



# Edinburgh International Book Festival

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An easy to read  
introduction to the  
2018 Edinburgh  
International Book  
Festival programme

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## How to use this document

### If viewing on a computer:

All underlined words are clickable links which will take you to the relevant event(s).

Once you've chosen and clicked on an event, you'll see a page that looks like this:

Note the date, time, venue and price are all listed above the text

### **Louise Minchin**

📅 Thu 16 Aug 11:45 - 12:45 📍 Baillie Gifford Main Theatre 💎 £12.00, £10.00

#### **FROM BBC PRESENTER TO TRIATHLETE**

It started out as a fun BBC Breakfast cycling stunt in 2012 and culminated in presenter and journalist Louise Minchin wearing the colours of Great Britain at the World Triathlon Championship in 2015. Dare to Tri, her new book, is the story of how a newly discovered sport became a TV presenter's passion and then her complete obsession.

Part of our [Sport and Society](#) series of events.



**Buy Tickets »**

Use the large green Buy Tickets button to begin your online booking



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### If viewing on paper:

All underlined names can be searched for online using our website search function.

Look for this symbol to start your search. —————→

Q Events

When clicked you'll see the below pop up.

The screenshot shows a 'Search for events' pop-up window. At the top, it says 'Search for events' with a close button. Below is a heading: 'Use one or more of the search filters below to find events.' The filters include: a search bar with 'Q Title, author or keywords'; a 'Select Date' dropdown; a 'Select Theme' dropdown with a link 'Browse this year's themes »'; a 'Select Category' dropdown; radio buttons for 'Only events for adults', 'Only Baillie Gifford Children's Programme' (with 'Children aged 0 to 18 years' and a '0' to '18' range selector), and 'For any age (no filter)'; checkboxes for 'Include Sold Out', 'Only BSL interpreted', 'Only Captioned events', and 'Only Learning disability friendly events'; a 'Browse Author A-Z »' button; and a 'Search »' button. A blue circle with the text 'Use these drop-down boxes to see events listed by Theme or Category' has two arrows pointing to the 'Select Theme' and 'Select Category' dropdowns.

If you or your friend or companion have difficulties with online booking, you can speak to our staff by phone or in person to purchase tickets. Details on the next page.



## Finding events and booking

This document lists a small number of the events and themes of the 2018 Edinburgh International Book Festival, which we hope will be of interest. However there are hundreds of other events to choose from too.

The easiest way to find events is on our website, [edbookfest.co.uk](http://edbookfest.co.uk). You can also pick up a copy of our brochure from a number of shops, cafes, libraries and other places, or you can request that one be posted to you.

When you've chosen the event(s) you'd like to attend, you can book tickets online, by phone or in person.

- Book online at [www.edbookfest.co.uk](http://www.edbookfest.co.uk)
- Phone the Box Office on 0345 373 5888
- Buy in person at The Hub on Castlehill until Fri 3 August, or at the Book Festival George Street and Charlotte Square Gardens from Sat 4 August

See our [website](http://www.edbookfest.co.uk) or brochure for:

- More information about the Book Festival
- Tips for planning your visit
- Accessibility information
- Much more

Prices vary by event. Concession tickets are available for over 60s, students, under 16s, people with disabilities and more. Carers can claim a free ticket too.



While a ticket must be bought for most events, there's lots to do for free at the Book Festival.

- Start each day with [Ten at Ten](#), a morning reading from one of our Festival authors
- [Amnesty International](#) host readings focused on global human rights issues
- [Unbound](#) closes each evening with authors and performers in lively, fun events

See our [Free Events](#) category online for a full list of events.



Hear about the super sleuths, mysteries and villains from your favourite crime fiction stories. Authors appearing include:

- Scottish superstar [Val McDermid](#)
- [John Harvey](#) with Ian Rankin
- The bestselling [Stuart MacBride](#)
- [Chris Brookmyre and Marisa Haetzman](#)

See our [Crime/Thriller category](#) online for a full list of events.



The glorious and the grimy sides of sport are explored at the Book Festival. Guests include:

- Cyclist [Mark Beaumont](#)
- BBC presenter & triathlete [Louise Minchin](#)
- Former Arsenal captain [Tony Adams](#)
- Former chair of UK Athletics [Ed Warner](#)

See our [Sport and Society](#) theme online for a full list of events.



Musicians and lovers of music from across genres and generations appear. See:

- BBC Radio Scotland's [Vic Galloway](#)
- Iron Maiden frontman [Bruce Dickinson](#)
- [Viv Albertine](#), guitarist of The Slits
- Godfathers of hip hop [The Last Poets](#)

See our [Music Matters](#) theme online for a full list of events.





## Theatre



Take a theatrical journey into books with events bringing stories to life. Enjoy:

- Staged performances from Muriel Spark's [The Driver's Seat](#)
- Free WhatsApp storytelling experience The Right Kind of Chaos - text SUBSCRIBE to 07411228363 on WhatsApp to take part
- Musical numbers from Visible Fictions' adaptation of Cathy Forde's [Fat Boy Swim](#)

See our [Performance/Theatre](#) category online for a full list of events.

## Popular Fiction



Discover hit new novels to make you laugh, gasp and cry. This year we welcome:

- *Gavin and Stacey* actress [Ruth Jones](#)
- Bestselling romantic novelist [Jenny Colgan](#)
- The much-loved [Jasper Fforde](#)
- *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas* author [John Boyne](#)

See our [Fiction](#) category online for a full list of events.

## Poetry



Talented poets and spoken word performers show their skill with verse. Check out:

- Scottish Makar [Jackie Kay](#)
- Jamaica's Poet Laureate [Lorna Goodison](#)
- Political poets [Matt Abbott & Joelle Taylor](#)
- Rising stars [Claire Askew & Zaffar Kunial](#)

See our [Poetry](#) category theme online for a full list of events.

## Comics



Our Stripped programme celebrates comics and graphic novels in style. This year:

- Visit the [Edinburgh Comic Art Fair](#)
- Meet actor [Jim Broadbent](#) with artist Dix
- See Scottish comics icon [Frank Quitely](#)
- Discover [A Graphic Novel of Women](#)

See our [Stripped](#) theme online for a full list of events.



## Politics



Politicians, writers and audiences share ideas about society at the Festival. You can see:

- Liberal Democrat deputy leader [Jo Swinson](#)
- Conservative rising star [Jesse Norman](#)
- [Jason Cowley](#), New Statesman editor
- Retired Labour peer [Roy Hattersley](#)

See our [Politics for Change](#) theme online for a full list of events.

## History



Local and global history comes to life at the Book Festival. You can learn about:

- The Battle of Arnhem with [Antony Beevor](#)
- Queen Victoria's reign with [David Cannadine](#)
- Martin Luther King's legacy with [Victoria Adukwei Bulley & Eloise Greenfield](#)
- The fall of the dinosaurs with [Steve Brusatte](#)

See our [History](#) category online for a full list of events.

## Sci-Fi & Fantasy



Explore strange and sometimes sinister worlds at the Book Festival, in the company of:

- Tolkien tales illustrator [Alan Lee](#)
- Damon Young and his [Reading Workshop](#) on *Conan the Barbarian*
- Scary short story writers [Camilla Grudova & Helen McClory](#)

See our [Sci-Fi & Fantasy](#) category online for full a list of events.

## Environment



Hear from writers grappling with the big ecological questions of our age, including:

- [Fred Pearce](#) on our nuclear age
- [Maryn McKenna](#) on industrial farming
- [Tony Juniper](#) on the future of rainforests
- *Blue Planet's* [Jo Ruxton](#) on our oceans

See our [Environment](#) category online for a full list of events.