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Edinburgh International Book Festival

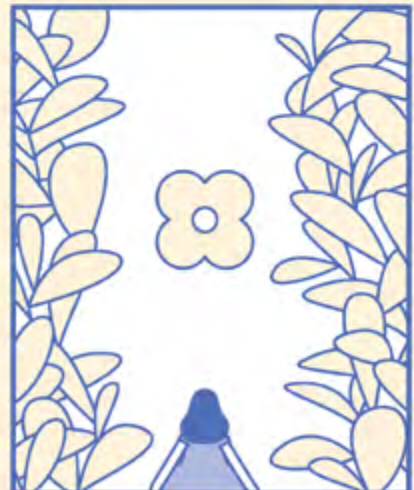
WE NEED NEW STORIES



An easy to read
introduction to the
2019 Edinburgh
International Book
Festival programme

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Finding events and booking

This document lists a small number of the events and themes of the 2019 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. 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
- Phone the Box Office on 0345 373 5888
- Buy in person at:

Edinburgh International Conference Centre
Tues 25 June, 8:30-15:00 only

The Hub on Castlehill
Wed 26 June - Fri 2 August, 10:00-17:00, Mon-Sat

Book Festival Box Office on George Street
and Charlotte Square Gardens
Sat 10 - Mon 26 August, 9:30-20:45
George Street open Sat 3 - Fri 9 Aug, 10:00-17:00

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

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

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.

Free



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.

Crime Fiction



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

- Scottish superstar [Val McDermid](#)
- Former news anchor [George Alagiah](#)
- *Shetland* and *Vera* author [Anne Cleeves](#)
- The hilarious [Chris Brookmyre](#)

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

Sport



The glorious and the grimy sides of sport are explored at the Book Festival. See and enjoy:

- Former Rangers star [Mark Walters](#)
- Scottish rugby icon [Doddie Weir](#)
- [William Fotheringham](#) on cycling legend Beryl Burton
- [Books and beers](#) with football fanatic Daniel Gray and *Match of the Day* producer Paul Armstrong

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

Pay What You Can



We have 20 events for which you can pay whatever price is affordable to you, including :

- Comedian [Eddie Izzard](#)
- *Bake Off* judge [Prue Leith](#)
- Crime fiction star [Ian Rankin](#)
- Former Home Secretary [Alan Johnson](#)

See our [Pay What You Can Events category](#) for the full selection of events.



Theatre

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

- Tom Leonard's [*Mother Courage and her Children*](#) with actor Tam Dean Burn
- An exploration of post-punk music in 1980s Airdrie with [*This is Memorial Device*](#)
- Stories and music from author [James Robertson](#) and musicians [Aidan O'Rourke](#) and [Kit Downes](#)

See our [Performance/Theatre](#) 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](#)
- Britain's new Poet Laureate [Simon Armitage](#)
- Hugely popular political poet [Benjamin Zephaniah](#)
- Edwin Morgan Poetry Prize winners [Roseanne Watt](#) and [Niall Campbell](#)

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



Food and Drink

From recipe books to special tasting events, tickle your taste buds with us. Dig in to:

- Scottish National Chef [Gary Maclean](#)
- The flavours of Russia with [Alissa Timoshkina](#)
- Food blogger and anti-poverty campaigner [Jack Monroe](#)

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



Popular Fiction

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

- *One Day* novelist [David Nicholls](#)
- [James Runcie](#) and his *Grantchester* prequel
- Bestselling historical fiction writer [Victoria Hislop](#)
- [Tracy Chevalier](#), author of *Girl with the Pearl Earring*

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

Politics



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

- Scottish Conservatives leader [Ruth Davidson](#)
- Former Home Secretary [Alan Johnson](#)
- [Thomas Stewart](#) on 20 years of Holyrood
- Labour MP [Rachel Reeves](#)

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

History



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

- The contested legacy of Churchill with [Andrew Roberts](#)
- Anne of Cleve's with [Alison Weir](#)
- Britain's past with TV historian [Neil Oliver](#)
- [Rosemary Goring](#) on Scotland's historic women

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

Scotland



A special strand of events exploring the past, present and future of Scotland, featuring:

- Historian [Tom Devine](#) on the Clearances
- A look at Red Clydeside with [Henry Bell](#) and former Justice Secretary [Kenny MacAskill](#)
- A look at the beautiful Highlands with bestselling writer [Brigid Benson](#)

See our [Stories that Make Scotland](#) theme online for full a list of events.

Environment



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

- *Blue Planet II* consultant [Alex Rogers](#) on our oceans
- Former Irish Prime Minister [Mary Robinson](#) on climate change
- [Anne Sverdrup-Thygeson](#) on the importance of insects

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

Using 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

Harry Hill: Stand Up Star

📅 Sat 10 Aug 11:45 - 12:45 🏠 The New York Times Main Theatre 💷 £5.00

FAMILIES & 7+

Top comedian and entertainer Harry Hill returns to the Festival with his latest comic caper, Matt Millz Stands Up! Matt is finally a star, but he's been so busy soaking up the showbiz life that he hasn't written any new jokes. Can Matt save himself from the ultimate heckling humiliation? Find out as Harry tells the tale in an event packed full of heart and humour.



[Buy Tickets >>](#)



Why not try?
Horsing Around with Clare Balding
FAMILIES & 8+
Mon 19 Aug 17:00 - 18:00



Why not try?
Katherine Mengardon & Dominic ...
FAMILIES & 7+
Thu 15 Aug 17:15 - 18:15

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

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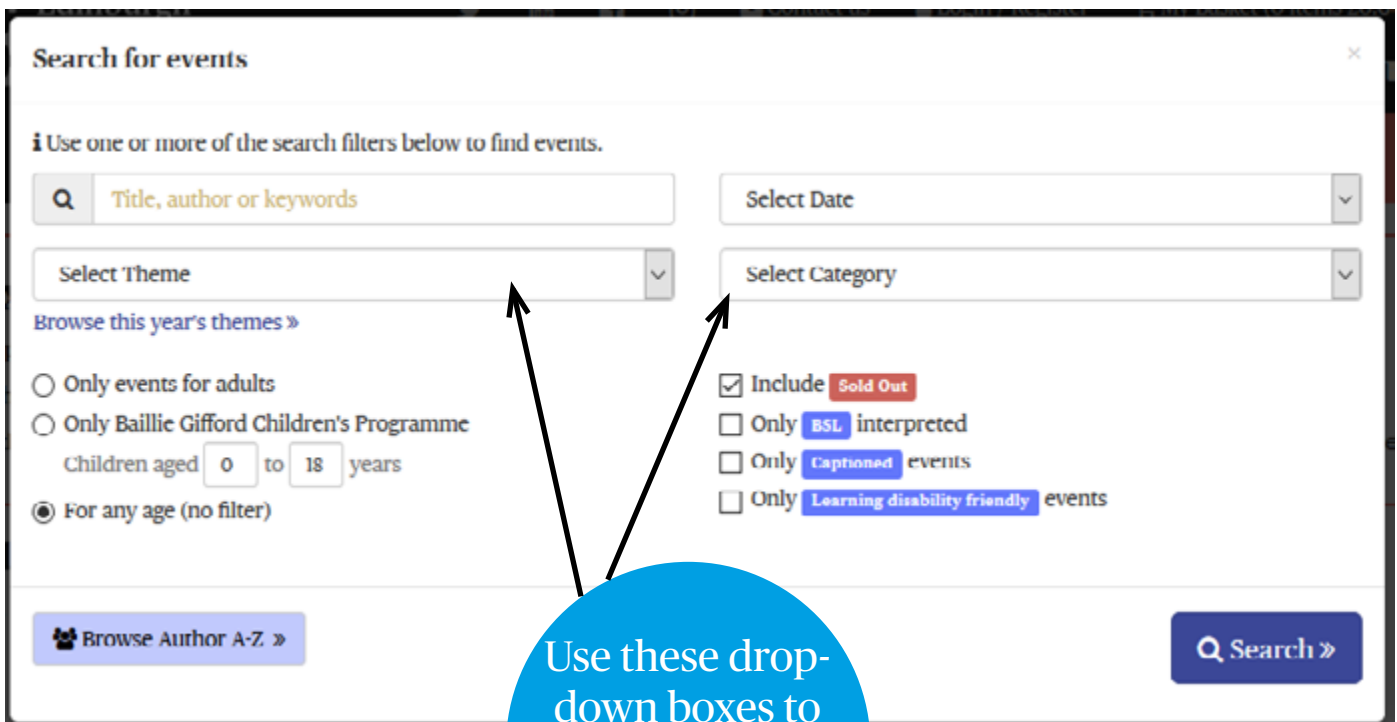
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All underlined names can be searched for online using our website search function.

Look for this symbol to start your search.



When clicked you'll see the below pop up.

A screenshot of a 'Search for events' pop-up window. The window has a title bar 'Search for events' and a close button 'X'. Below the title bar is a sub-header 'Use one or more of the search filters below to find events.' followed by several search filters: a text input field 'Title, author or keywords' with a magnifying glass icon, a 'Select Date' dropdown, a 'Select Theme' dropdown, and a 'Select Category' dropdown. Below these are radio buttons for 'Only events for adults', 'Only Baillie Gifford Children's Programme' (with a sub-filter 'Children aged 0 to 18 years'), and 'For any age (no filter)'. There are also checkboxes for 'Include Sold Out', 'Only BSL interpreted', 'Only Captioned events', and 'Only Learning disability friendly events'. At the bottom left is a button 'Browse Author A-Z' and at the bottom right is a 'Search' button with a magnifying glass icon. A blue circular callout with white 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. See page 2 for details.