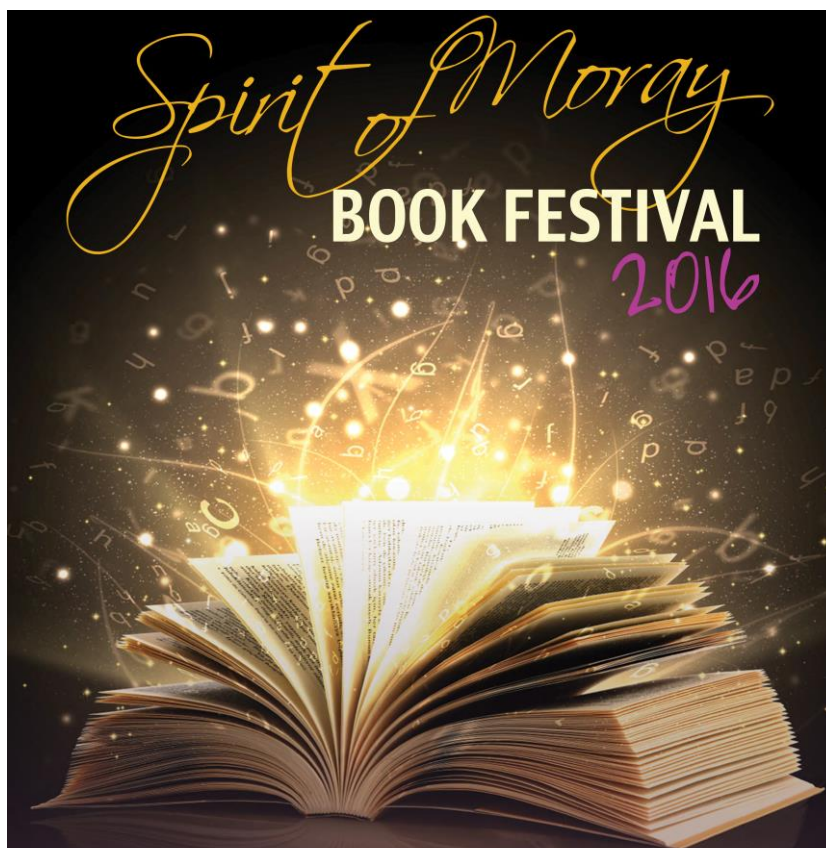


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Festival Programme 2016

Tuesday 13th September

6.30pm	Official Festival Launch	
7pm	James Robertson - Love, Whisky and a Talking Toad	Adults

Castle to Cathedral to Cashmere Writing Competition Announcement

Wednesday 14th September

4pm	Pamela Butchart - Blue Peter Book Award-winning author	Age 8+
6.30pm	Mairi Hedderwick - Running Away from Katie Morag	Adults
8pm	Donald S Murray - Herring Tales	Adults

Thursday 15th September

6.30pm	Alan Bissett - Greatest Theatrical Hits	Adults
8pm	Chris Brookmyre - Black Widow	Adults

Friday 16th September

4pm	Hamish MacDonald, Scots Scribe - Jessie Kesson: a celebration	Adults
6.30pm	Val McDermid - Killing People for Fun and Profit	Adults
8pm	David Torrance - Standing up for Scotland: a century of Scottish Nationalism	Adults

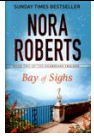




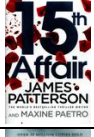


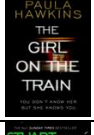
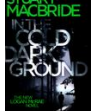
Saturday 17th September

11am	Bookbug Picnic	Families
2pm	John Fardell - Award-winning author and illustrator	Age 5 - 12
6.30pm	Andy Wightman - Land, Democracy & Economy	Adults
8pm	Stuart MacBride - Wordmonger	Adults





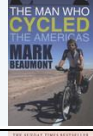

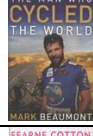



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Top Ten Fiction in July 2016

	Bay of Sighs by Nora Roberts
	The Games by James Patterson & Mark Sullivan
	The Missing Wife by Sheila O'Flanagan
	The Kept Woman by Karin Slaughter
	The Pursuit by Janet Evanovich & Lee Goldberg
	15th Affair by James Patterson & Maxine Paetro
	Dead to Me by Lesley Pearse
	Falling: a love story by Jane Green
	The Girl on the Train by Paula Hawkins
	In the Cold Dark Ground by Stuart MacBride

Top Ten Non-Fiction in July 2016

	The Road To Little Dribbling by Bill Bryson
	River Cottage Gluten Free by Naomi Devlin
	St Kilda: a people's history by Roger Hutchinson
	Cider with Rosie by Laurie Lee
	The Man who Cycled the Americas by Mark Beaumont
	Where Memories go by Sally Magnusson
	The Man who Cycled the World by Mark Beaumont
	Cook Happy, Cook Healthy by Fearne Cotton
	Say Nothing by Josephine Duthie
	Scottish Baking by Sue Lawrence

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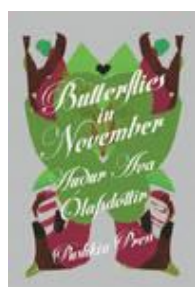
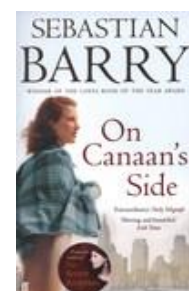
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Reading Group Reviews

On Canaan's Side written by Irish novelist, Sebastian Barry was read and discussed by Aberlour Library Reading Group. The all-female group found this novel neither 'moving' nor 'beautiful' as described on the cover. Some of the group found it depressing and felt that the writing did not ring true and showed it was obviously a woman's story written by a man. There was no insight into the character's feelings and showed a lack of knowledge regarding cooking and laundry. They ultimately found this book unconvincing and would not recommend it to others.



Butterflies in November by Audur Ava Olafsdottir is an unlikely story about a woman whose life takes several unexpected and bizarre turns in a short period of time. Opinions of the plot expressed by members of Lossiemouth Library Reading Group ranged from 'quirky' to 'downright odd'. Some folk couldn't get into the novel and others found it nicely written and easy to read with a certain amount of charm. Generally it wouldn't be recommended except to readers with a taste for quirky, picaresque stories

Opinions were divided among the members of Forres Library Wednesday Reading Group about *Us* by David Nicholls. Initially they found the book slow and not very interesting, however around half of the group enjoyed the novel and appreciated the different issues that it raised, the relationships involved, the differing attitudes towards Art and Literature and the minefield of raising children and maintaining a happy marriage. Sorts parts were very funny and others excruciating in awfulness.



The Forres Library Tuesday Reading Group read *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd. They found this book very thought provoking and felt that the main characters were both enslaved, albeit only one was actually incarcerated as such. They would certainly recommend this novel, as it is a book that will stay with you long after reading it.

Gone Are the Leaves by Anne Donovan was enjoyed by all of the Forres Library Thursday Reading Group. They felt the story was light and predictable at first as it was easy to read and to guess the meaning of the unfamiliar words. However they appreciated the lovely descriptions and the interesting characters of Feilamort, Deirdre and her mother but would have liked to know what happened next. A book to recommend to others!



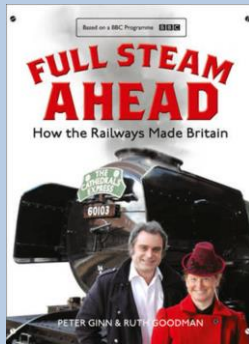
If you enjoying reading and discussing books there are several reading groups in libraries across Moray. Find out more on the library web pages.

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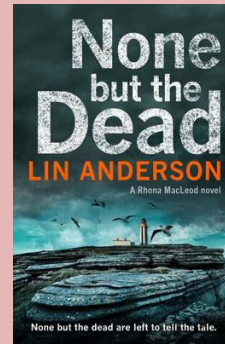
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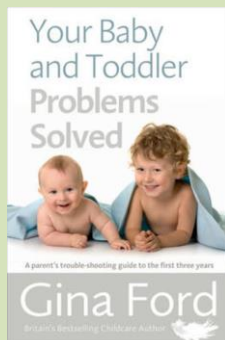
New books to look out for in August



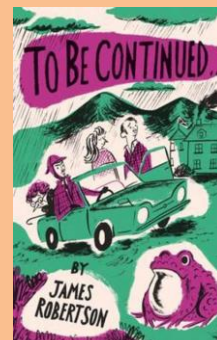
'Full Steam Ahead' will reveal how the world we live in today was entirely shaped by the rail network, charting the glorious evolution of rail transportation and how it left its mark on every aspect of life, landscape and culture.



Human remains are discovered to the rear of an old primary school on Sanday, forensic expert Dr Rhona MacLeod and her assistant arrive to excavate the grave. When the suspicious death of an old man in Glasgow appears to have links with the island, DS Michael McNab is dispatched to investigate. Desperately uncomfortable in such surroundings, he finds that none of the tools of detective work are there. No internet, no CCTV, and no police station.



Bringing together decades of successful work with families, this book provides answers to hundreds of baby and toddler care challenges. Organised chronologically for easy reference and with detailed case studies and examples, Gina Ford, one of the UK's bestselling childcare authors, shares her practical and realistic solutions to help you and your baby or toddler have a contented household now and for years to come.



Douglas Findhorn Elder is in a sorry state. He's just turned fifty, split up from his girlfriend and been pushed out of his job in an ailing national newspaper. On the night of his birthday, he makes an unexpected new friend: a talking toad. So begins a wild goose chase - awaiting him along the journey are a semi-criminal hearse driver, a hundred-year-old political firebrand grandmother, a split-personality alcoholic/teetotaler, an elaborate whisky-smuggling conspiracy, a mysterious woman with a Greek nose, and maybe even a shot at redemption.

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