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When?	Where?	What?	Why?
Available to stream on the Disney Plus channel	Disney Plus (subscription required)	<u>Hamilton</u> Lin-Manuel Miranda's unlikely hit features a mash-up of hip-hop, R&B and soul songs to tell the story of the American founding father Alexander Hamilton, and has received universal acclaim.	<i>"Revolutionary musical a thrilling salute to America's immigrants" (The Guardian)</i> Lin-Manuel Miranda's rollercoaster of a show boasts outstanding performances and charts the life of the US founding father with political passion and nimble wit.



On going

A selection from...

BBC iPlayer

Books that made Britain

Book lover and Radio 1 presenter Gemma Cairney is **joined by three authors** to explore Bristol, the city that inspired their writing. Books include **Robert Louis Stevenson's Treasure Island, Melvin Burgess's Junk, Where's My Money by Mike Manson and A Respectable Trade by Philippa Gregory** - well-known works of fiction based on the **city's seafaring, slave-trading and contraband past.**

Big Books Weekend- Big Book Weekend: 1. Neil Gaiman and Sam Weller: Ray Bradbury at 100

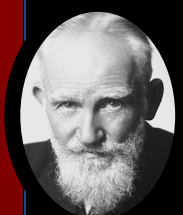
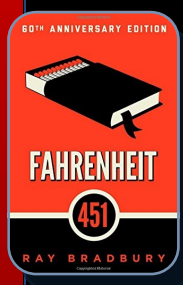
To celebrate 100 years since the birth of legendary fantasy and **sci-fi guru Ray Bradbury, author of Fahrenheit 451 and The Martian Chronicles, Bradbury biographer and writer Sam Weller took part in a spirited discussion with acclaimed author Neil Gaiman.** They muse on Bradbury's influence and enduring popularity, and how it has inspired their own work. Presented by The Bath Festival as part of Big Book Weekend, which took place online 8-10 May 2020. Big Book Weekend is brought to you by MyVLF, and supported by BBC Arts and Arts Council England

Horrible Histories- because you're never too old!

A special episode of the historical sketch show, taking a look at **some of literature's greatest works and history's wackiest writers.** Witness the development of storytelling technology, learn how a **party at Lord Byron's house led to the writing of the Gothic masterpiece Frankenstein, and how Charles Dickens was the Harry Styles of his day.** Spanning 3,000 years of recorded history, take a look at the funny and ridiculous ways some of the finest writers cured their writing block. Also, of course, trusty host Rattus guides the way.

My Astonishing self—Links to An Inspector Calls

Award-winning Irish actor Gabriel Byrne explores the life, **works and passions of George Bernard Shaw, a giant of world literature, and - like Byrne - an emigrant Irishman with the outsider's ability to observe, needle and puncture.** With Ireland in his heart, he made England his home and London his stage. His insight was ageless - his ideas still resonate almost 70 years after his death. He is one of only two people to have ever been awarded both the Nobel Prize for Literature and an Oscar



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Ongoing

Royal
Shake-
speare
Company



The Seven Ages of Man performed by David Tennant

The Seven Ages of Man is one of Shakespeare's most well-known speeches, spoken by Jaques in Act 2, Scene 7 of As You Like It.

You can see more David in lockdown in his new six-part series Staged, that started on BBC One. David Tennant and Michael Sheen play versions of themselves who, in the midst of the lockdown, attempt to rehearse a play together via Zoom.

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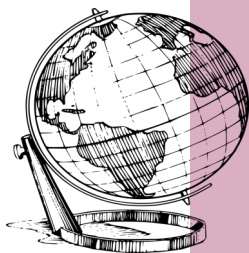
Something to listen to?

<http://revisionist-history.com/>

Ongoing

Revisionist History Podcast

Each week for 10 weeks, Revisionist History will go back and reinterpret something from the past: an event, a person, an idea. Something overlooked. Something misunderstood. A podcast from Malcolm Gladwell and Pushkin Industries



"Because sometimes history deserves a second chance"

Malcolm Gladwell is the author of five New York Times bestsellers — *The Tipping Point*, *Blink*, *Outliers*, *What the Dog Saw*, and *David and Goliath*. He has been named one of the **100 most influential people by TIME magazine**

Ongoing

The British Library website

ANYTHING BUT SILENT

Anything But Silent: A British Library Podcast

Buzzing, creative, brave. Places of sanctuary, freedom, and the unexpected. Libraries don't just keep our stories safe; they're where new stories begin.

Meet the people around the world making amazing things happen in libraries. Hosted by Cleo Laskarin from the British Library's exhibitions team.

"Books are only the beginning. Libraries are alive, and they're anything but silent."

Ongoing



The talk can be found on YouTube 'Stormzy's Rise Up & #Merky Books live at the Barbican'

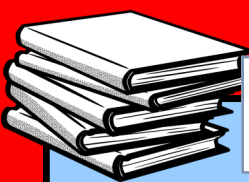
Penguin Books Live Presents... #merkybookslive

Whose stories are being heard? And what power does a book really have?

Join Stormzy and special guests for an exclusive evening of discussion and spoken word to launch #Merky Books.

Stormzy tackles these questions and more in a wide-ranging conversation with **award-winning hip-hop artist and writer Akala. Malorie Blackman, Jude Yawson and Chelsea Kwakye.**





Recommended reads

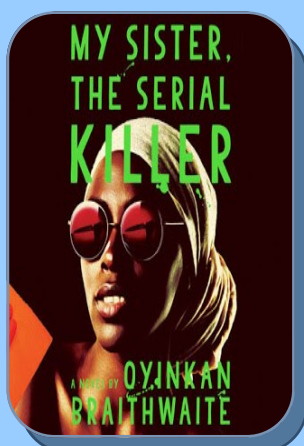


The 100 best books of the 21st century: click this link...[Top 100 books The Guardian](#)

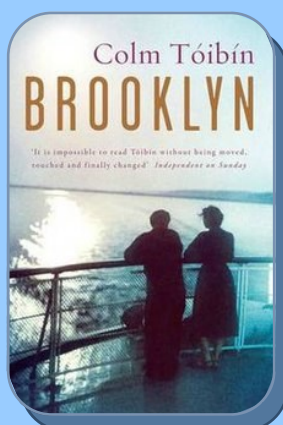
2020 Black Literature Young Adult Books: click on this link...[blacklitchallenge](#)

22 influential books to read in your life: click on this link...[22 books](#)

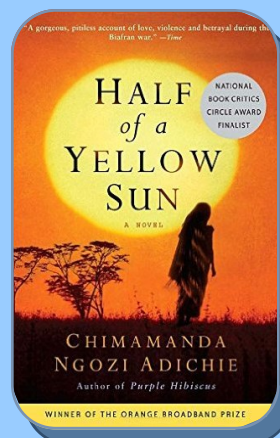
Top picks recommended by the English department...



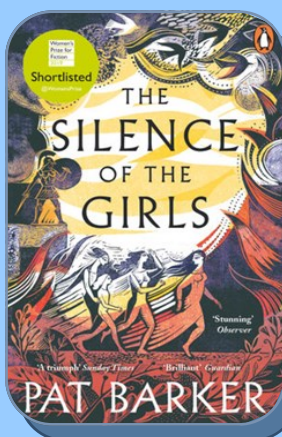
**“A
morbidly
funny
slashfest”**



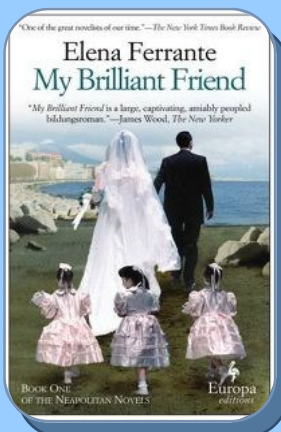
**“Colm
Tóibín's
quiet
intensity
brings the
past to
life”**



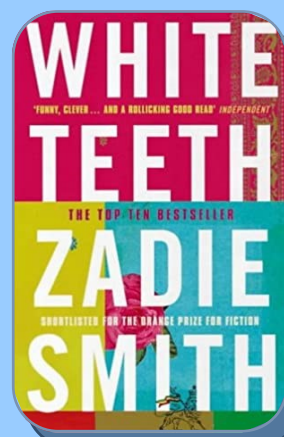
**“Adichie's
novel about
the long-
forgotten
Biafran
war tells a
story that
feels truth-
ful, but is
also clearly
a work of
fiction”**



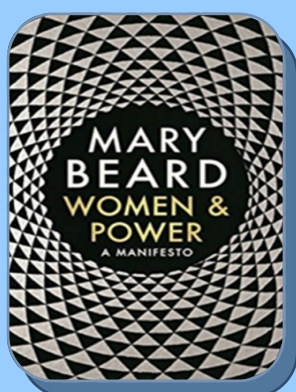
**“This
brilliant re-
telling of
Homer's epi-
c poem fo-
cuses on the
cost of war
to women
through the
story of
Briseis,
Achilles' concubine”**



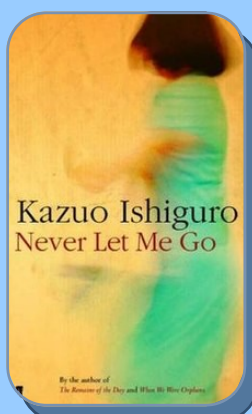
**“A twist-
ing tale
of hero-
ines for
our age”**



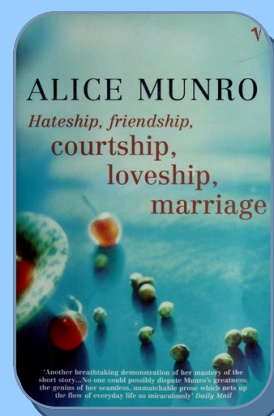
**“A quirky
take on the
lives and his-
tories of two
North Lon-
don Smith
considers gen-
der, faith,
race, history
and culture
and she tri-
umphs.”**



**“In tracing
the roots of
misogyny to
Athens and
Rome, Mary
Beard has
produced a
modern
feminist
classic”**



**“A master-
piece of ra-
cial meta-
phor”**



**“Narratives
that loop and
swerve like
memory, and
conjuring up
characters as
thorny and
contradictory
as people we
know our-
selves.”**