostelries

has continued to fly off the shelves, into customers' hands or the Royal Mail's, with orders going all over the country, from Cornwall to Kent to

Scotland! It seems there's just no assuaging people's hunger for Thomas Hardy, and Tracy and Syd's book is a must-have, linking all of the drinking establishments in his writing with their real-world analogues in Dorset, many of which still exist. One of those 'why hasn't someone done this before' ideas - bravo guys!

We are 1!

Can you believe we are a year old?! It feels like only yesterday that we were getting the shop ready and here we are, going from strength to strength and absolutely loving what we're doing.



Huge HUGE thanks to everyone for your incredible support!

- Our **Young Reviewers** have continued coming in to choose their free Penguin-funded books in return for their brilliant reviews - thanks to all!
- We've been putting the finishing touches to our **Autumn programme of events** which you will find elsewhere in this newsletter - no peeking yet!!

Our Top 10 Books - August 2026

1. **Great Things: Hardy's Hostelries** by Tracy Hayes & Syd Braham
2. **Lost Souls Meet Under a Full Moon** by Mizuki Tsujimura
3. **What We Can Know** by Ian McEwan
4. **The Correspondent** by Virginia Evans
5. **JOINT: Lolly Willowes** by Sylvia Townsend Warner / **Dungeon Crawler Carl** by Matt Dinniman

6. **Endling** by Maria Reva

7. **The Artist** by Lucy Steed

8. **JOINT: The Book of Birds** by Robert Macfarlane and Jackie Morris / **The Given World** by Melissa Harrison

9. **The Tattooed Hills** by Jon Woolcott

10. **Helm** by Sarah Hall

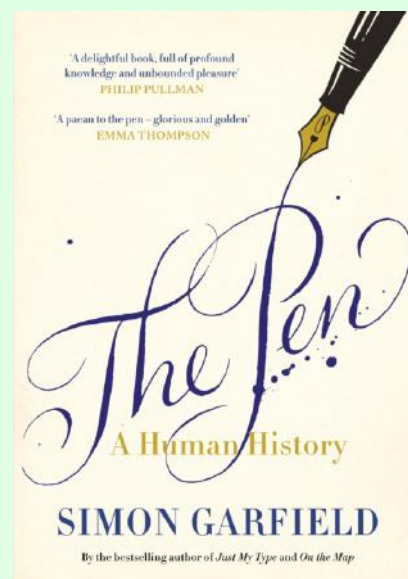


The pen is one of the most inconsequential, under-rated and indeed ignored instruments of human society, but this brilliant book by Simon Garfield puts the record straight, wittily and warmly explaining just how important and pivotal the pen has actually been, from the time of cave drawings to the signing of coronation oaths.

Simon covers every conceivable aspect of the history of pens, from all of their myriad iterations – quills, fountain pens, ballpoint pens, electronic styli – to their far-reaching and profound consequences on human society, both practical and cultural, whether the signing of peace treaties or the sharing of an author's creative mind through their amazing works of fiction or fact.

Hugely enlightening and deliciously satisfying, this book is so captivating and engaging, and I cannot recommend it more highly – one of my top non-fiction books of 2026 so far.

David



T&S Pets' Corner

Well, with respect to our other treasured pets, the big news this month has to be this picture - Opal has had her puppies! Everyone say aaaaaaah! Look out for more pics soon!



Can't find what you want?

We love selecting books for our shelves ... but our 'bijou' space means we can't stock everything we'd like.

However, because we order books in most days, we are able to **order any book for you** - and as many of you know - we get books in **very quickly**.

Simply ask us at the counter or send your order by phone, email or WhatsApp ... we usually get them for **next day** or within **2 working days**. Let us help you find your next great read!

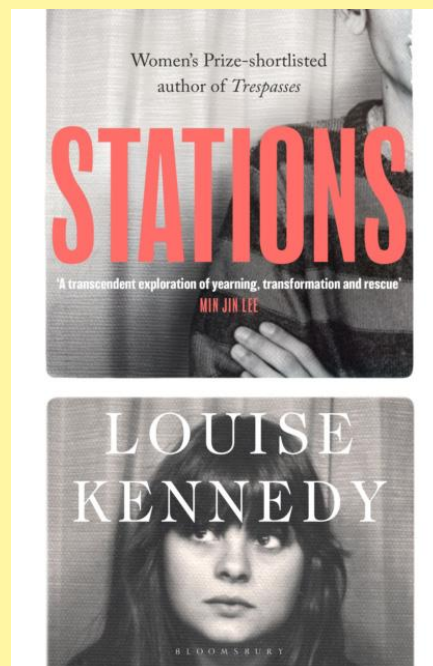
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Richard's Fiction Review for September: Stations by Louise Kennedy

From the author of *Trespases*, *Stations* is a captivating, hauntingly emotional novel that I found myself having to finish in one sitting. The characters of Róisín and Red are so well drawn they come to life immediately. From their first meeting as teenagers in a small Irish town, the novel follows their lives, friendship and complicated relationship with each other.

There is a love story here, but it is messy and flawed, shaped by addiction, abuse, loss and the consequences of past decisions. Kennedy's writing is raw and honest, balanced with moments of humour and kindness. The character development, particularly Róisín's journey from a teenage schoolgirl angry at the world to a more inward-facing adult, is superb.

An extremely moving and beautifully written novel which remained with me long after finishing it.



Do you run a local book club? Could we help you get what you need?

If you run a book club and regularly wish to buy 5 or more copies of the same book, we could help. We could order them in quickly (often by next day), offer your members a 10% discount on the RRP, and even deliver to your club venue for free. If this sounds interesting to you or your members, just get in touch today.

Quiz Corner - It's quiz time again!

Firstly, the answers to last month's quiz:

1. HI REDNECK CLASS = **Charles Dickens**
2. LEARN LIKE THUNDER = **Katherine Rundell**
3. HA, ATHEIST RAG = **Agatha Christie**
4. ELABORATE MR FRANC = **Robert Macfarlane**
5. GET PINK HENS = **Stephen King**
6. CORNISH DRAMA = **Thomas Hardy**
7. UNRIPE DRUM AHEAD = **Daphne Du Maurier**
8. ICED HELL = **Lee Child**

And the number of books published in the UK each month is on average 12,000-15,000!!

September's Quiz!

How many books are there in these series:

1. Game of Thrones
2. The Hunger Games
3. The Chronicles of Narnia
4. The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy
5. Tom Sawyer
6. A Series of Unfortunate Events
7. Jason Bourne
8. The Twilight Saga
9. The Magic Faraway Tree
10. Alex Rider
11. Famous Five
12. Anne of Green Gables

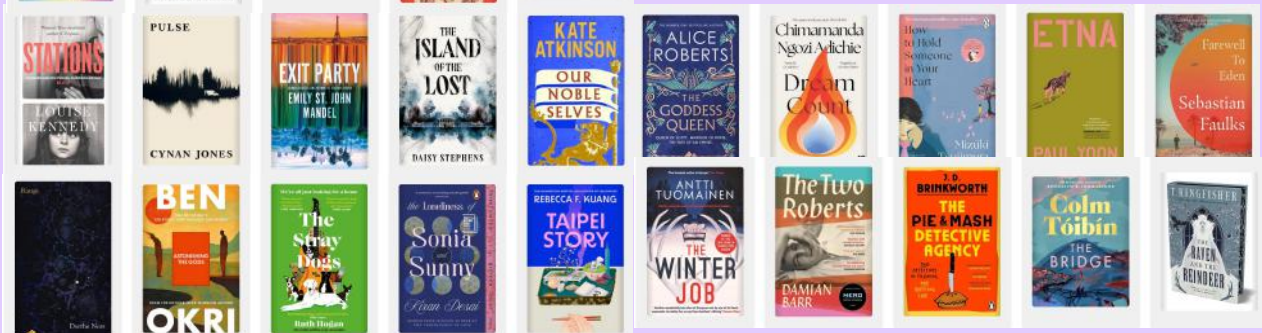
New Books for September (A bumper month of new books!)

For more information on publication dates and how to pre-order, see page 8

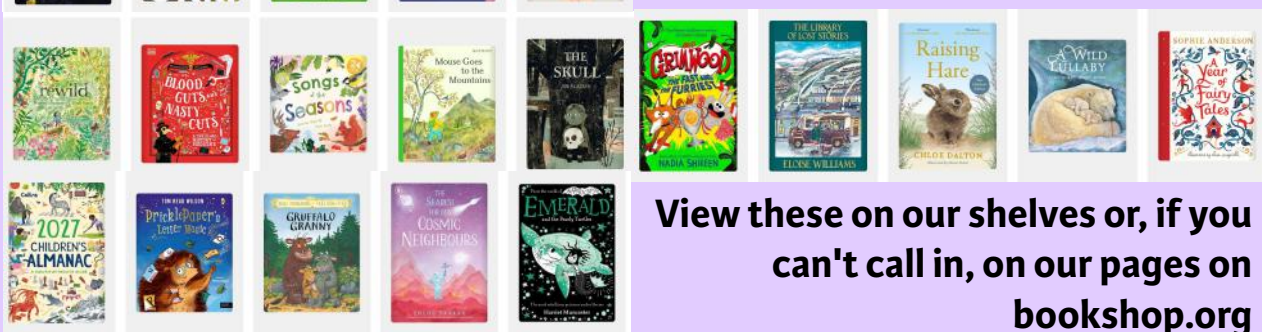
New Non-Fiction



New Fiction



New Children's Books

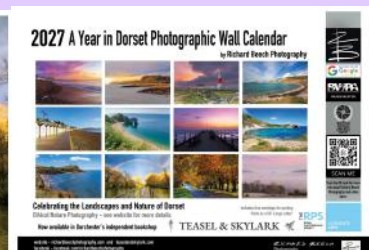


View these on our shelves or, if you can't call in, on our pages on bookshop.org

Featured Artist of the Month

Now in its thirteenth year, the always popular 'A Year in Dorset' wall calendar is now exclusively available from Teasel & Skylark. All photographs by award-winning Dorset-based Richard Beech Photography (*hmmm that name sounds a little familiar for some reason*) and printed in the UK on premium 235g/m paper, the calendar is A4 in size, folding out to A3 when hung on the wall.

Makes ideal gift for lovers of Dorset and is the perfect memento of a holiday in the region. Posts as large letter and includes free envelope - making it easy for you to send to Dorset-loving friends and family around the world. Still only £10, get your copy before they sell out. www.richardbeechphotography.com

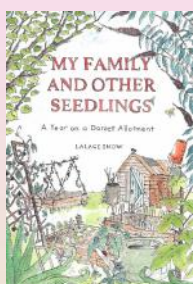


Book Clubs

Our book clubs have been busy over the summer. Our fiction group held a meeting outside in the hotel courtyard to enjoy the warm evening as well as observe the partial eclipse. The book being discussed was *The Impossible Thing* by Belinda Bauer, which had been well-received by all those who attended and also provided much discussion - not least on the practice (and horrors) of egg hunting



Our Wild Pages Book Club (dedicated to non-fiction nature writing) met for the first time, where the book '*My Family and Other Seedlings: A Year on a Dorset Allotment*' was discussed. There was much to be discussed in this Dorset-set memoir and then members voted on the timing of future meetings - if you would like to join this club, future meetings will be held on the last Tuesday of every month.



Finally, our folk horror-themed club run with the General Witchfinders still is looking for a few new members. As it only meets every two months, there is no update this month, but the next meeting is to be held on Wednesday 9 September at 7.00pm and the book to be discussed is *Benighted* by J B Priestly. If you wish to sign up, send us an email or ask in the shop.

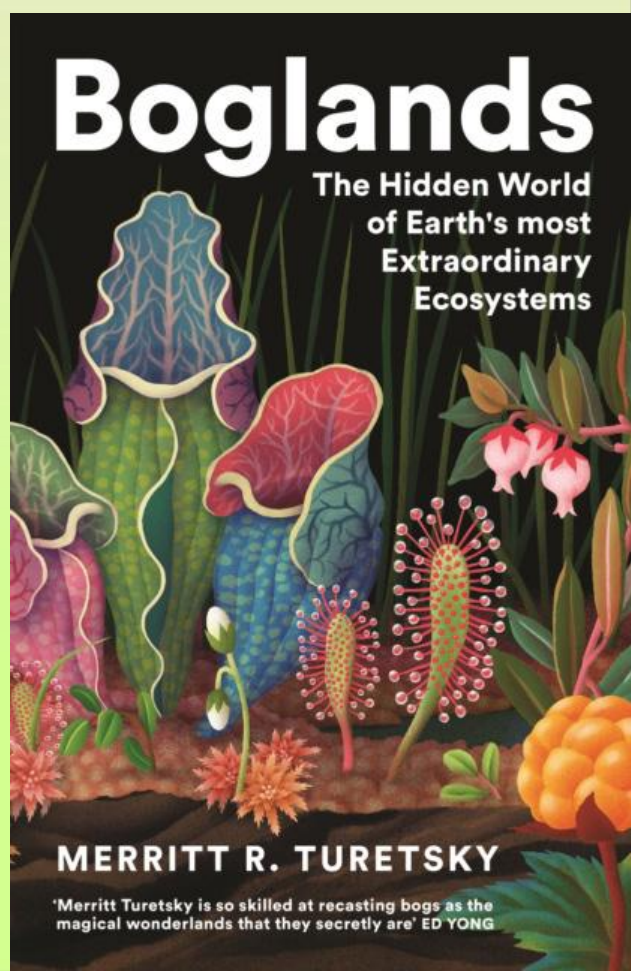


David's Non-Fiction Review of Month: Boglands, by Merritt Turetsky

From the same publisher that brought us John Wright's brilliant *Grasslands*, Profile Books now present *Boglands*, another hugely enjoyable and informative treatise on the importance, beauty, and - literally - hidden depths of one of the earth's most vital, yet under-recognised and under-valued resources. Merritt Turetsky has managed to take a subject that might sound dry (or, rather, soggy!) and instead has conjured a fascinating and deeply personal account of the world's peatlands, fens and marshes, what makes them tick, how they have helped shape humanity, and, vitally, their profound importance to the future of our planet. A supremely easy and evocative read, this is will hugely appeal to anyone concerned about the environment.

Out on sale 17 September.

David



Find your next great read ... what books are being released soon and how to pre-order them

Here are some of the new books coming out over the next few months that we think you will love - and some we have reviewed for the Booksellers' Circle.



If you pre-order any of these titles you'll save 10% off the RRP - just ask us in the shop or email us with the subject line 'Pre-order'

New Non-Fiction

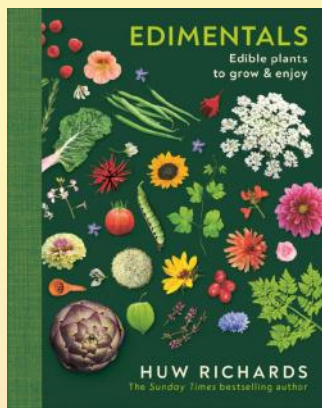
- **Boglands** by Merritt R Turetsky 27/08 - *review on page 7*
- **Edimentals** by Huw Richards 08/10 - *review on page 9*
- **A World of Bookish Places** by DK Books 03/09 - *review on website*
- **The Agatha Christie Cure** by Cathy Rentzenbrink 10/09 - *review on website*
- **Can't Get You Out of my Head: In Search of Kylie** by Michael Cragg 24/09 - *review page 9*
- **The Pen: A Human History** by Simon Garfield 10/09 - *review on page 4*
- **Organic Gardening** by Charles Dowding 15/10
- **Green Kingdom** by Ben Dark (29/10)
- **Our Ocean to Save** by Emily Cunningham 29/10
- **Vanishing Earth** by James Crawford 10/09
- **Arthur** by Amy Jeffs 10/09
- **Kings & Queens** by Lucy Worsley 03/09
- **The Nature of Seeing** by Mark Cocker 08/10
- **Napoleon's Orangutan** by Katherine Rundell 08/10
- **Craftland** by James Fox 24/09
- **Vanished** by Sadiah Qureshi 03/09
- **Charity Shop World** by Tansy Hoskins 03/09
- **Perilous Enchantment** by Sarah Clegg 08/10
- **Down Burrow Lane** by Michael Morpurgo 17/09

New Fiction

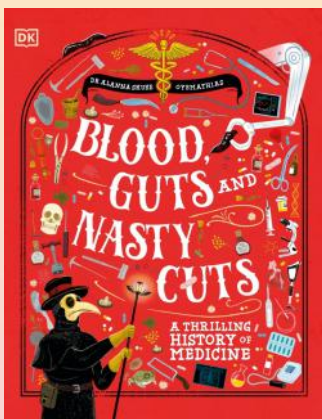
- **Stations** by Louise Kennedy 24/09 - *review on page 5*
- **The Island of the Lost** by Daisy Stephens - *review on page 9*
- **The Raven and the Reindeer** by T Kingfisher 01/09 - *review on website*
- **Our Noble Selves** by Kate Atkinson 10/09
- **The Winter Guest** by Sarah Moss 01/10
- **Peck & Peck** by Bonnie Garmus - 13/10
- **In One Brief Moment All Eternity** by Elif Shafak - 15/10
- **How to Hold Someone in Your Heart** by Mizuki Tsujimura - 03/09
- **Taipei Story** by Rebecca F Kuang 08/09
- **Farewell to Eden** by Sebastian Faulkes 17/09
- **Exit Party** by Emily St John Mandel 17/09
- **Goddess Queen** by Alice Roberts 03/09
- **The Bridge** by Colm Toibin 03/09
- **Hobbe's Folly** by Adam Macqueen 08/10

New Children's

- **Rewild** by Benjamin Zephaniah 10/09 - *review on page 12*
- **Songs of the Season** by Patricia Hegarty 03/09 - *review on website*
- **Skull** by Jon Klassen 24/09 - *review on page 11*
- **Blood, Guts and Nasty Cuts** by Dr Alanna Skuse 03/09 - *review on page 9*
- **A Wild Lullaby** by Jackie Morris 03/09
- **Mouse Goes to the Mountains** by Alice Melvin
- **The Teller of Tall Tales** by Liz Hyder 22/10
- **Grimwood: Fast and Furriest** by Nadia Shireen 10/09
- **Gruffalo Granny** by Julia Donaldson 10/09

**Edimentals: Edible Plants to Grow and Enjoy by Huw Richards**

In this beautifully produced book, Huw Richards provides a definitive guide to edimentals; plants that are both edible and ornamental. Many are also beneficial to wildlife, making them true superheroes of any garden. From amaranth to zinnia, the book offers practical growing information and useful pairing tips for a wide range of plants, with chapters covering vegetables, herbs, flowers and berries. With lots of expert guidance and beautiful photography, it is an ideal read for anyone who wants a garden that not only looks good, but also produces food and provides a welcoming home for wildlife.

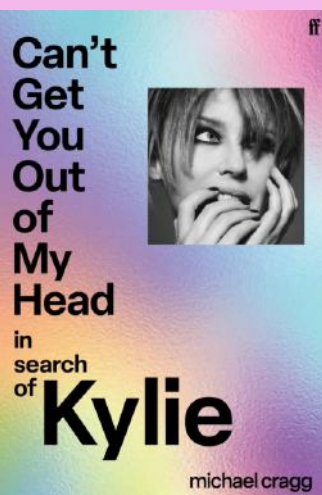
**Blood, Guts and Nasty Cuts by Dr Alanna Skuse**

Young readers will absolutely LOVE this fantastically grisly, yet fascinating history of medicine throughout the ages. From the ridiculous to the ghastly, there's a litany of 'cures', from staring at toads to cure bubonic plague, to drilling holes to prevent headaches – right up children's street! But this isn't just a romp through medical mishaps, there's a plethora of information explaining how proper medicine has developed, from the accidental discovery of penicillin to the marvels of modern MRI and CT scanning. Highly recommended for kids - and indeed grown-ups!

**The Island of the Lost by Daisy Stephens**

I read this novel very quickly and found it genuinely thrilling. Liv travels to the abandoned island of Poveglia, off the Italian coast, searching for clues about her missing sister. With its dark history as a plague quarantine station and later a psychiatric asylum, the island provides a perfectly terrifying setting for the characters to explore.

Daisy Stephens creates an eerie atmosphere from the start, steadily building the tension and assaulting the senses with the acrid smell of smoke that isn't there and the deafening toll of a bell that doesn't exist. I loved the atmospheric deserted buildings, the sinister antagonist and the growing sense of dread that kept me turning the pages to the very end.

**Can't Get You Out of My Head: In Search of Kylie by Michael Cragg**

Michael Cragg's *Can't Get You Out of My Head* is a warm, witty and perceptive exploration of one of pop's most enduring superstars. Writing with affection but without unquestioning admiration, Cragg explores the highs and lows of Kylie's four-decade career and asks what has allowed her to remain so relevant. By tracing each era alongside the changing pop landscape, he shows how skilfully she has adapted while retaining a rare sense of mystery. In an age of social media and relentless oversharing, Kylie remains somewhat of an enigma. Cragg's conclusion is deceptively simple: pure joy is hard to intellectualise. Perhaps Kylie is too. A hugely enjoyable portrait of a true pop icon.

LAST CHANCE TO BOOK YOUR PLACE



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The Tattooed Hills

An illustrated talk with Jon Woolcott

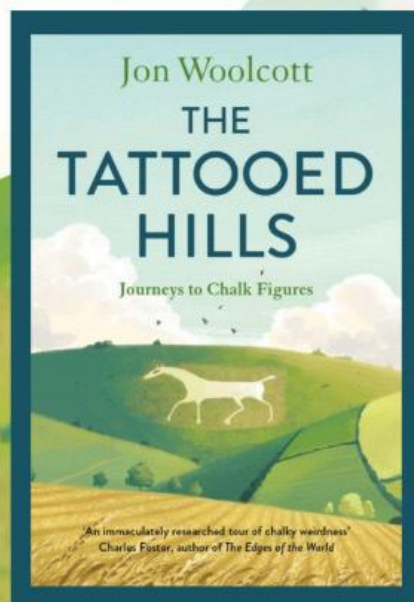
Tuesday 15 September 2026 • 7pm

The King's Arms Hotel
Dorchester

Britain's chalk figures have inspired
myths, legends and debates for
centuries

Join Jon Woolcott as he uncovers the
stories behind white horses, giants,
crosses and forgotten hillside
carvings

Archaeology, folklore, history,
literature and landscape combine in a
fascinating evening exploring
Britain's most mysterious hills



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The Dancing Mole

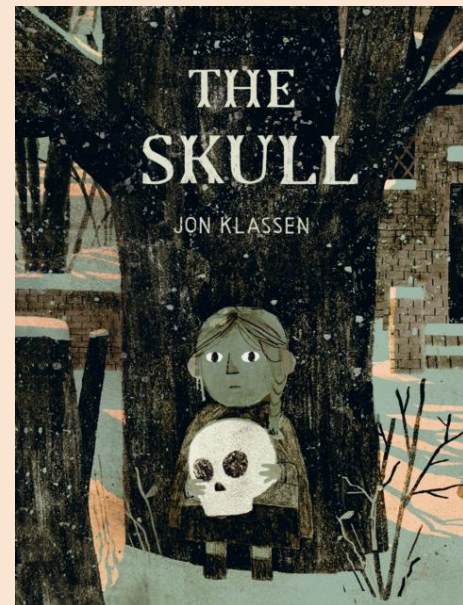
The newsletter for our younger readers

What are our Young Reviewers' Club reading?

Our Young Reviewers' Club members have been reading their first and second books over the summer and we've been sharing some of their wonderful reviews around the shop as well as on our website and our social media (*we are only on Instagram and Facebook*). We have been so impressed by the reviews coming in - a lot of work and creativity have been going in to them so we want to say thank you to them. We have shared some of these on the next page - they're really helping other young readers make decisions on their reading choices. Popular picks have been the **Pablo & Splash** series, **Bunny vs Monkey**, and books from the **InvestiGators** range.

The Skull by Jon Klassen

Loosely based on a folk tale, *The Skull* is a delicious new adaptation from the brilliant Jon Klassen, known for the *Hat* trilogy as well as an animator on *Coraline*. Exquisitely illustrated in his utterly masterful, darkly minimal style, he tells the story of a little girl running away from something and finding friendship and happiness with, well, a skull. The writing is delightfully playful, being both spooky and surprising in equal measures. *The Skull* will enthrall any independent reader or younger child being read to. A very beautiful book for all ages! David



Top 10 Children's Books: August 2026

1. **The Odyssey: A Modern Retelling** by Liv Albert
2. **Ant Party** by Ross Montgomery & Sarah Warburton
3. **Things to Spot in Summer** by Kate Nolan and Lara Bryan
4. **Pablo and Splash: Viking Voyage** by Sheena Dempsey
5. **Our Pebbles** by Jarvis
6. **Monsieur Mustard** by Charley Rabbit
7. **The Twelve** by Liz Hyder
8. **InvestiGators** by John Patrick Green
9. **Cliff** by Gareth Hopkins and Alex Latimer
10. **Mouse by the Sea** by Alice Melvin

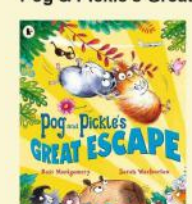


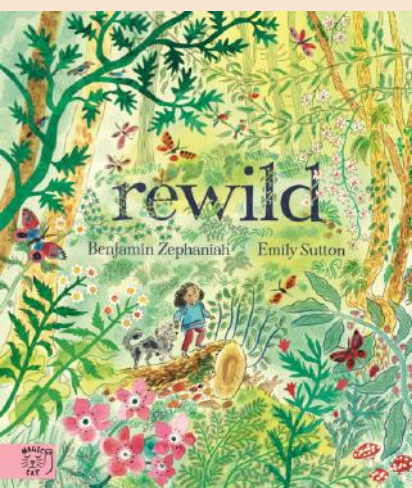
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Teasel & Skylark's Young Reviewers' Club - Reviews for July and August

Pablo and Splash  It is about a penguin who decides to go on holiday. He falls into a hole and goes back in time. My favourite character is Splash because he is silly - just like me! A reader would enjoy it because they would enjoy the comic strips and humour. Evie, 10, Dorchester Middle	Woodland Explorers Club: Trix's Tree House  I liked this book because it felt like I was really in the story, because I actually go to Forest School and have my own secret club. I was a little bit disappointed because it was more about bees than tree houses. I would recommend this book to someone who would like to start their own club and who likes nature. Rosa, 10	Your Planet Needs You!  I would rate this book 5 stars because I enjoyed learning about all the different jobs that can help save the planet. I really liked the pictures in this book. It makes me think about what I can do when I'm a grown up to help our planet. Violet, 7, Manor Park	Dog Man: Big Jim Begins  My favourite character was Dog Man because he is funny and brave. My favourite scene was the UFO part where someone's Dad comes out and a note drops onto him. I thought it was exciting and funny. I would recommend this book to children who like to laugh because it is full of funny moments and exciting adventures. Vinnie, 7, Manor Park
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InvestiGATORS  "I liked this book because it's really funny, and there are hilarious character names like Crackerdile and Gustavo Mustachio. If Brash wasn't always angry, I would've given it five stars, but it's still very good! I recommend it. ★★★★★ (4 Stars)" Eli, 8	Investigators  ★★★★★ Mabel, 8	Pog & Pickle's Great Escape  Joshua, 6, Broadmayne  Pog and Pickle's Great Escape - Ross Montgomery and Sarah Warburton Pog and Pickle are my favourite characters. They are Guinea pigs. Pog escaped and went to Peru in a suitcase and Pickle followed her. When they got home lots of Guinea pigs from Peru came back with them. I think people who like animals would like this book. My friends would like it. Joshua Aged 6
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Rewild by Benjamin Zephaniah and Emily Sutton

This is a delightful, thought-provoking picture book with a vital call-to-action. Zephaniah carefully explains the history of humanity's relationship with the natural world, showing how we have used – and often overused – the planet and its resources. The message is serious, but the book is full of hope for a better future, helping younger readers understand what is being lost, why it matters, and why it is worth protecting. Together with Emily Sutton's gorgeous illustrations, Zephaniah provides a richly detailed vision of what a greener, more hopeful future might look like. That sense of possibility is so crucial: if children can see a better future, they are more likely to believe they can help create it. Beautiful, powerful and enjoyable for all ages.



The Big Tease(I)

We have lots planned for the next few months - here are just a few details:



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- *The King's Arms Hotel*



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Sat 17 Oct from 10am: Wild Pavements with Amanda Tuke -
Urban nature walk (10am from shop) Talk (11.30am *The King's Arms Hotel*)

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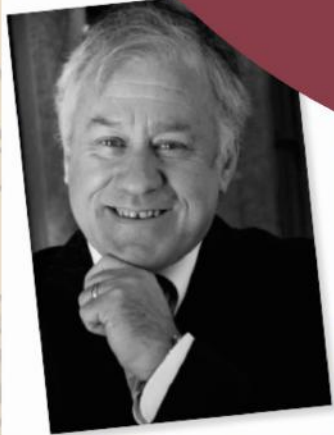
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Thomas Hardy's Women In Life and Literature With author Peter Tait

Saturday 19 September 2026 * 11am

The King's Arms Hotel,
Dorchester



Join writer, Peter Tait, for an
illustrated talk on the women in
the life and literature of
Thomas Hardy

Peter will explore the influence of
Hardy's closest female friends and
family on his life and his work,
and how they helped to mould his
creative genius.

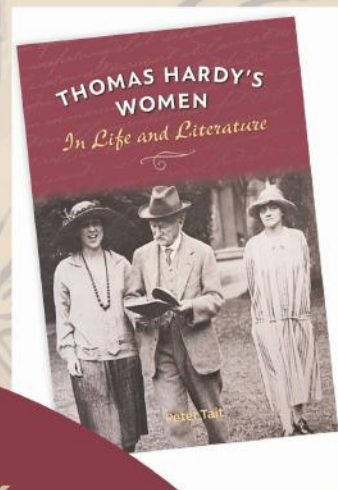


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A HISTORY OF ENGLAND IN 25 POEMS

with author Catherine Clarke

Saturday 3 October 2026 - 11am

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Join Historian and Author, Catherine Clarke for a fascinating journey through England's past told in a brilliant new way - glimpsed through 25 remarkable poems from between the 8th Century and today

Explore how poetry can illuminate history like never before; revealing not just what happened, but how it felt

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Extra History Book of the
Year

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