

Moray Libraries Book News

June 2017

New books to look out for in June



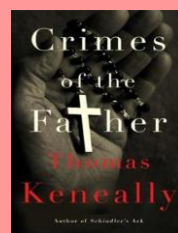
The Four Lands has been at peace for generations, but now a mysterious army of invaders is cutting a bloody swath across a remote region of the land. No one knows who they are, where they come from, or what they are after - and most seem content to ignore these disturbing events. The only people who sense a greater, growing threat and wish to uncover the truth are society's outcasts: an exiled High Druid, a conflicted warrior, a teenage girl struggling to master a prodigious magic - and a scrappy young orphan, improbably named Shea Ohmsford.



In the aftermath of Jo Cox's tragic death in 2016, her husband Brendan Cox urged us to remember Jo's life and what she stood for and not the manner of her death. In this moving and impassioned portrait of Jo - as daughter, mother, wife, sister, MP and activist - we see how much she gave and how much more she had to give, and her legacy of values and beliefs which will live on.



When Fearne's not making us laugh onscreen or keeping us company on the radio, you'll find her in the kitchen cooking up a storm. Easy, healthy recipes that are fun to make and delicious to eat - these are the recipes Fearne loves and has become famous for. Recipes she can't wait to share with you, too. With chapters covering fresh and delicious breakfasts to start your day well; simple, sumptuous lunches to enjoy at home and on the run; and comforting dinners that show you how to eat the rainbow, this book provides over 100 recipes that will have you eating happily and healthily at every meal time.



Thomas Keneally pulls no punches in this powerful novel about the Catholic Church's attempts to cover up cases of child abuse, and a priest who decides help its innocent victims' fight to be heard. Expelled from the archdiocese of Sydney as a young priest for his outspoken views on the Vietnam War, Father Frank Docherty returns to Australia in 1996 to speak at a conference on paedophilia within the Catholic Church.

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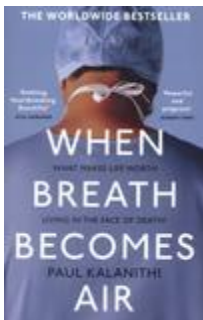
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Reading Group Reviews

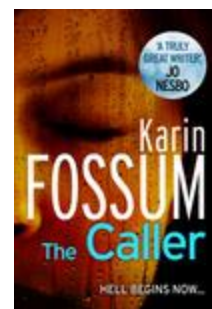


The Enchanted April by Elizabeth von Arnim was the latest book up for discussion at the Elgin Library Evening Reading Group. This classic book evoked a lot of discourse and debate. Although this book was written nearly 100 years ago the group members thoroughly enjoyed it and they were surprised by the strong female characters. The group appreciated the softening of some of the women characters and the building of confidence in some of the other ladies and how this was expertly woven into the story. Some felt that the whole tale had the atmosphere of *A Mid-summer's Night Dream* with just as much humour and deft story planning. This was novel was given a 'thumbs up' rating by everyone attending the June meeting.



Elgin Library Afternoon Reading Group discussed the best-selling *When Breath Becomes Air* by Paul Kalanithi. It was almost at the point of his completing his training as a neurosurgeon, and aged only 36, that Paul Kalanithi was diagnosed with inoperable lung cancer and the doctor/patient roles became reversed. In this book, Paul faces the challenge of his impending death and documents the course of his decline, sometimes with painful honesty. This book was both moving and disturbing and many of the group found it impossible to read much of it at one time as it triggered an intense emotional response. The sadness of such a promising life being cut so tragically short is hard to come to terms with, nevertheless, the group members were grateful to have been given the opportunity to share this story with Paul Kalanithi and his wife Lucy, who completed the book after his death. A powerful, emotional read!

Lossiemouth Library Reading Group discussed *The Caller* by Karin Fossum at their recent meeting. They found this a compelling read, very chilling but hard to put down. They mostly felt sorry for Johnny, who was reaching out for love and attention and also sorry for his grandfather who didn't deserve his end. The end was shocking, they didn't see it coming and it was very ambiguous. They would recommend to crime readers and to those who don't mind an unsettling read.



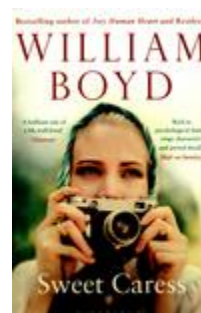
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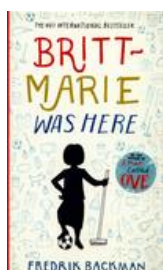
Forres Library Tuesday Evening Reading Group read *The Old Child* by Jenny Erpenbeck. The group members were not keen on this book and thought it challenging, thought provoking and unsettling and they wouldn't recommend it to others.



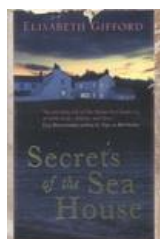
Sweet Caress by William Boyd was discussed by Forres Library Wednesday Afternoon Reading Group. They thought generally that the book was a bit 'flat', a story of a flawed woman, a full life but which was understated in all the big events. They found it well-written but not quite a convincing woman's tone. It provoked thoughts on suicide and the value of living a full life. They didn't think the use of photographs benefitted the story. However, about half of the group would recommend this book.



Tana French's *The Secret Place* was the topic of the Forres Library Thursday Afternoon Reading Group's most recent meeting. Only half of the group finished the book. It was found to be long-winded and they were sure the story could have been condensed. The one saving grace was the blossoming relationship between the two detectives. Only three group members rated the book as 'good' and most wouldn't recommend this title to others.



Burghead Library Reading Group read *Britt-Marie was Here* by Fredrik Backman, a book translated from Swedish. The old central character learned to accept self and be slightly more flexible under the influence of the strong close community in a dead-end town. An inspiring story!



They also read recently *The Secrets of the Sea House* by Elisabeth Gifford and found this a story full of well-described landscapes and the culture of an island. The story was engaging and they enjoyed the strong recounting of the clearances and the role of a clergyman at that time within the two parallel time-frames.



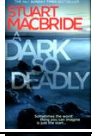
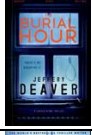
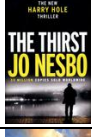

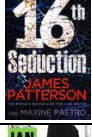


If you enjoying reading and discussing books there are several reading groups in libraries across Moray. Find out more on the library web pages.

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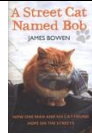



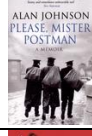
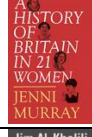

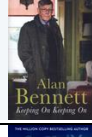

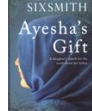
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Top Ten Fiction in May 2017

	One Quiet Woman by Anna Jacobs
	Game Over by Quintin Jardine
	A Dark So Deadly by Stuart MacBride
	The Burial Hour by Jeffery Deaver
	The Black Book by James Patterson & David Ellis
	The Thirst by Jo Nesbo
	Against All Odds by Danielle Steel
	16th Seduction by James Patterson and Maxine Paetro
	Rather be the Devil by Ian Rankin
	Night School by Lee Child

Top Ten Non-Fiction in May 2017

	A Street Cat Named Bob by James Bowen
	When Breath Becomes Air by Paul Kalanithi
	Mary Berry Everyday by Mary Berry
	The Mountain Café Cookbook by Kirsten Gilmour
	Please, Mister Postman by Alan Johnson
	A History of Britain in 21 Women by Jenni Murray
	Paradox: the nine greatest enigmas in science by Jim AL-Khalili
	Keeping On Keeping On by Alan Bennett
	Girl Alone by Cathy Glass
	Ayesha's Gift by Martin Sixsmith

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