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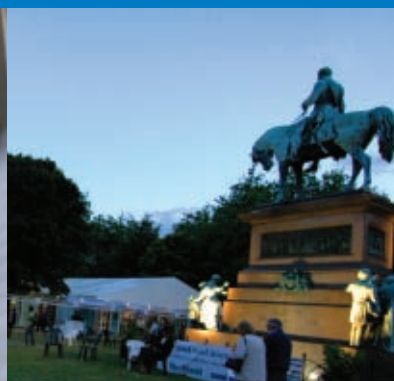


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Edinburgh International Book Festival

Charlotte Square Gardens, 11 – 27 August 2007



Pop in, we'd love to see you – entry to our garden is FREE

Events... and more events! 700 in all. Inventive, imaginative, inspirational. They all take place in Charlotte Square Gardens.

Join the debate Discussion panels this year focus on everything from stem cells, immigration and Scottish independence to the Middle East and feminism.

Two bookshops Thousands of titles. Both are owned and operated by us and all proceeds are put straight back into the Book Festival.

Refreshments Fairtrade coffees and teas, tasty homemade cakes, light meals and snacks. All are available throughout the festival from our cafés.

Children Literally hundreds of events for babies upwards, plus the RBS Children's Bookshop – a space dedicated to children's literature.

Live music and summer evenings We are open until late into the evening: see a favourite author, have a leisurely drink in the bar and listen to some free live music in the Highland Park Spiegeltent – it's open every night until late from Sun 12 Aug.

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A small selection of events older teens (over 16s) and young adults may particularly enjoy.



Welcome

Exhilaration, imagination, inspiration – it is amazing what one green garden can contain. Welcome to our festival of open horizons and energising ideas, at the heart of Edinburgh UNESCO City of Literature. In seventeen extraordinary days we have over 700 events for you to choose from, each one carefully created and programmed; we have over 600 authors from over 35 different countries.

Our celebration of books and all that they contain is the most international and enlivening on the planet. It is also one of the most accessible and affordable; I am very proud that we have frozen our ticket prices for the seventh consecutive year, and have more free and low-price events than ever before. Our festival is for everyone, of all ages, of all tastes and means and dreams.

The world comes to our garden this August for the spinning of stories, the cracking of jokes, the meeting of minds. Come and join in the conversation.

Catherine Lockerbie, Director

‘The Times is delighted to be sponsoring this year’s Edinburgh International Book Festival, which has grown into Britain’s greatest and best-loved literary event. We look forward to joining authors and their readers in the tented splendour of Charlotte Square, and to supporting the discussions and debates which make this a uniquely enjoyable celebration of writing.’

Magnus Linklater, Scotland Editor, *The Times*

LongPen: Norman Mailer and Alice Munro, live from North America

In a world first, the Book Festival brings you two of the greatest living authors, who cannot physically be present in Edinburgh – and they will even sign your books! The LongPen is the extraordinary invention of Margaret Atwood. It is the world’s first long distance, real-time, real pen and ink autographing device. In these pioneering events, Norman Mailer in the States and Alice Munro in Canada will be interviewed via video link-up – then members of the audience can talk directly to them and have their books signed, even though they are thousands of miles away. Look out for news of further signings and opportunities to talk to far-distant writers – just check the website, www.edbookfest.co.uk, or the screen in the entrance tent.

International Line-Up

Our Book Festival becomes ever more international, opening up other cultures. More than 35 different countries are represented this year, including China, Japan, India, Burma, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Hong Kong, Gambia, Nigeria, Ethiopia, France, Germany, Spain, Italy, Poland, Switzerland, Greece, Russia, Ukraine, Norway, Denmark, Finland, US, Canada, Argentina, Colombia, Turkey, Lebanon, Palestine, Iran, Afghanistan, Algeria and Egypt.

Writers Of The World

Look out for our special Writers Of The World series, bringing you the most exciting new fiction and poetry from other lands. At the heart of the Book Festival is our passion for discovery. As part of our commitment to introduce new names and broaden horizons, these events are at the special low ticket price of £5 – as are our first fiction and other events in the Writers’ Retreat – allowing you to explore and discover the new.

Story Shop

Celebrating the short story and its compact beauty, there will be free readings of ‘micro stories’ at the Edinburgh UNESCO City of Literature information desk in the Bookshop, every day from Saturday 11 to Sunday 19 August at 4pm. Drop by and hear a short reading from some of Edinburgh’s finest authors, and find out more about Scotland’s literature. For more information visit www.edbookfest.co.uk or www.cityofliterature.com or just check the screen in the entrance tent each day.



who's on

Alan Bennett
 Margaret Atwood
 Ian McEwan
 Joyce Carol Oates
 Andrew Marr
 Richard Ford
 John Pilger
 Niall Ferguson
 Charles Spencer
 Fay Weldon
 Paddy Ashdown
 Richard Dawkins
 Jeremy Paxman
 Tony Harrison
 Blake Morrison
 Ben Okri
 Michael Frayn
 Claire Tomalin
 Clive James
 Graham Swift
 Pat Barker
 Ian Rankin
 Joanne Harris
 William McIlvanney
 Sebastian Faulks
 Iain Banks
 Alexander McCall Smith
 James Kelman
 William Gibson
 Kate Atkinson
 Billy Bragg
 Lynne Truss
 Douglas Hurd
 Michael Wood
 ...and over 600 more

 And in the autumn:
 Michael Ondaatje



Edinburgh is the world's first City of Literature – a unique, permanent designation conferred by UNESCO in recognition of the Scottish capital's rich literary past, dynamic present and aspirations for the future. As the late Dame Muriel Spark said on her special visit to the Book Festival in 2004: 'Edinburgh is a city of books and learning, open to all knowledge. The stones speak.'

From Robert Louis Stevenson and Walter Scott to Ian Rankin and J K Rowling, Edinburgh is a writers' city and a readers' city. We are now encouraging other cities elsewhere in the world to join us in celebrating their own literary identity. The Book Festival is proud to be a central part of Edinburgh UNESCO City of Literature; and to proclaim at all times the profound importance of words, ideas and literature to Scotland, its connections with the world and its future. Please visit the City Of Literature information desk in the Bookshop, from Saturday 11 August to Sunday 19 August, from 11.00am to 4.00pm. Or visit www.cityofliterature.com

a taste of our major 2007 themes

Slavery Stories

In this 200th anniversary of the abolition of the Atlantic slave trade, we remember that inhumanity, hear forgotten stories and look at new forms of slavery today.

Focus on India

This is a resonant year for India: the 60th anniversary of independence, the 150th anniversary of the Mutiny. We have the finest writers on and from the subcontinent.

Focus on China

An in-depth look at the extraordinary economic and cultural transformation of the planet's most populous country and the likely effects on the rest of the world.

War and the Media

Leading foreign correspondents speak of the horror and adrenalin rush of the front line and the fast-changing relationship of media, new technology and war.

The Open University Environment Series

As the world wakes up to the perils of climate change, water wars, the end of oil and more, we bring you the leading writers and thinkers on the environment.

Nations Unlimited

Our acclaimed and popular series looking at nation states in the twenty-first century, how they behave and why, and the future world order. In this 300th anniversary year, we have a special focus on the Union between Scotland and England – made all the more important by this year's historic Scottish election.

East and West

Our annual in-depth examination of relations between the Islamic world and the West. This year, a special emphasis on British Muslims.

Genes and Society

From stem cells and DNA testing, to what really composes our identity, we explore the new ethical challenges posed by the rapid advances in genomics and medical science.

Business Matters

Some of the most creative thinkers, offering advice and insight for business and for leading richer personal lives too.

Matters of the Mind

The return of our hugely popular philosophy and psychology series.

The Writing Business and Writing Workshops

A greatly expanded series of workshops offering help and advice on writing for adults and for children. Also, our daily Writing Business series giving pragmatic insight into many aspects of publishing and books.

Writers of the World

Discover brand new names from other cultures and languages. See opposite page for more details.

We have Britain and the world's leading writers in **Meet The Author**, the best novelists in **Fine Fiction**, thinkers on globalisation in **Global World**, biographies and memoir in **Lived Lives** and so much more: **science, poetry, crime, food, history, music, travel, literature and culture, family matters, comedy** and more.

Watch the website for updates

Changes and exciting new events are added to the programme after the brochure is printed. Keep checking our website for the latest news, or we can update you via email – just join our e-mailing list: www.edbookfest.co.uk

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Saturday 11 August 2007

Candia McWilliam

WAKE UP TO WORDS

Highland Park Spiegeltent

10.15am

This year's Edinburgh International Book Festival opens with one of the most beguiling artists of language and emotion to have emerged from Scotland. In her insight, generosity of spirit and profound commitment to the transforming power of literature, perhaps no writer captures the spirit of the Book Festival more. Join her for a perfect beginning.

Free coffee and pastries. Sponsored by Green Mountain Coffee Roasters

£7.00 £5.00

Hamida Ghafour

EAST AND WEST

Peppers Theatre

11.00am

Afghanistan has endured the Soviet invasion, the Taliban and now dangerous challenges to its reconstruction and future – an ancient land which is a crucible of the East-West divide. Young Canadian-Afghan journalist Hamida Ghafour returns, in *The Sleeping Buddha*, to the place of her birth and childhood and offers fascinating insight into ordinary people and ideologies.

£7.00 £5.00

How to Write Non-Fiction

WRITING WORKSHOP

Writers' Retreat

11.00am – 12.30pm

Chocolate, Mummies and Worms. Acclaimed and prolific children's author **Vivian French** starts our hugely popular series of workshops with a hands-on session on writing bestselling non-fiction for children of all ages. (Maximum 20 places).

£10.00 £8.00

William Dalrymple

BSL

FOCUS ON INDIA

RBS Main Theatre

11.30am

On our opening morning, we welcome one of the most internationally acclaimed of Scottish writers to kick off one of our major themes of 2007: a special focus on India in a momentous year, marking the 60th anniversary of independence and the 150th of the Mutiny. No writer unearths and evokes Indian history with the clarity and insight of award-winning William Dalrymple, who brilliantly illuminates the events and impact of the siege of Delhi.

£7.00 £5.00

Tariq Ramadan

EAST AND WEST

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

12 noon

One of the most influential commentators on Islam in the West, and on Muslims in modern Europe, Tariq Ramadan now returns to the Prophet himself. *The Messenger* is a highly enlightening study which reveals much about Muhammad and asks how Muslims can re-engage meaningfully with the spiritual and ethical riches of Islam.

£7.00 £5.00

Natsuo Kirino

WRITERS OF THE WORLD

Peppers Theatre

12.30pm

A rare opportunity to meet one of Japan's leading writers, brought to the UK specially by and for the Book Festival. Natsuo Kirino transcends genre, having won Japan's leading mystery and literary prizes.

In *Grotesque*, set in Tokyo, she chillingly explores the female psyche and the extreme need to succeed in a bewildering modern world.

Supported by the Japan Foundation

£7.00 £5.00

Paddy Ashdown

THE TIMES EVENT

RBS Main Theatre

1.30pm

A highly important talk by Lord Ashdown, former soldier and leader of the Liberal Democrats, on building peace in the twenty-first century. From his extensive experience he analyses in *Swords and Ploughshares* how conflicts generated by failed states must not be allowed to escalate into full scale wars – using American strategy in Iraq as an example of how not to do it.

£7.00 £5.00

Poetry as a Process

WRITING WORKSHOP

Writers' Retreat

2.00pm – 3.30pm

Little Broken Songs. Forget that long, long wait for inspiration. This workshop will look at ways of stimulating the imagination then translating this into a finished piece of verse. A must for the experienced and novices alike. With **John Glenday**, whose two collections *The Apple Ghost* and *Undark*, are critically acclaimed. (Maximum 20 places).

In association with Arvon tutors at Moniack Mhor Writers' Centre

£10.00 £8.00

Elif Shafak & Joan Smith

EAST AND WEST

Peppers Theatre

2.30pm

Prosecuted in Istanbul for 'public denigration of Turkishness' – the same charge laid against Orhan Pamuk – Elif Shafak's 'crime' was to have a fictional character refer to the alleged Armenian genocide of 1915. At trial, she was acquitted. Meet the cosmopolitan author who sheds unique light on the complexities of Turkey's past and present. She is joined by leading writer and campaigner for freedom of expression Joan Smith, whose new novel looks at the equally complex situation in Lebanon.

£7.00 £5.00

Alan Bennett

MEET THE AUTHOR

RBS Main Theatre

3.00pm

We are overjoyed to welcome one of the best-loved writers in Britain for the first Meet The Author event of the 2007 Book Festival. All of Alan Bennett's humour and humanity are beautifully contained in his latest sublime fiction, *The Uncommon Reader*, in which the Queen discovers literature with some unexpected results.

£7.00 £5.00

Harry G Gelber & Mark Leonard

FOCUS ON CHINA

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

3.30pm

China dominates the world agenda more and more, with its explosive economic growth. Opening our 2007 examination of this far-reaching phenomenon are two leading commentators. Mark Leonard, one of the most brilliant young analysts of the age, asks *What Does China Think?*; Harry G Gelber gives a compelling narrative of China's relations with the rest of the world over the last three millennia.

£7.00 £5.00

Yasmina Khadra

EAST AND WEST

Peppers Theatre

4.00pm

A former Algerian army commanding officer, who adopted a female pen name to escape military censorship, Mohammed Moulessehoul found international literary success as Yasmina Khadra, with *Swallows of Kabul* among others. His latest novel *The Attack*, set in Tel Aviv, brings his unique perspective to bear on terrorism and the motivations of a female suicide bomber.

£7.00 £5.00

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Saturday 11 August 2007

Raj Persaud

THE RITCHIE NEILL EVENT

RBS Main Theatre

4.30pm

One of the Book Festival's favourite guests returns with the book we've been waiting for: *Simply Irresistible: The Psychology of Seduction*. As one of Britain's leading psychiatrists, much sought after in the media, Raj Persaud uses the latest research to explain – and possibly even teach – the science of attraction.

£7.00 £5.00

How to Get Published

THE WRITING BUSINESS

Writers' Retreat

4.30pm

To open our hugely popular Writing Business series, bringing you practical and insider knowledge about aspects of publishing and writing, an expert panel gives some hints on how to get your work published. Join award-winning author **Nicola Morgan**, agent **Jenny Brown** and publisher **Bob McDevitt**.

Supported by The Society of Authors

£5.00 £3.00

Jackie Kay

POETRY

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

5.00pm

An hour in Jackie Kay's company is purest bliss. Award-winning story writer and poet, broadcaster and playwright, her warmth and generosity of spirit permeate her appearances. Hear poetry, stories and something of her work on the resonant anniversary of the abolition of slavery. Chaired by **Janice Forsyth** of BBC Radio Scotland's The Radio Café

£7.00 £5.00

Amnesty International Imprisoned Writers Series

WRITERS IN PRISON

Peppers Theatre

5.30pm – 6.15pm

Our daily free readings in solidarity with writers facing persecution for their thoughts and words. Today: We open this series with the work of writers currently in prison in Syria, Cuba and China. Among those appearing: **Mark Leonard**.

Free: Tickets available from the Box Office on the day of the event

Rawi Hage & Nada Awar Jarrar

WRITERS OF THE WORLD

Writers' Retreat

6.00pm

Our new Writers Of The World series, bringing the most exciting novelists and poets as yet too little known in the UK, continues with a compelling double bill illuminating the human stories of the 1980s Lebanese civil war. Rawi Hage now lives in Québec; his stunning first novel *De Niro's Game*, set in his native Beirut, has taken Canada by storm. Nada Awar Jarrar visits specially from Lebanon with the intensely moving *Dreams Of Water*, about a brother's disappearance.

£5.00 £3.00

Philip Gourevitch & Will Self

THE ISLE OF JURA EVENT

RBS Main Theatre

6.30pm

In 1946 Orwell retreated to the Isle of Jura to write the enduring classic *Nineteen Eighty-Four*. Following in his footsteps, novelist Will Self, and acclaimed writer and editor of the Paris Review, Philip Gourevitch, have spent time on the island as part of the Isle of Jura Writer Retreat programme. Join them as they reflect on their island experience, Orwell's continuing relevance and legacy, and the significance of reportage and dystopian writing in today's world.

In association with Scottish Book Trust

£8.00 £6.00

Rosie Boycott

NATURE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

7.00pm

One of Britain's leading journalists and broadcasters tells the story of a year in the life of her smallholding – compassionate, witty human tales of a farm and a community, and of learning the hard way how to be self-sufficient. Chaired by **Ruth Wishart**.

£8.00 £6.00

Michael Longley

POETRY

Peppers Theatre

7.00pm

Rightly described as 'one of the finest lyric poets of our time', Michael Longley is a towering figure in modern poetry, having won every award from the T S Eliot Prize to the Queen's Gold Medal for Poetry. His Northern Irish voice is beautifully and richly displayed in the essential *Collected Poems*, which we celebrate today.

£8.00 £6.00

Naim Araidi, Seyhan Erozelik, Fatma Naoot & Amir Or

WRITERS OF THE WORLD

Writers' Retreat

7.30pm

A unique chance to meet four leading and influential poets of Middle Eastern provenance: Naim Araidi (Arab-Israeli), Seyhan Erozelik (Turkish), Fatma Naoot (Egyptian) and Amir Or (Israeli). Come and hear these literary voices revealing the mosaic of contemporary cultural identity in the Middle East.

In association with Literature Across Frontiers and the Scottish Poetry Library

£5.00 £3.00

Michael Wood

FOCUS ON INDIA

RBS Main Theatre

8.00pm

Our celebration of the 60th anniversary of Indian independence continues with Michael Wood. The acclaimed historian and television presenter brings all his knowledge, enthusiasm and flair to bear, as he embarks on an epic journey through the extraordinary geography and history of the endlessly fascinating subcontinent.

£8.00 £6.00

Edmund White

INTERNATIONAL FICTION

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

8.30pm

We are delighted to welcome back to the Book Festival one of America's great writers. Today we launch his magnificent new novel, *Hotel de Dream*, a tender and atmospheric portrait of the last days of the American writer Stephen Crane, who found inspiration among the poor on the streets, and who died of TB in 1900 aged only twenty-eight.

£8.00 £6.00

Douglas Galbraith & Panos Karnezis

FINE FICTION

Peppers Theatre

8.30pm

Two superb novelists with powerful and involving accounts of tycoons. Panos Karnezis has written of his native Greece and of Anatolia; his new novel *The Birthday Party* crosses continents as it chronicles a father's rise to wealth and power. Acclaimed Scottish author Douglas Galbraith uncovers the startling tale of billionaire industrialist Henry Ford's doomed First World War peace mission to Europe.

£8.00 £6.00

Latecomers will not be admitted after the start of events and no refunds will be given.
Events are 1 hour long unless otherwise stated and all take place in Charlotte Square Gardens.

See today's children's events on page 40

Sunday 12 August 2007

Nick Laird & Daljit Nagra

WAKE UP TO WORDS

Highland Park Spiegeltent

10.15am

Start Sunday morning with two of the most gifted young poets to have emerged in recent years. Nick Laird, born in County Tyrone, is a major and significant new voice: we are delighted and privileged to launch his second collection *On Purpose*. Daljit Nagra's *Look We Have Coming To Dover!* brilliantly explores British-Asian experience in our multicultural land.

Free coffee and pastries. Sponsored by Green Mountain Coffee Roasters

£7.00 £5.00

Lewis Alsamari & Marina Nemat

EAST AND WEST

Peppers Theatre

11.00am

Two extraordinary personal accounts of escape to the West from Iraq and Iran. Lewis Alsamari fled conscription into Saddam's elite forces, survived being shot, a gruelling desert trek, and a desperate attempt to release his family from Abu Ghraib. Now an actor, he starred in *United 93* about the 9/11 attacks. Marina Nemat, an Iranian Christian, was sentenced to death by the Revolutionary Guard aged sixteen and was saved by her jailer in return for a secret marriage. Powerful and humbling tales of the human spirit fighting back against fanaticism.

£7.00 £5.00

Writing History

WRITING WORKSHOP

Writers' Retreat

11.00am – 12.30pm

Prolific and experienced historical author **Angus Konstam** will outline the practical tools and techniques required for the successful writing of historical non-fiction. For published and aspiring historians. (Maximum 20 places).

£10.00 £8.00

Joyce Carol Oates

BSL

MEET THE AUTHOR

RBS Main Theatre

11.30am

We are overjoyed to welcome Joyce Carol Oates, one of America's most admired and respected novelists. Consistently cited as a strong contender for the Nobel Prize, her work has ranged widely and deeply for over four decades. Her bold new novel, *Black Girl / White Girl*, examines issues of race in the US in the troubled years after the Vietnam War.

£7.00 £5.00

Jacqueline van Maarsen

JEWS IN THE WORLD

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

12 noon

Come and meet Anne Frank's best friend. Jacqueline van Maarsen – who had been declared Jewish even though her mother was a French Catholic – went to school with the young Anne in Amsterdam. Hear the remarkable tale of how she escaped her friend's tragic fate and her enduring lessons on the evil of discrimination.

£7.00 £5.00

John Walsh

FINE FICTION

Peppers Theatre

12.30pm

Leading journalist, presenter and larger-than-life literary figure, John Walsh pours all his prodigious energy, intelligence and humour into his new novel *Sunday At The Cross Bones* – a vivid picture of 1930s London, in which moral decay and prostitution flourish, stoutly resisted by the Rector of Stiffkey; a real-life figure brilliantly re-imagined.

£7.00 £5.00

Writing for Older Children and Teenagers

WRITING WORKSHOP

Writers' Retreat

2.00pm – 3.30pm

A rewarding, wide-ranging and complex market. **Nicola Morgan**, award-winning author and accomplished speaker, leads you round the pitfalls, gives a deep insight into the minds and needs of these readers, and offers practical and thought-provoking advice. (Maximum 20 places).

£10.00 £8.00

Sarfraz Manzoor

LIVED LIVES

Peppers Theatre

2.30pm

A Pakistani Muslim arriving in Britain aged three, Sarfraz Manzoor fills his affectionate and illuminating memoir with the perceptions of a boy who didn't quite belong – until music entered his life. *Greetings From Bury Park: Race, Religion and Rock 'n' Roll* charts a changing multicultural Britain and the transformational power of Bruce Springsteen. Chaired by **Ruth Wishart**.

£7.00 £5.00

Raj Persaud

MATTERS OF THE MIND

RBS Main Theatre

3.00pm

The leading psychiatrist who understands our most hidden motives cross-examines our surprise guest in this 'in the psychiatrist's chair' session. One of the most revealing interviews of the summer!

£7.00 £5.00

Saul David

FOCUS ON INDIA

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

3.30pm

Our Indian anniversary series continues with one of the most insightful and engaging of our leading historians, Book Festival favourite Saul David. He returns to the bloody days of the Delhi mutiny, illuminating those heroic and tragic times and their lasting repercussions.

£7.00 £5.00

Nicholas Ostler

LITERATURE AND CULTURE

Peppers Theatre

4.00pm

The story of Latin is the story of Western culture. How did the dialect of a small Italian city state come to underpin our European identity, law, religion, science, education and more? *Ad Infinitum* is Nicholas Ostler's fascinating 'biography' of the most important language of them all, whose influence is still all around us.

£7.00 £5.00

Norman Mailer live from the USA with Andrew O'Hagan

MEET THE AUTHOR

RBS Main Theatre

4.30pm

An extraordinary event in every way – Norman Mailer speaking and signing books live from America. One of the finest Scottish and UK writers, Andrew O'Hagan, will interview the titan of American letters about his prodigious career, via video link. A limited number of books will then be signed using the remarkable LongPen, invented by Margaret Atwood, which allows the author to sign no matter the distance. History in the making.

£7.00 £5.00

How to Write for the Educational Market

THE WRITING BUSINESS

Writers' Retreat

4.30pm

Learn about the many opportunities and skills in writing primary school textbooks with highly experienced and successful children's author **Linda Strachan**.

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£5.00 £3.00

Sunday 12 August 2007

David Flusfeder & Will Self

FINE FICTION

ScottishPower Studio Theatre 5.00pm
An unmissable double bill. Will Self is a great champion of the fiction of American David Flusfeder, whose remarkable new novel *The Pagan House* spans the founding of a Utopian nineteenth century sect and a confused young contemporary adolescent. Self's own most recent novel, *The Book of Dave*, is a powerful satire on extremism.
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OUR DISAPPEARING WORLD

Peppers Theatre 5.30pm – 6.15pm
Our daily free readings in solidarity with writers facing persecution for their thoughts and words. Today: As writers speak out about the destruction of their environment, they face determined opposition from governments and multinational corporations. Among those appearing: **Marina Nemat**.
Free: Tickets available from the Box Office on the day of the event

Dayo Forster & Dinaw Mengestu

WRITERS OF THE WORLD

Writers' Retreat 6.00pm
Two compelling African debuts in our groundbreaking Writers Of The World series. Dayo Forster brilliantly and stylishly evokes Gambia and the modern African experience through the eyes of an eighteen year old girl. Dinaw Mengestu brings his native Ethiopia and its revolution into sharp focus through the reflective perspective of an American immigrant.
£5.00 £3.00

Philip Gourevitch

LITERATURE AND CULTURE

ScottishPower Studio Theatre 7.00pm
The Paris Review is one of the great iconic literary publications, with in-depth interviews with the world's great writers. Hear from its esteemed current editor Philip Gourevitch, whose *We wish to inform you that tomorrow we will be killed with our families* won huge acclaim for its coverage of the 1994 Rwandan massacres.
£8.00 £6.00

Rachel Seiffert & Erica Wagner

FINE FICTION

Peppers Theatre 7.00pm
Utterly involving and seductive fiction from two of the most important talents to have emerged in the last few years. Booker-shortlisted, Rachel Seiffert confirms all her promise with the morally complex and understated *Afterwards* about a young couple's burden of secrets. Erica Wagner, literary editor of The Times, creates a haunting tale of family, loss, longing and incest in *Seizure*.
£8.00 £6.00

Union Debate

NATIONS UNLIMITED: THE UNION

Highland Park Spiegeltent 7.30pm – 8.45pm
The 300th anniversary of the Union of Scotland and England has provoked much debate and discussion this year, not just about the past but also about where Scotland's future lies, not least because of this year's historic election. Join three of the leading historians and commentators **Michael Fry, Paul Scott** and **Christopher Whatley**, with very different positions on the significance and desirability of the Union. Have your own say!
£8.00 £6.00

Rikardo Arregi, Bernardo Atxaga & Miren Agur Meabe

WRITERS OF THE WORLD

Writers' Retreat 7.30pm
A rare and important literary treat: the finest contemporary Basque writing for the first time at the Book Festival. Bernardo Atxaga, leading European novelist, poet and songwriter is the figurehead of Basque culture; he is joined by major fellow writers for us to experience both Basque poetry and song.
In association with Literature Across Frontiers and Arc Publications
£5.00 £3.00

Nations Unlimited

THE RSA LECTURES

RBS Main Theatre 8.00pm
Our RSA series of lectures have become a much anticipated event in the Book Festival calendar. This opening lecture explores further the concept of nations and what they mean in the twenty-first century. Join us for a fascinating and essential insight into a globally important subject. Please check our website for details of who will deliver our first RSA lecture of 2007.
£8.00 £6.00

Andrew O'Hagan

THE LONDON REVIEW OF BOOKS EVENT

ScottishPower Studio Theatre 8.30pm
One of the brightest and most gifted of writers of his generation, Andrew O'Hagan writes captivantly of faith, love, loneliness, class and his native Scotland in his latest hugely admired novel *Be Near Me*, the tale of a troubled priest. Join him for powerful prose and uncanny perception.
£8.00 £6.00

Oliver August & Guy Delisle

FOCUS ON CHINA

Peppers Theatre 8.30pm
Our Chinese series continues with two extraordinary travelogues. Oliver August, former China correspondent of The Times, sets off in search of China's most wanted man; an atmospheric and revealing investigation. Québécois Guy Delisle has created a brilliant graphic novel about his travels to the booming yet closed city of Shenzhen.
£8.00 £6.00

Spiegelbar

Highland Park Spiegeltent from 9.00pm
Come and relax and listen to live music.
Sponsored by Highland Park
Free – open to all

Monday 13 August 2007

Andrew Greig, Sophie Hannah & Donny O'Rourke

WAKE UP TO WORDS

Highland Park Spiegelent

10.15am

The finest poetry to perk up Monday morning. Saltire winner Andrew Greig writes in many forms but today we celebrate his superb poems; hugely talented fellow Scot Donny O'Rourke reads from his newest collection; and Sophie Hannah – whose novels are featured later in the day – is also a bestselling poet and leading voice of her generation.

Free coffee and pastries. Sponsored by Green Mountain Coffee Roasters

£7.00 £5.00

Norman Davies

NATIONS UNLIMITED

Peppers Theatre

11.00am

One of the most eminent of living historians, some of Norman Davies's seminal work is collected in *Europe East and West*, showing how Western European thinking underestimates the centrality and importance of Eastern European experience. New insight and startlingly fresh perspectives on our recent collective history.

£7.00 £5.00

Graham Swift

BSL

MEET THE AUTHOR

RBS Main Theatre

11.30am

A new novel from Booker winner Graham Swift is a cause for rejoicing. One of the most sensitive and intelligent of British novelists, in *Tomorrow* he illuminates the fears and hopes of a family's life on one night before the millennium – a moving exploration of the mystery of happiness. Come and meet a master.

Supported by The Hawthornden Literary Retreat

£7.00 £5.00

Katrin Himmler

LIVED LIVES

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

12 noon

What happens when you discover your great-uncle Heinrich was head of the SS and chief perpetrator of the Holocaust? Katrin Himmler married an Israeli whose family were confined to the ghetto and has a young half-Jewish son. Deciding to confront her family history she carefully explores how a respectable and well-educated family member came to perpetrate some of the worst crimes against humanity.

£7.00 £5.00

Brenda Almond

FAMILY AND SOCIETY

Peppers Theatre

12.30pm

Does it matter that the traditional family is fragmenting? Professor Brenda Almond, distinguished philosopher and adviser on ethics, argues that contrary to the prevailing liberal consensus, it does: that unless the role of the family is reconsidered, serious social problems will accumulate. Compassionate and controversial.

£7.00 £5.00

Norman Lebrecht

MUSIC AND SOCIETY

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

2.00pm

Exhilaratingly polemical, always controversial, leading music critic Norman Lebrecht takes no prisoners. In *Maestros*, *Masterpieces* and *Madness* he journeys through the life (and, he argues, death) of the classical recording industry which in the twentieth century made the riches of music available to the masses for the first time. Chaired by Sheena Macdonald.

Supported by The Bacher Trust

£7.00 £5.00

Writing Children's Characters

WRITING WORKSHOP

Writers' Retreat

2.00pm – 3.30pm

Learn how to make your characters live and breathe – creating believable and interesting characters for children's stories. With **Linda Strachan**, creator of Hamish McHaggis amongst others. (Maximum 20 places).

£10.00 £8.00

Tina Cassidy

FAMILY AND SOCIETY

Peppers Theatre

2.30pm

Childbirth is one of the most universal and fundamental experiences. Boston journalist Tina Cassidy gives a remarkable, sometimes shocking, sometimes inspiring, essential overview of the attitudes to birth through the ages; techniques, hopes, fears – the foundation of life.

£7.00 £5.00

Terry Eagleton

LITERATURE AND CULTURE

RBS Main Theatre

3.00pm

One of the liveliest and most important cultural critics and literary theorists in Britain, Terry Eagleton asks the big question – what is the meaning of life? – and searches philosophy and literature for the solutions. Witty, stimulating, erudite, accessible – and he even provides his own surprising answer.

£7.00 £5.00

Claire MacDonald

THE GREEN MOUNTAIN COFFEE ROASTERS EVENT

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

3.30pm

Lady Claire MacDonald is rightly one of the best-loved chefs and food writers in the land. In this special event she brings all her skill and joie de vivre to *Celebrations*, special food for special milestones in our lives.

£7.00 £5.00

Lesley Glaister & Sophie Hannah

FINE FICTION

Peppers Theatre

4.00pm

Sophisticated and chilling, here are two expert exponents of the literary thriller. Award-winning poet Sophie Hannah has had huge success with her novels, taut plots with acute psychological insight. Lesley Glaister's beautifully written latest, *Nina Todd Has Gone*, explores stalking and dark secrets.

£7.00 £5.00

Craig Raine

LIVED LIVES

RBS Main Theatre

4.30pm

One of the most startlingly brilliant young poets of the late twentieth century, Craig Raine has become a central and highly distinguished figure in British literature – playwright, librettist, editor, critic, lecturer. His recent superb work on T S Eliot opens up this supposedly 'difficult' poet as never before – a talk for all lovers of literature.

£7.00 £5.00

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Monday 13 August 2007

Life Writing

THE WRITING BUSINESS

Writers' Retreat

4.30pm

Everyone has a story to tell, but how do you turn it into something worth reading? **Jennie Erdal**, author of *Ghosting: A Double Life*, takes a look at life writing – distilling memories and secrets into the written word, while avoiding the pitfalls.

Supported by *The Society of Authors*

£5.00 £3.00

Amnesty International Imprisoned Writers Series

TIBET

Peppers Theatre

5.30pm – 6.15pm

Our daily free readings in solidarity with writers facing persecution for their thoughts and words. Today: Those who oppose the Chinese occupation of Tibet mostly live in exile. Their prose, poetry and blogs are the subject of this session. Among those appearing: **Tina Cassidy**.

Free: Tickets available from the Box Office on the day of the event

Gillian Galbraith & Frank Muir

FIRST FICTION: CRIME

Writers' Retreat

6.00pm

We are delighted to introduce two brand new voices in the vibrant Scottish crime writing scene. Glaswegian Frank Muir sets his hardbitten, gruesome *Eye For An Eye* in the douce streets of St Andrews. Edinburgh lawyer Gillian Galbraith sets her new Alice Rice series in the capital and has already drawn praise from Alexander McCall Smith.

£5.00 £3.00

Alexander McCall Smith

THE RITCHIE NEILL EVENT

RBS Main Theatre

6.30pm

The charm, goodness and global appeal of the *No.1 Ladies Detective Agency* grow and grow. Alexander McCall Smith is an international publishing phenomenon, for this and his other acutely observed series set in Edinburgh itself. An hour in his company is an hour of utter delight, usually with one or two surprises...

£8.00 £6.00

Laura Hird

LIVED LIVES

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

7.00pm

One of Scotland's most prominent young writers, famed for her gritty, blackly comic fiction, Laura Hird now brings us an immensely tender and touching memoir of her late mother. Revealing the feisty, passionate letters her mother wrote after Laura first left home, this is an incredibly moving account of grief and unconditional love.

£8.00 £6.00

Duncan Glen, Alexander Hutchison & Tessa Ransford

POETRY

Peppers Theatre

7.00pm

Three writers who have done much to underpin and support the thriving Scottish poetry scene. Tessa Ransford is founder of the Scottish Poetry Library and tireless champion of poetry itself. Saltire-shortlisted Duncan Glen has published the work of many others. Together with Alexander Hutchison, tonight they read their own work.

£8.00 £6.00

The Stem Cell Challenge

GENES AND SOCIETY

Highland Park Spiegeltent

7.30pm – 8.45pm

The swiftly evolving technology of stem cell research provides both hope and concern. Soon incurable diseases may be treatable; but what of the ethics of it all, the harvesting of the cells and the implications? Join leading philosopher **Brenda Almond**, a member of the Human Genetic Commission, and **John Evans**, visiting US thinker and academic in this field. Hear the evidence, have your say.

Supported by the *ESRC Genomics Policy and Research Forum*

£8.00 £6.00

Eugenio Fuentes, José Luis de Juan & Rafael Reig

WRITERS OF THE WORLD

Writers' Retreat

7.30pm

Come and discover the finest contemporary Spanish writing with this superb trio. All play beautifully with crime and detective genres, murder at the heart of prize-winning literary fiction of exhilarating vigour and intelligence.

£5.00 £3.00

Quintin Jardine

THE FACULTY OF ADVOCATES EVENT

RBS Main Theatre

8.00pm

Perennially popular, Quintin Jardine's perfectly plotted DC Bob Skinner novels go from strength to strength. In the latest, *Death's Door*, Skinner is pitted against a devious killer and a grieving millionaire father who may not be all he seems. Come and enjoy insights into this highly charged, fast-paced fiction – but book quickly!

£8.00 £6.00

John Purser

MUSIC AND SOCIETY

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

8.30pm

Scotland's Music is a seminal BBC series, the first ever account of the history of our music and musicians from prehistory to the present. Many years in the making, the book is now expanded into the definitive essential volume. Meet the creator of this labour of love, John Purser, broadcaster, writer and himself a leading composer.

£8.00 £6.00

Josie Dew

TRAVEL

Peppers Theatre

8.30pm

Perhaps no one is as passionate about cycling to see the world as Josie Dew. To date she and her bike have travelled 280,000 miles across forty-three countries. Her latest adventure *Long Cloud Ride* takes her all over New Zealand, nine months of cycling through an astounding landscape and the wettest, stormiest year on record.

£8.00 £6.00

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Basil Pao

FOCUS ON CHINA

RBS Main Theatre

10.00am

The internationally celebrated Hong Kong photographer and writer (who has worked extensively with Michael Palin) embarks on a jaw-dropping visual journey of all the provinces of China – a breathtaking and revealing record of an ancient country and its people on the brink of unimaginable change.

Supported by The Morton Charitable Trust

£7.00 £5.00

Justin Cartwright

WAKE UP TO WORDS

Highland Park Spiegeltent

10.15am

A master novelist, South African-born Justin Cartwright creates fiction of outstanding quality and insight. He has been shortlisted for the Booker and the Whitbread, and won the Hawthornden Prize. His latest novel *The Song Before It Is Sung* tells of the execution of Hitler's would-be assassins and the lasting impact down the generations.

Free coffee and pastries. Sponsored by Green Mountain Coffee Roasters

£7.00 £5.00

Rahila Gupta, Don Jordan & Michael Walsh

SLAVERY STORIES

Peppers Theatre

11.00am

The Book Festival is marking the 200th anniversary of the abolition of slavery: forgotten stories still urgently need to be told. Campaigning journalist Rahila Gupta reveals modern-day slavery in Britain – trafficked sex workers, illegal domestic and farm labourers, abused and exploited. Don Jordan and Michael Walsh examine the plight of white Britons sold into appalling slavery for nearly two centuries.

£7.00 £5.00

Margaret Atwood



MEET THE AUTHOR

RBS Main Theatre

11.30am

One of the greatest living world writers, recipient of our special Edinburgh International Book Festival Enlightenment Award, Margaret Atwood is one of our most loved visitors. Her extraordinary intelligence and wit light up her appearances. Tickets go like wildfire – book now.

£7.00 £5.00

Hermione Lee

LIVED LIVES

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

12 noon

One of Britain's most distinguished biographers brings all her perception and insight to bear on the great American novelist Edith Wharton, whose *House of Mirth* and *Age of Innocence* have become much-loved films. Hermione Lee reveals her as a startlingly modern figure with a fierce understanding of women's lives and longings.

£7.00 £5.00

Eva Joly & Monica Waitzfelder

LAW AND SOCIETY

Peppers Theatre

12.30pm

Two powerful personal accounts of strong women fighting the abuse of justice by large European corporations. Norwegian-born Eva Joly, one of France's leading judges, endured repeated death threats while prosecuting oil giant Elf Aquitaine for massive corruption. Monica Waitzfelder tells how cosmetics company L'Oreal has refused to return the family home it took over after her Jewish family fled Nazi persecution.

£7.00 £5.00

Anthony Holden

POPULAR CULTURE

RBS Main Theatre

1.30pm

Poker exerts a powerful hold – it has over seventy-five million regular players, four million in Britain alone. Anthony Holden, distinguished music critic and poker aficionado, returns to Las Vegas in the age of cyber poker and serious stakes, celebrities and vast tournaments. A colourful and compelling guide to a growing world. Chaired by Magnus Linklater.

£7.00 £5.00

Nick Cohen

POLITICS AND SOCIETY

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

2.00pm

A satirical and polemical investigation of some of the lazier and crazier notions of today's left-wing establishment, from a leading journalist who has belonged to the heart of it. In *What's Left?* Nick Cohen, impeccably liberal in his background, demands to know what the left really wants and believes in these confused times. Chaired by Iain Macwhirter.

£7.00 £5.00

Ghost Writing

WRITING WORKSHOP

Writers' Retreat

2.00pm – 3.30pm

What are the positives and negatives of ghost writing? How to get started? Jennie Erdal, author of *Ghosting*, examines the hidden world of the ghost-writer, and what it takes to be one. (Maximum 20 places).

£10.00 £8.00

Iqbal Ahmed

EAST AND WEST

Peppers Theatre

2.30pm

A gently illuminating perspective on our land – Britain as seen through the fresh eyes of Kashmiri Iqbal Ahmed. In *Empire of the Mind*, he journeys through Scotland and England, revealing much about our country, its culture, its people and the immigrant experience. Tender and poignant.

£7.00 £5.00

Doris Lessing

MEET THE AUTHOR

RBS Main Theatre

3.00pm

The utterly remarkable Doris Lessing returns, the originality of her imagination burning more brightly than ever. Her latest novel *The Cleft* imagines a mythical society free of men, females always giving birth to females – until a boy is born. Come and talk gender, politics and literature with one of our greatest writers.

£7.00 £5.00

James Walvin

SLAVERY STORIES

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

3.30pm

Continuing our series on the abolition of slavery, James Walvin brilliantly uncovers three parallel lives, illuminating the shocking reality from different, powerful perspectives: Thomas Thistlewood, a plantation owner in Jamaica; John Newton, the slave trader turned abolitionist who wrote *Amazing Grace*; and Olaudah Equino, a literate slave who became a key figure in the fight for abolition.

£7.00 £5.00

Michael Schmidt

LITERATURE AND CULTURE

Peppers Theatre

4.00pm

A one-man celebration of poetry, Michael Schmidt is publisher, professor (now at Glasgow) and brilliant narrator of the place of poetry through the ages. His indispensable *The Story of Poetry* has reached Volume 3 – *From Pope to Burns*. He has also chosen the best poets of our own times. Essential and invigorating.

£7.00 £5.00

The Truth About Food

FOOD AND SOCIETY

RBS Main Theatre

4.30pm

Three illuminating perspectives on the world of food – fact and fiction, production, ethics, environmental impact and more. Jill Fullerton-Smith's *The Truth About Food*, like the TV series she presented, clarifies the endlessly confusing information about what we eat. Hattie Ellis examines battery farming in *Planet Chicken*; while James Fergusson's *The Vitamin Murders* shows how science has tricked consumers.

£7.00 £5.00

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Translation

THE WRITING BUSINESS

Writers' Retreat 4.30pm
Ghosts in the machine? Creative writers? Freelancing hacks? Academic-level linguists? Literary translators need to be all these things – and more. Learn about the practicalities and principles from award-winning translator **Anna Paterson** (who also conducts a workshop tomorrow at 2.00pm).
Supported by The Society of Authors
£5.00 £3.00

Dictionary of the Unexplained Quiz

THE CHAMBERS EVENT

ScottishPower Studio Theatre 5.00pm
Our Chambers quiz has become one of the most popular events of the festival – this year we exclusively launch the intriguing *Dictionary of the Unexplained*. Come and join in this *Call My Bluff* session and pit your wits against our panel, including **Muriel Gray** and **Val McDermid**, as they offer real or wildly imaginary definitions of everything from cryptozoology to ufology, from the Loch Ness Monster to the Mary Celeste. Chaired by **Mark Billingham**.
£7.00 £5.00

Amnesty International
Imprisoned Writers Series

PRESS FREEDOM

Peppers Theatre 5.30pm – 6.15pm
Our daily free readings in solidarity with writers facing persecution for their thoughts and words. Today: Journalism is one of the world's riskiest professions. We will hear **Anna Politkovskaya's** last essay. Among those appearing: **Iain Banks**.
Free: Tickets available from the Box Office on the day of the event

Gianrico Carofiglio, Saskia Noort
& Martin Suter

WRITERS OF THE WORLD

Writers' Retreat 6.00pm
An exquisite international line-up of the finest fiction, with crime at its heart. Gianrico Carofiglio, a charismatic anti-mafia prosecuting magistrate as well as leading novelist, was a huge hit at the Book Festival last year. Saskia Noort visits from the Netherlands with her dark and stylish Dutch bestseller *The Dinner Club*; Swiss award-winner Martin Suter does *A Deal with The Devil* in an atmospheric mystery set in an Alpine village.
£5.00 £3.00

Val McDermid & Denise Mina

CRIME

RBS Main Theatre 6.30pm
The double bill from heaven. If Scotland's thriving crime writing scene punches far above its weight, these two outstanding authors illustrate why: formidably intelligent, fantastically witty, and with a deep understanding of dark psychological complexities. Come for some insight and some great conversation too.
£8.00 £6.00

Anna Del Conte

THE VALVONA & CROLLA EVENT

ScottishPower Studio Theatre 7.00pm
An irresistible event for lovers of Italy and lovers of food. Anna Del Conte here shares her passion for the recipes of her homeland and the way they reflect Italian society, history, geography and culture. Hear too about her own life in Italy and London. Chaired by **Mary Contini**.
£8.00 £6.00

Graeme Gibson

NATURE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Peppers Theatre 7.00pm
When Margaret Atwood and her husband Graeme Gibson were last at the Book Festival, we previewed the beautiful and captivating *Beside Book of Birds*, showing the potent place of birds in our culture and collective imaginings. Graeme Gibson is now at work on a book of beasts. Come and share his love of the natural world.
£8.00 £6.00

Freedoms and Fear

GENES AND SOCIETY

RBS Children's Theatre 7.00pm
How would you feel if your DNA profile were on a national database? Would this affect your personal freedom? How could a database of this sort benefit society? Join the Scottish Youth Parliament, human rights lawyer **Piya D Muqit** and **Tom Nelson**, Director of Forensic Services for the Scottish Police Services Authority, for a lively debate, for teens and adults, on a remarkably complex issue.
Supported by the ESRC Genomics Policy and Research Forum
£3.50

Edinburgh a Living City

CULTURE AND HERITAGE

Highland Park Spiegeltent 7.30pm – 8.45pm
Edinburgh is a world famous city, but what are the elements that define its character? Panoramic views, outstanding architecture and a prestigious literary heritage have a part to play, but are there other ingredients? Join **Charles McKean**, **Simon Jenkins** and others to debate the essence and values of Scotland's capital city in an evolving world.
In association with Edinburgh World Heritage
£8.00 £6.00

Thomas Legendre & Alan Pauls

WRITERS OF THE WORLD

Writers' Retreat 7.30pm
Powerful, intoxicating voices from North and South America – tales of men in search of new lives. Argentinian Alan Pauls has taken the Spanish-speaking world by storm with his novel *The Past* – being filmed by Hector Babenco (*Kiss of The Spider Woman*) starring Gael García Bernal. Thomas Legendre, an American living in Edinburgh, has had huge praise for his debut *The Burning*, set in the Arizona desert.
£5.00 £3.00

Iain Banks

THE NAPIER UNIVERSITY EVENT

RBS Main Theatre 8.00pm
Perennially youthful, his imagination ablaze, Iain Banks continues to be one of the most distinctive and popular of all contemporary Scottish novelists. *The Steep Approach To Garbadale* is full of his usual wit and effortless storytelling. Join one of the liveliest minds for some great conversation.
£8.00 £6.00

Whisky Tasting

THE HIGHLAND PARK EVENT

Party Pavilion 8.00pm
A very special tutored whisky tasting with Highland Park, taking you through the different characters of their fine single malts from the Orkney Islands. There will be a very rare opportunity to taste the unique limited edition Rebus20 whisky, to mark the 20th anniversary of the Inspector Rebus novels. **Ian Rankin** will introduce the tasting and explain how and why he chose the whisky.
£8.00 £6.00

Mark Billingham

CRIME

ScottishPower Studio Theatre 8.30pm
Now a top Book Festival favourite, Mark Billingham combines a career as a stand-up comic with that of being Britain's fastest selling crime writer. His brand new book *Death Message* is a chilling portrayal of a murderer with nothing left to lose.
£8.00 £6.00

Sven Lindqvist

TRAVEL

Peppers Theatre 8.30pm
One of Sweden's most original cultural thinkers, Sven Lindqvist's subjects have ranged from a history of bombing to the colonial legacy in the African desert. In *Terra Nullius* he returns to vast spaces, this time Australian, travelling the outback, unearthing the history of the Aborigines, giving us the extraordinary geology and tragic human history of 'no one's land'.
£8.00 £6.00

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Wednesday 15 August 2007

Marista Leishman with Richard Holloway

LIVED LIVES

RBS Main Theatre

10.00am

The daughter of Lord Reith, founder of the BBC, gives a devastatingly honest insight into the volcanic contradictions of the giant figure (in all senses) who was a media legend but whose personal life was complex, damaged and dramatic.

£7.00 £5.00

John Herdman, Michael Holman & Paul Torday

WAKE UP TO WORDS

Highland Park Spiegeltent

10.15am

Amusing and involving fiction from three distinctive talents. Scottish author John Herdman is hugely admired by those in the know. His latest volume of stories, *My Wife's Lovers*, showing the surreal reach of his imagination, has been greatly praised. Paul Torday's *Salmon Fishing In the Yemen* is one of the year's most original debuts. Michael Holman's warmly witty African tales have been compared to Alexander McCall Smith.

Free coffee and pastries. Sponsored by Green Mountain Coffee Roasters

£7.00 £5.00

John Adamson

HISTORY

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

10.30am

A resonant period of our island's history superbly evoked – a look back to beyond the period of the Union, when a crisis engulfed the Stuart kingdoms. In *The Noble Revolt* John Adamson uncovers the turbulent years in Scotland and England of the overthrow of Charles I and the Reformation.

£7.00 £5.00

Alan Spence

FINE FICTION

Peppers Theatre

11.00am

One of the best-loved and quietly skilful of all contemporary Scottish writers, Alan Spence, director of Aberdeen's Word Festival, looks upon the world with fresh and perceptive eyes. His latest novel *The Pure Land*, drawn from his deep love of the East, tells of the Aberdonian who helped to found modern Japan.

£7.00 £5.00

Ruth Rendell in Conversation with Ian Rankin



MEET THE AUTHOR

RBS Main Theatre

11.30am

One of the finest exponents of intelligent crime writing at work today, Ruth Rendell is one of the UK's foremost literary figures. Her work – including the brand new *Not In The Flesh*, her latest murder mystery featuring Chief Inspector Wexford – is cool, measured and captivating. Come and meet an artist at the height of her powers.

Supported by the Hawthornden Literary Retreat

£7.00 £5.00

Julian Rathbone

FOCUS ON INDIA

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

12 noon

Today marks the anniversary of the 60th anniversary of Indian independence, and our day of special events starts with a look back at the relations between the British Empire and the Indians in the lead-up to the Delhi Mutiny. Julian Rathbone's novel of a star-crossed love affair movingly and precisely illuminates the colourful and tragic history of the period.

£7.00 £5.00

Jeffrey Kluger & Nassim Nicholas Taleb

BUSINESS MATTERS

Peppers Theatre

12.30pm

Two startling new ways of thinking, to change the way you work and view your life, from two influential American writers. Jeffrey Kluger's *Simplicity* explains the cutting edge theory that very complex processes may be built on simplicity and vice versa – a new assessment of the building blocks of life. Nassim Nicholas Taleb's *The Black Swan* shows the extraordinary impact of improbable events – and how resistant we are to imagining the impossible.

£7.00 £5.00

John Sutherland

LIVED LIVES

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

2.00pm

The Boy Who Loved Books is a lucid and moving account of a disrupted childhood saved and salved by the written word. John Sutherland, eminent academic, author and commentator, was brought up by various relatives after his father was killed in the war and his mother left for a new lover. Social change and love of literature compellingly explored.

£7.00 £5.00

Translating Fiction

WRITING WORKSHOP

Writers' Retreat

2.00pm – 3.30pm

What are the possibilities and pitfalls in translating literary fiction? What opportunities exist? Join experienced translator **Anna Paterson**. (Maximum 20 places).

£10.00 £8.00

Martin Goodman

JEWS IN THE WORLD

Peppers Theatre

2.30pm

The origins of anti-semitism are given a startling new explanation by a superb historian. *Rome and Jerusalem: The Clash of Ancient Civilizations* argues that the Romans were tolerant towards Jews until political decisions, rather than theological or cultural hatreds, sowed the seeds of two millennia of Western anti-Semitism.

£7.00 £5.00

Maria Misra, Jon Nicholson & Alex Von Tunzelmann

FOCUS ON INDIA

RBS Main Theatre

3.00pm

Continuing our celebration of today's anniversary of Indian independence, we have a powerful triple bill to mark the occasion. Maria Misra is a leading historian of the modern Indian state. Jon Nicholson's gorgeous photographic *Ganges* charts the great holy river; while Alex Von Tunzelmann, a talented new young historian, details the last days of the Raj with narrative verve and flair.

£7.00 £5.00

Marina Warner

LITERATURE AND CULTURE

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

3.30pm

The myths of the past, present and future are brought into dazzling light by Marina Warner. Explaining the deep power of fairy tales, the role of ghosts and monsters, she offers revelatory insight in all her work. *Phantasmagoria* looks at spirits and how we portray them, from the Enlightenment to the new media world of the twenty-first century.

£7.00 £5.00

Wednesday 15 August 2007

Ethel G Hofman & Martin Jones

FOOD AND SOCIETY

Peppers Theatre

4.00pm

Meals cement and shape our relationships, in families and communities. In *Mackerel At Midnight* Ethel G Hofman remembers with great fondness growing up Jewish in Shetland, and the food, Jewish and island, which enshrined that experience. Martin Jones's fascinating *Feast* looks at why humans have evolved to share food, and what it means.

£7.00 £5.00

The Future of Libraries

UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN EVENT

RBS Main Theatre

4.30pm

Libraries have preserved our words, culture and intellectual heritage for centuries. What is their role in the modern world of the internet, Google and digitisation? Who uses them now? How will they serve the communities of the future? What do they mean to writers and their work? Join **Margaret Atwood** and **John Sutherland** in this perfect event for all book-lovers.

£7.00 £5.00

Fantasy Writing

THE WRITING BUSINESS

Writers' Retreat

4.30pm

Fantasy author **Deborah J Miller** discusses the pros and cons of being a genre author – from the difficulties of working in a small sub-set of the industry (with diminishing numbers of genre agents and publishers) to the joys of being a part of the SFF community.

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WRITERS IN EXILE

Peppers Theatre

5.30pm – 6.15pm

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Free: Tickets available from the Box Office on the day of the event

Angus Dunn & Mark McNay

FIRST FICTION

Writers' Retreat

6.00pm

Two starkly contrasting debut Scottish novelists. Mark McNay had already won a major prize for *Fresh* before publication. Set in a chicken factory, it is urban, demotic, naturalistic and not for the queasy of stomach. Angus Dunn, an important figure in writing in the Highlands for many years, sets an atmospheric fantasy in the rural north in *Writing In The Sand*.

£5.00 £3.00

Charles Spencer

THE TURCAN CONNELL EVENT

RBS Main Theatre

6.30pm

A vivid depiction of a swashbuckling cavalier, scientist and scholar, from the brother of Diana, Princess of Wales – a leading and accomplished historian and respected author. Charles Spencer evokes the colourful figure of Prince Rupert of the Rhine, the young, dashing expert horseman who fought for King Charles I. Chaired by **Ruth Wishart**.

£8.00 £6.00

Jon Ronson

FAMILY AND SOCIETY

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

7.00pm

One of the quirkiest, wittiest most original columnists in the country, Jon Ronson has investigated extremists and strange military schemes in his engaging, disturbing books. *Out of The Ordinary: True Tales of Everyday Crazy* brings together his musings on his own family dynamics and the bizarre minefields of modern life.

£8.00 £6.00

Lin Anderson & Alanna Knight

CRIME

Peppers Theatre

7.00pm

Settle back and enjoy these two leading tale-spinners on the Scottish crime scene. Lin Anderson is gathering great acclaim across the UK for her series featuring forensic scientist Rhona Macleod, of which the latest is *Dark Flight*. Alanna Knight has written over forty books of impeccable historical detail and sense of place.

£8.00 £6.00

Changing Climate, Changing World

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY ENVIRONMENT SERIES

Highland Park Spiegeltent

7.30pm – 8.45pm

A major discussion on global warming and environmental catastrophe. **Tony Juniper**, executive director of Friends of the Earth, explains what we can do as individuals. **Michael Northcott** examines the new ethics – the impact our actions have on the global community on a fragile planet. **David Strahan** sounds a different warning – the end of oil and what it means for our society.

£8.00 £6.00

Rebecca Gowers

FIRST FICTION

Writers' Retreat

7.30pm

Comical, unpredictable, eccentric and entrancing: *When To Walk* by Rebecca Gowers is one of the year's most characterful and pleasurable debuts. Come and discover a fresh, funny new literary voice and a rising young star in fiction.

£5.00 £3.00

Alice Munro live from Canada with Margaret Atwood

THE LONGPEN EVENT

RBS Main Theatre

8.00pm

One of the most extraordinary events ever to take place at the Book Festival – an interview and book signing with the two legendary world-leading figures of Canadian writing, one on either side of the Atlantic. Margaret Atwood in Edinburgh will interview the great Alice Munro in Canada, arguably the finest living story writer. She will sign a limited number of books using Atwood's remarkable invention, the LongPen – a long distance link-up which allows the author to sign no matter the distance. Breathtaking technology, breathtaking literature.

£8.00 £6.00

Christopher Rush

LIVED LIVES

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

8.30pm

A childhood by the North Sea in a fishing village of Fife informs much of Christopher Rush's work, including the acclaimed film *Venus Peter*. *Hellfire and Herring* evokes that boyhood of a bygone age with high lyricism – a hymn to Scottish upbringing with, as one reviewer said, 'salt water in its veins'.

£8.00 £6.00

Paddy Docherty & Edna Fernandes

FOCUS ON INDIA

Peppers Theatre

8.30pm

Our Indian anniversary day concludes with two dramatic accounts. Paddy Docherty has walked the Khyber Pass, the narrow mountain route which has shaped civilisations – he tells of its colourful history and its lawless present sheltering terrorists and religious fanatics. Edna Fernandes reveals some of those fanatics and competing sects in *Holy Warriors*, a journey to the heart of Indian fundamentalism.

£8.00 £6.00

Spiegelbar

Highland Park Spiegeltent

from 9.00pm

Come and relax and listen to live music.

Sponsored by Highland Park

Free – open to all

Latecomers will not be admitted after the start of events and no refunds will be given.

Events are 1 hour long unless otherwise stated and all take place in Charlotte Square Gardens.

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Thursday 16 August 2007

Trezza Azzopardi, Sue Gee & Joan Lingard

WAKE UP TO WORDS

Highland Park Spiegeltent

10.15am

A triple bill of three superb novelists. Welsh writer Trezza Azzopardi was Booker shortlisted for her first novel. *Winterton Blue*, set by the Norfolk coast, confirms her gifts. Sue Gee writes about love of books in *Reading In Bed*; while Edinburgh's own Joan Lingard also sees love through the prism of reading and libraries in *After You've Gone*.

Free coffee and pastries. Sponsored by Green Mountain Coffee Roasters

£7.00 £5.00

Robert Lacey

HISTORY

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

10.30am

History, or rather our own recent significant past, comes alive with Robert Lacey – immaculate research combined with an eye for a cracking story. His history of Britain comes bang up to date with *Great Tales: The Battle of the Boyne to DNA*. How will posterity view the twentieth century and the speeded-up dawn of the third millennium?

£7.00 £5.00

Jenna Bailey & Lawrence James

HISTORY

Peppers Theatre

11.00am

The middle class has been central to the shaping of British society. Lawrence James's magnificent narrative history is both scholarly and entertaining; while Jenna Bailey's *Can Any Mother Help Me?* is the utterly involving story of those women in the 1930s who supported each other through a private magazine of correspondence – intimate social history.

£7.00 £5.00

Creating Success

WRITING WORKSHOP

Writers' Retreat

11.00am – 12.30pm

Whatever the form of your writing, you can build the self-belief, resilience and the trust in your intuition, you need to succeed. Move through any blocks and generate the energy of success for your writing. With renowned teacher and author **Patricia Cleghorn**. (Maximum 20 places).

£10.00 £8.00

Kate Atkinson

MEET THE AUTHOR

RBS Main Theatre

11.30am

The glorious intelligence, verve, wit and fiendish plotting of Kate Atkinson's work gladden the heart in every way. Whitbread and Saltire winner, internationally fêted, she goes from strength to strength. Her most recent novel, *One Good Turn*, celebrates Edinburgh itself, at festival time. Come and meet a true literary star.

£7.00 £5.00

Mark Lynas & Bill McGuire

THE WWF EVENT

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

12 noon

Mark Lynas, one of the most important young thinkers on climate change and Bill McGuire, Director of the Benfield UCL Hazard Research Centre, set out the threat to our planet from global warming and what we can do to address it now. Come and hear the sobering facts and the solutions.

£7.00 £5.00

Andrew Alderson & Neil Mackay

EAST AND WEST

Peppers Theatre

12.30pm

Two provocative perspectives on Iraq. In *Bankrolling Basra* Andrew Alderson, former director of a merchant bank, suddenly found himself in charge of running a large section of Iraq's economy. Dramatic, personal, funny and terrifying. Investigative journalist Neil Mackay explains the real and shocking roots of the invasion in *The War On Truth*.

£7.00 £5.00

Will Hutton

THE IAN DICKSON TRAVEL SERVICE EVENT

RBS Main Theatre

1.30pm

Who better to illumine the implications of China's meteoric progress towards becoming a pre-eminent world superpower than Will Hutton, one of the leading analysts of the state, and states, of our world?

The Writing On The Wall: China and the West in the 21st Century tells us what we need urgently to understand. Chaired by **Ruth Wishart**.

£7.00 £5.00

Lindsey Davis

FINE FICTION

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

2.00pm

The goddess of Roman crime returns. Ancient history, humour and supreme storytelling skill crowd the pages of Lindsey Davis's bestselling and unfailingly well-researched, hugely entertaining work. Her latest, *Saturnalia*, has all her beloved hallmarks.

£7.00 £5.00

Marina Benjamin

JEWS IN THE WORLD

Peppers Theatre

2.30pm

Last Days in Babylon: the Story of the Jews of Baghdad is one woman's family story of the removal of what was once the most significant group in the Iraqi capital. Marina Benjamin's grandmother was among those persecuted and expelled by a hostile regime; while investigating, the writer rediscovered her own submerged identity.

£7.00 £5.00

Clive James

THE MURRAY BEITH MURRAY EVENT

RBS Main Theatre

3.00pm

A consummate performer and a massive brain, Clive James is a true Book Festival star. With wit and erudition, he captivates his capacity audiences. His latest work, *Cultural Amnesia*, is nothing less than a personal tour of the seminal figures of twentieth century culture, the thinkers who prepared the times in which we now live. Chaired by **Janice Forsyth** of BBC Radio Scotland's The Radio Café.

£7.00 £5.00

Richard Schoch & Stuart Sim

MATTERS OF THE MIND

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

3.30pm

What is happiness? Richard Schoch looks back over three thousand years of philosophical and religious traditions to discover when and why we decided we had the right to be happy. Stuart Sim thinks it might have something to do with silence: the need for it in an increasingly noisy and over-assertive world of marketing and static.

£7.00 £5.00

Thursday 16 August 2007

John Lanchester & Sofka Zinovieff

LIVED LIVES

Peppers Theatre

4.00pm

What happens when you discover your mother was a nun? Or that your grandmother was a princess turned communist who placed sexual freedom before her children? In these compelling family tales, John Lanchester gently unearths his mother's secrets, while Sofka Zinovieff charts a dramatic Russian life which maps the upheavals of last century.

£7.00 £5.00

What's New in Publishing?

THE WRITING BUSINESS

Writers' Retreat

4.30pm

Digitalisation, print on demand, all manner of new web-based initiatives – publishing is changing very fast, offering all kinds of new possibilities.

Come and hear about the latest advances from The Society of Authors' Kate Pool.

Kate Pool.

Supported by The Society of Authors

£5.00 £3.00

Amnesty International Imprisoned Writers Series

KURDISTAN

Peppers Theatre

5.30pm – 6.15pm

Our daily free readings in solidarity with writers facing persecution for their thoughts and words. Today: Though their homeland is divided between Syria, Iraq, Iran and Turkey, the Kurdish people share a language and cultural identity. Today we hear from their poets and writers. Among those appearing: **Richard Schoch** and **David Pratt**.

Free: Tickets available from the Box Office on the day of the event

Steven Hall & Jenny Turner

FIRST FICTION

Writers' Retreat

6.00pm

One of the most extraordinary debuts of recent years, Steven Hall's *The Raw Shark Texts* is an enthrallingly original roller-coaster ride through language, identity, memory, unspace and *Jaws*. Constantly surprising, this is a heady and enlivening journey into the unknown. Indecently talented Scottish journalist Jenny Turner's *The Brainstorm* explores what happens when a journalist loses her memory and looks with fresh eyes on life, London and the rat-race rush to get rich.

£5.00 £3.00

Ian Rankin

THE RBS EVENT

RBS Main Theatre

6.30pm

There is no more popular author at the Book Festival than Ian Rankin, Scottish genius of crime and genial raconteur. The UK's biggest selling crime author, recipient of countless awards, his events are a constant delight. In an exclusive Book Festival preview he here tantalisingly reveals something of the forthcoming final Inspector Rebus novel. Chaired by **Magnus Linklater**.

£8.00 £6.00

Tracy Chevalier & Maggie O'Farrell

FINE FICTION

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

7.00pm

Two novelists who combine bestselling popularity with prodigious intelligence and insight. Tracy Chevalier's *Girl With A Pearl Earring* was a deservedly massive success; *Burning Bright*, about William Blake, shows all the same gifts. Maggie O'Farrell beautifully evokes a life lost and reclaimed in *The Vanishing Act of Esme Lennox*.

£8.00 £6.00

Alex Gray & Aline Templeton

CRIME

Peppers Theatre

7.00pm

Two more magnificent mistresses of crime each with a rapidly growing readership. Alex Gray's *The Riverman* looks at the secrets concealed by a body fished from the Clyde; Aline Templeton's *Laying Dead* also deals with drowning in a typically deftly plotted narrative.

£8.00 £6.00

Jews and Arabs in the Middle East

EAST AND WEST

Highland Park Spiegeltent

7.30pm – 8.45pm

Join two leading foreign correspondents as they discuss the complexities of Israel and Palestine. **David Pratt** is the award-winning foreign editor of the Sunday Herald; his *Intifada* is an essential first-hand account of the Palestinian uprising. **Adam LeBor's** *City of Oranges* illuminates how the human stories of Jews and Arabs in Jaffa act as microcosm and magnifying lens for the troubled Middle East.

£8.00 £6.00

Jennifer McCartney & Lesley McDowell

FIRST FICTION

Writers' Retreat

7.30pm

Superb first fiction from Scotland and from Canada. Jennifer McCartney's *Afloat* beautifully evokes a deceptively idyllic summer on a Lake Michigan island. Lesley McDowell, leading Scottish literary journalist, steps into fiction with *The Picnic* – also set in Canada, it looks at exile and emigration, mothers and daughters and the haunting power of memory.

£5.00 £3.00

Ballads of the Book

THE SCOTTISHPOWER EVENT

RBS Main Theatre

8.00pm

An all-star line up celebrating one of the year's most groundbreaking creative projects, where leading Scottish writers wrote lyrics for leading musicians. The resultant songs are individual, beautiful and sometimes heartbreaking.

What was it like for those involved? Join **Ali Smith**, **Louise Welsh**, **A L Kennedy**, **Alan Bissett** and **Rodge Glass** alongside **Roddy Woomble** of Idlewild, **Emma Pollock** formerly of The Delgados and other friends for a night of words and music to remember.

In association with Young Scot

£8.00 £6.00

Mary Contini & Beppe Severgnini

FOCUS ON ITALY

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

8.30pm

Italy illuminated in two intensely affectionate accounts. Edinburgh's own Mary Contini tells in *Dear Olivia* of that generation of her family who left their culture and home to come to Scotland. Beppe Severgnini, leading journalist, provides a field guide to the Italian mind and all the joyous contradictions of his country in *La Bella Figura*.

£8.00 £6.00

Diana Souhami

TRAVEL

Peppers Theatre

8.30pm

Coconut Chaos: Pitcairn, Mutiny and A Seduction At Sea... is a remarkable voyage in every way. Whitbread award-winning Diana Souhami uncovers the unfolding connections between Fletcher Christian taking one coconut aboard the Bounty, and the plight of the islanders today. Chaos theory meets the finest travel writing.

£8.00 £6.00

Spiegelbar

Highland Park Spiegeltent

from 9.00pm

Come and relax and listen to live music.

Sponsored by Highland Park

Free – open to all

Friday 17 August 2007

Tessa Hadley & Claire Keegan

WAKE UP TO WORDS

Highland Park Spiegeltent

10.15am

Let these sublime short stories, pitch-perfect and revealing of entire lives, transform the rest of your day. Irish writer Claire Keegan's *Walk the Blue Fields* shows the truth in the comparisons made with world masters John McGahern and Alistair MacLeod. Tessa Hadley's *Sunstroke* is beautifully understated and disturbing.

Free coffee and pastries. Sponsored by Green Mountain Coffee Roasters

£7.00 £5.00

Imran Ahmad

EAST AND WEST

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

10.30am

The second of our events in which Britain and its people are viewed through the enquiring eyes of an incomer – here Pakistani-born Imran Ahmad, who arrived as a two year-old. *Unimagined* is a touching, funny and astute memoir, one culture meeting another and shedding new light. Scotland (where the author attended Stirling University) is viewed with great affection.

£7.00 £5.00

Philippe Legrain & Paul Mason

GLOBAL WORLD

Peppers Theatre

11.00am

A major event in our series on globalisation, the movement of peoples and business in our increasingly unified planet – for good or for ill. Philippe Legrain, brilliant analyst and communicator argues that we need the diverse immigrants to our shores. Paul Mason, *Newsnight* correspondent, looks at how the working class and their history of defiance and idealism went global.

£7.00 £5.00

Writing and Contracts

WRITING WORKSHOP

Writers' Retreat

11.00am – 12.30pm

What does an aspiring or published writer need to know about contracts, copyright, royalties and so on? **Kate Pool** from The Society of Authors offers essential, practical information and advice. (Maximum 20 places).

£10.00 £8.00

Michael Frayn

MEET THE AUTHOR

RBS Main Theatre

11.30am

One of the finest and most prodigiously intelligent writers of our time, Michael Frayn is renowned as a playwright (*Noises Off*, *Copenhagen*) and novelist. In his remarkable latest non-fiction work *The Human Touch* he turns to the ideas which underlie his work and to brilliant, funny philosophical questions about our universe; glorious sustenance for the mind. Chaired by **Ruth Wishart**.

Supported by the Hawthornden Literary Retreat

£7.00 £5.00

Simon Sebag Montefiore

HISTORY

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

12 noon

What was one of history's greatest mass-murderers like as a child? What led to him becoming brutal dictator and violent shaper of history? Simon Sebag Montefiore is the renowned chronicler of Stalin's life and has conducted entirely new research into his early years which sheds startling new light on the man regarded as a monster.

£7.00 £5.00

Adam LeBor

NATIONS UNLIMITED

Peppers Theatre

12.30pm

A devastating indictment of the UN's failure to confront and prevent genocide by a leading commentator. *Complicity With Evil* is a meticulously researched, powerfully argued critique of UN inaction and expediency, which allowed the massacres in Rwanda and Srebrenica to proceed unchecked, with the same catastrophic pattern now unfolding in Darfur. Adam LeBor calls for the UN to take an urgent moral lead.

£7.00 £5.00

Douglas Hurd

LIVED LIVES

RBS Main Theatre

1.30pm

Robert Peel was one of the great British Prime Ministers – creator of the modern police force, introducer of income tax, repealer of the Corn Laws. Former Home and Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd, sometimes described as a modern-day Peel, revealingly examines the man and his legacy. Chaired by **Ruth Wishart**.

£7.00 £5.00

Claire Tomalin

LIVED LIVES

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

2.00pm

One of the finest biographers of our age, Whitbread and James Tait Black winner Claire Tomalin turns her lucid attention to Thomas Hardy, great nineteenth century novelist and great twentieth century poet – a complex life on the cusp of the modern age.

£7.00 £5.00

Writing and Inspiration

WRITING WORKSHOP

Writers' Retreat

2.00pm – 3.30pm

Learn how to get in touch with your vision for your writing. Feel inspired to write and be creative! This is a practical meditation-based workshop with renowned teacher and author **Patricia Cleghorn**. (Maximum 20 places).

£10.00 £8.00

Lucy Ellmann & Marina Lewycka

FINE FICTION

Peppers Theatre

2.30pm

Fiction brimming with wit and fire from two of Britain's most distinctive talents. Marina Lewycka's debut *A Short History of Tractors In Ukrainian* was a runaway success; *Two Caravans*, about immigrant strawberry pickers, has all the same energy and humour, with a hard political edge. Lucy Ellmann's wayward vitriolic genius is in full force in *Doctors and Nurses*: not to be read in hospital.

£7.00 £5.00

James Kelman

MEET THE AUTHOR

RBS Main Theatre

3.00pm

The single most influential Scottish novelist of modern times, and Scotland's only Booker winner, James Kelman's profound, philosophical and distinctive fiction has given voice to forgotten and marginalised communities. This year sees the reissue of his groundbreaking early work. A major literary event.

£7.00 £5.00

Liz Lochhead

LITERATURE AND CULTURE

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

3.30pm

The great Canadian writer Alice Munro (who is descended from the great Scottish writer James Hogg) is present at the Book Festival this summer in various forms: through video-conferencing, long distance booksigning and also in the passion and enthusiasm of Liz Lochhead. Our most beloved poet explains why Alice Munro's stories matter so much.

£7.00 £5.00

Friday 17 August 2007

David Dabydeen

MULTICULTURAL COUNTRY

Peppers Theatre

4.00pm

The hidden or forgotten history of black Britain – from African auxiliaries in the Roman army to footballers and leading figures of the present – is related by leading novelist and academic David Dabydeen, one of the editors of *The Oxford Companion to Black British History*. Essential and timely in the anniversary of the abolition of slavery.

£7.00 £5.00

The Economics of Publishing

THE WRITING BUSINESS

Writers' Retreat

4.30pm

Where does the money really go? How and how much do publishers pay authors, what happens when book prices are heavily discounted, who works out royalties? Come and have an inside look at the economics of books, with author **Keith A Charters**.

Supported by The Society of Authors

£5.00 £3.00

Deborah Moggach & Owen Sheers

FINE FICTION

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

5.00pm

War's impact on society explored. Deborah Moggach's remarkable career includes the screenplay for *Pride and Prejudice* and the bestselling *Tulip Fever*. In *The Dark* looks at a community in the First World War. Owen Sheers, dazzlingly multi-talented writer, sets his first novel *Resistance* in a Welsh valley in the Second World War.

£7.00 £5.00

Amnesty International Imprisoned Writers Series

THE PRICE OF FREEDOM

Peppers Theatre

5.30pm – 6.15pm

Marking eighty years of the work of Scottish PEN and looking at the price writers, editors and publishers pay for exercising their right to freedom of expression. Among those appearing: **Paul Mason**.

Free: Tickets available from the Box Office on the day of the event

Lars Saabye Christensen & Maria Peura

WRITERS OF THE WORLD

Writers' Retreat

6.00pm

A first-class Nordic double bill, with Norway's leading novelist and a remarkable new voice from Finland. Lars Saabye Christensen's *The Half Brother* was a vast international bestseller; *The Model* looks at an artist's obsession. We are delighted to be launching Maria Peura's *At The Edge of Light*, a tale of a girl's coming of age in the north of Lapland.

£5.00 £3.00

Nicola Barry

THE SCRA EVENT

RBS Children's Theatre

6.00pm

A touching memoir and inspiring account of a family destroyed by alcohol. A picture-perfect family with professional parents and successful children were torn apart by a destructive battle with addiction. Join leading journalist Nicola Barry for a poignant event, wrought with humour, about her family's struggle and her ultimate triumph over alcoholism.

SCRA (Scottish Children's Reporter Administration) is the national body that works with partners to provide a system of child protection and youth justice throughout Scotland.

£7.00 £5.00

Brian Patten

MEET THE AUTHOR

RBS Main Theatre

6.30pm

One of the most beloved, accessible and popular poets writing today. It is forty years since Brian Patten helped found the Mersey Poets with Roger McGough and in the ensuing decades he has been at the forefront of poetry (including wonderfully tender love poetry) for adults and for children. Come and meet a British national treasure.

£8.00 £6.00

Louise Welsh

FINE FICTION

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

7.00pm

An hour with Louise Welsh is an hour of delight. One of the leading Scottish writers of her generation, her latest work *The Bullet Trick* – about an ageing Glaswegian conjuror in decadent Berlin – is filled with magic and darkness.

£8.00 £6.00

Anita Amirrezvani & Tahmima Anam

WRITERS OF THE WORLD

Peppers Theatre

7.00pm

Old Iran and the new state of Bangladesh come alive in two luminous, involving debut novels by young women writers. Anita Amirrezvani's *The Blood of Flowers*, suffused with the scents and vivid colours of Isfahan, tells of a fatherless girl desperate to enter the men's world of master carpet-makers. Tahmima Anam's *A Golden Age* also touches on how women survive tragic upheavals – in this case, the Bangladesh War of Independence.

£8.00 £6.00

Immigration and a Multicultural Society

MULTICULTURAL COUNTRY

Highland Park Spiegeltent

7.30pm – 8.45pm

Just how does Britain treat those perceived as 'other' or who arrive from other shores – as they always have throughout our history? Is our mongrel nation still mired in unhelpful prejudice and if so, what does that mean for our future? Join our panel including brilliant thinker **Philippe Legrain** and add to the debate.

£8.00 £6.00

Javier Cercas & Alexis Stamatis

WRITERS OF THE WORLD

Writers' Retreat

7.30pm

The finest writing from Spain and from Greece. Internationally renowned Javier Cercas tells a haunting tale in *The Speed of Light* of an aspiring provincial Spanish writer who becomes obsessed with a Vietnam vet and his dark secrets. Alexis Stamatis also writes of obsession with another's secret in his compelling literary mystery, *Bar Flaubert*.

£5.00 £3.00

Alexander McCall Smith

THE DM HALL EVENT

RBS Main Theatre

8.00pm

The final chance for this festival to bask and glow in the company of the most congenial, gentle and charming world-bestselling, international publishing phenomenon on the planet. Writing about Botswana or Edinburgh's New Town, Alexander McCall Smith restores faith in the essential goodness of life.

£8.00 £6.00

Alan Warner

THE LIST EVENT

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

8.30pm

An immensely welcome visit from one of Scotland's most dizzyingly talented and original writers, now living in Spain where his last extraordinary novel, *The Worms Can Carry Me to Heaven*, is set. Ever since his debut *Morvern Callar*, Alan Warner has entranced with the scope and ambition of his literary vision. Chaired by **Janice Forsyth** of BBC Radio Scotland's The Radio Café.

£8.00 £6.00

Antonia Swinson

NATURE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Peppers Theatre

8.30pm

You Are What You Grow: Life, Land and the Pursuit of Happiness is a wonderful series of reflections on contemporary life sparked by Antonia Swinson's love affair with her allotment. Based round her very popular columns, it is inspiring, practical and thought-provoking in equal measure.

£8.00 £6.00

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0845 373 5888 See page 58 / 59 for booking details

Saturday 18 August 2007

Don Paterson & Robin Robertson

WAKE UP TO WORDS

Highland Park Spiegeltent

10.15am

Two of the finest poets writing anywhere, both Scots, and who have between them gathered most major poetry awards in the UK. Robin Robertson's haunting *Swithering* and Don Paterson's masterly new versions of Rilke's sonnets to Orpheus will awake and inhabit your mind. *Free coffee and pastries. Sponsored by Green Mountain Coffee Roasters*

£7.00 £5.00

Ali Smith



FINE FICTION

Peppers Theatre

11.00am

One of the writers Ali Smith most loves is Tove Jansson, the Finnish creator of the Moomins who also wrote limpid and beautiful work for adults. *The Summer Book* and *A Winter Book* were huge hits; now Ali introduces Jansson's wonderful last novel *Fair Play*, translated into English for the first time, and explains what we have been missing until now.

£7.00 £5.00

Writing and Rejection

WRITING WORKSHOP

Writers' Retreat

11.00am – 12.30pm

The psychology of rejection – don't despair! What happens if your book or idea for a book is knocked back? A look at the personal impact of rejection, how to place this in perspective and discovering what will personally keep you going. With author, playwright and psychotherapist **Caroline Dunford**. (Maximum 20 places).

£10.00 £8.00

Germaine Greer



THE TIMES EVENT

RBS Main Theatre

11.30am

Provocative, opinionated and fiercely intelligent, Germaine Greer is never less than invigorating. Her immense literary knowledge and views on the position of women in society combine in her brand new book on Ann Hathaway, Shakespeare's wife. A revealing social history of the time. Chaired by **Ruth Wishart**.

£7.00 £5.00

Janice Galloway & Alan Warner



SCOTTISH LITERATURE

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

12 noon

Alan Warner and Janice Galloway are not only two of Scotland's most startlingly gifted writers, they are also generous enablers and encouragers of others. A wonderful new venture, the Long Lunch Press publishes new work from both little known and well established writers. Come along and uncover some surprises.

£7.00 £5.00

Nick Groom & Aidan Smith

NATIONS UNLIMITED: THE UNION

Peppers Theatre

12.30pm

Flags and football can be powerful symbols of the relations between nations. Nick Groom gives a masterly study of the Union Jack, its historical genesis and its iconic status. Leading Scottish journalist Aidan Smith's *Union Jock: Sleeping With the Auld Enemy* wittily explores the long-standing rivalry between Scotland and England.

£7.00 £5.00

How to Write Short Stories

WRITING WORKSHOP

Writers' Retreat

2.00pm – 3.30pm

Stories need special skills, special planning and special structures. Hands-on advice from award-winning **Linda Cracknell** who won the Macallan / Scotland On Sunday Short Story Competition in 1999, and has had two collections published, as well as broadcast on BBC Radio 4. (Maximum 20 places).

In association with Arvon tutors at Moniack Mhor Writers' Centre

£10.00 £8.00

Leif Davidsen, Morten Ramsland & Janne Teller

WRITERS OF THE WORLD

Peppers Theatre

2.30pm

Meet three award-winning bestsellers from Denmark. Morten Ramsland's *Doghead* is a glorious tale of eccentric generations of a family – funny, energetic and fresh. Leif Davidsen is a major international figure for his political thrillers, including *The Serbian Dane*. Janne Teller's *Odin's Island* is a compelling mix of ancient folklore and political satire, deeply relevant to issues of religious identity and freedom of speech.

Part of the Danish Tour 2007, supported by the Danish Arts Council

£7.00 £5.00

Billy Bragg

THE SCOTTISHPOWER EVENT

RBS Main Theatre

3.00pm

The renowned political singer engages in a passionate search for a meaningful and positive national identity in *The Progressive Patriot*, his eloquent response to the events of 7 July 2005 in London, when British citizens chose to kill and maim innocent others. He searches for his own values and a proper sense of belonging. Chaired by **Iain Macwhirter**.

£7.00 £5.00

Hari Kunzru

FINE FICTION

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

3.30pm

We are delighted to launch the latest novel by one of the most intelligent and insightful writers of his generation, Hari Kunzru, named as one of Granta's Best Of Young British Novelists. *My Revolutions* brilliantly uncovers the continuing eddies from the post-1968 radical generation, now approaching sedate middle age.

£7.00 £5.00

Elaine Feinstein & Mimi Khalvati

POETRY

Peppers Theatre

4.00pm

Two magnificent poets of rich maturity. Elaine Feinstein, novelist and critic, writes of mourning in *Talking To The Dead*, a passionate and personal elegy for her late husband after a long marriage. Iranian-born Mimi Khalvati's *The Meanest Flower* is song-like lyric poetry, drawing on traditional forms including the Persian ghazal.

£7.00 £5.00

A C Grayling

MATTERS OF THE MIND

RBS Main Theatre

4.30pm

One of the most illuminating and engaging of all our philosophers, A C Grayling has become an outstanding Book Festival favourite. His impossibly large brain, brilliantly accessible communication and passionate desire to engage with the questions which matter – how should we lead our lives? – make an hour in his company essential and inspiring.

£7.00 £5.00

How to Read a Poem

THE WRITING BUSINESS

Writers' Retreat

4.30pm

Want to get to grips with poetry? **Ruth Padel** is not only a major poet in her own right, she is also one of the best of all guides to the form. Join her for some close reading, as she explains how really to read and get the most out of a poem.

In association with the Scottish Poetry Library. Supported by The Society of Authors

£5.00 £3.00

Timothy Phillips

THE ANNA POLITKOVSKAYA MEMORIAL EVENT

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

5.00pm

The unthinkable appalling events which took place in Beslan on the first day of the school year in 2004 will never leave the memory. Over 1,200 people were taken hostage; five days later 360, many of them young children, were dead. In this intensely moving account, Timothy Phillips, Russian expert and BBC translator, uncovers the roots of Chechen terrorism and the ancient hostilities which led to such tragedy.

£7.00 £5.00

Saturday 18 August 2007

Amnesty International Imprisoned Writers Series

THE PRICE OF FREEDOM

Peppers Theatre

5.30pm – 6.15pm

Our daily free readings in solidarity with writers facing persecution for their thoughts and words. Marking eighty years of the work of Scottish PEN and looking at the price writers, editors and publishers pay for exercising their right to freedom of expression. Among those appearing: **Leif Davidsen** and **Colin Thubron**.

Free: Tickets available from the Box Office on the day of the event

K O Dahl & Jo Nesbø

WRITERS OF THE WORLD

Writers' Retreat

6.00pm

The very finest in Norwegian crime writing, Jo Nesbø is musician, economist and author of superbly plotted crime narratives, featuring detective Harry Hole, which have been voted Norway's best ever. K O Dahl is equally lauded and in *The Fourth Man* he sets a complex psychological thriller in contemporary Oslo.

£5.00 £3.00

The Sundial Scottish Arts Council Book Awards

SCOTTISH LITERATURE

RBS Main Theatre

6.30pm

We are delighted to host Scotland's most lucrative book awards, live and in public, so you, the readers passionate about the work, can join in the pleasure of the prize. Chaired by **Richard Holloway**, the panel of short-listed authors is **Kirsty Gunn**, **John Burnside**, **Robin Robertson** and **Maggie Fergusson**. It is a stunning line-up of fiction, memoir, poetry and biography. Who will be the winner? Come along and find out!

£8.00 £6.00

Neil Bartlett & Toby Litt

FINE FICTION

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

7.00pm

Provocative writing from two fearless talents. Neil Bartlett is a renowned actor and theatre director as well as novelist. His *Skin Lane* is a taut tale of erotic obsession. Toby Litt's *Hospital* is a vivid, visceral and surreal vision, pushing at literary boundaries.

£8.00 £6.00

Michèle Roberts

LIVED LIVES

Peppers Theatre

7.00pm

Prize-winning novelist and professor of creative writing, Michèle Roberts has now written a personal and illuminating memoir of alternative London of the 1970s and 80s. *Paper Houses* recalls the heady days of experimental living, radical magazines, love affairs with both sexes and intellectual adventures and challenges at every turn.

£8.00 £6.00

Dissidence and Cyberspace

FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION

Highland Park Spiegeltent

7.30pm – 8.45pm

The ways in which writers' freedom of expression is curtailed grow ever more complex: 'cyber-dissidents' writing on the web have had their details passed on to authorities by web providers, leading to prosecution and imprisonment. Join **Hari Kunzru** and leading Danish author and journalist **Janne Teller** in this special English PEN event as they discuss the evolving threats to freedom of speech.

£8.00 £6.00

Peter Oram, Valentina Polukhina & Daniel Weissbort

FOCUS ON RUSSIA

Writers' Retreat

7.30pm

A unique insight into the great figures of Russia's golden literary age of the twentieth century and how they maintained contact by writing poems in homage to one another. Contemporary Russian poets introduce this extraordinary work, some translated for the first time. Chaired by **Elaine Feinstein**.

£5.00 £3.00

Colin Thubron

TRAVEL

RBS Main Theatre

8.00pm

Arguably the greatest living travel writer, Colin Thubron combines adventurous travelling to remote and complex regions (with no camera, only notebooks) with exquisite prose. *Shadow Of The Silk Road* is a masterpiece, covering 7,000 miles of ancient Asia in modern ferment – his most ambitious journey yet.

£8.00 £6.00

Timothy Neat

LIVED LIVES

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

8.30pm

Hamish Henderson was one of the most important figures in Scottish culture, song and folklore of the twentieth century. A major poet and songwriter in his own right, he did more than anyone to collect and celebrate the indigenous traditions of the land. Film-maker Timothy Neat brings us the long-awaited official biography of this man of immense achievement.

£8.00 £6.00

Xiaolu Guo

FOCUS ON CHINA

Peppers Theatre

8.30pm

When Xiaolu Guo was named as a favourite for the Orange Broadband Prize, it was rightful recognition for one of the most talented young Chinese creative spirits of her generation. Award-winning film-maker as well as author, born in a tiny fishing village in South China, she was a huge hit when she first came to the Book Festival with her haunting debut *Village of Stone*. We are delighted to welcome her back with the clever and funny *A Concise Chinese-English Dictionary for Lovers*, a witty tale of dawning cultural comprehension. Come and meet a very special talent indeed.

£8.00 £6.00

Spiegelbar

Highland Park Spiegeltent

from 9.00pm

Come and relax and listen to live music.

Sponsored by Highland Park

Free – open to all

Sunday 19 August 2007

Rodge Glass & Morten Ramsland

WAKE UP TO WORDS

Highland Park Spiegeltent 10.15am

A top class hour of energetic, colourful family narrative from Scotland and Denmark. Rodge Glass's debut *No Fireworks* was highly praised for its touching, funny depiction of a Jewish family. Morten Ramsland's captivating *Doghead* also deals with generations of family eccentrics and messages from beyond the grave.

Free coffee and pastries. Sponsored by Green Mountain Coffee Roasters

£7.00 £5.00

Rachel Holmes

HISTORY

Peppers Theatre 11.00am

A compelling account of changing attitudes towards race and cultural norms. The 'Hottentot Venus', Saartjie Bartman was put on titillating display in London and died destitute and exploited at the age of twenty-five. When Nelson Mandela requested the repatriation of her remains 200 years later in 2002, the funeral was a national event.

£7.00 £5.00

Researching and Writing Your Biography

WRITING WORKSHOP

Writers' Retreat 11.00am – 12.30pm

A practical workshop on research techniques and ways of structuring your biography. Bring along ideas about projects and work in progress.

Brian Osborne is the author of the A&C Black Writing Handbook *Writing Biography and Autobiography*. (Maximum 20 places).

£10.00 £8.00

Fay Weldon

MEET THE AUTHOR

RBS Main Theatre 11.30am

Stylish, sharp, satirical and often gloriously politically incorrect, Fay Weldon is a free spirit with a long and remarkable writing career. We are delighted to present the brand new *The Spa Decameron*, in which ten high achieving women gather at a spa for pampering, new beginnings and their own stories of life and sex.

£7.00 £5.00

Gerard DeGroot & Jed Mercurio

NATIONS UNLIMITED

ScottishPower Studio Theatre 12 noon

Why do nations assert their prowess by reaching for the stars? St Andrews professor Gerard DeGroot unveils the grand folly of America's lunar quest in *Dark Side Of The Moon* – a small step which in the end did little for mankind. Jed Mercurio, doctor and acclaimed scriptwriter, writes of a Russian cosmonaut in his powerful novel *Ascent*.

£7.00 £5.00

Ruth Padel

POETRY

Peppers Theatre 12.30pm

Herself a leading poet, Ruth Padel is also a perfect and illuminating guide. *The Poem and The Journey* argues passionately that we need poetry more than ever on the journey of our fractured modern lives and gathers sixty unusual, life-enhancing poems to read along the way.

£7.00 £5.00

Lucy Eyre with Julian Baggini

FIRST FICTION

Writers' Retreat 2.00pm

If Minds Had Toes is a delightful debut novel and introduction to the world of philosophy and some of its most intriguing, thought-provoking and necessary ideas. Lucy Eyre, daughter of the theatre director Richard, talks to philosopher Julian Baggini about her fifteen year old hero and his sexy (and dead, it turns out) guide, Lila. Perfect for teenagers, young adults and all who love asking the big questions.

£5.00 £3.00

David Davidar & Anita Nair

FOCUS ON INDIA

Peppers Theatre 2.30pm

Two major Indian novelists come to the Book Festival. David Davidar, from South India and now publisher of Penguin Canada, is a hugely respected literary figure. His brand new *The Solitude of Emperors* is set in the 1992 Bombay riots and shows the clash of fundamentalism and modern society. Anita Nair is one of India's most exciting writers: *Mistress* tells of art and adultery in riverside Kerala.

£7.00 £5.00

William McIlvanney

MEET THE AUTHOR

RBS Main Theatre 3.00pm

One of the most moving and uplifting events of last year's Book Festival was the return of William McIlvanney, one of Scotland's seminal novelists, with his first book for a decade, *Weekend*. The welcome was overwhelming and we are overjoyed to have him back with us this summer.

£7.00 £5.00

Alice Roberts

POPULAR SCIENCE

ScottishPower Studio Theatre 3.30pm

Don't Die Young is as good an instruction as any. Dr Alice Roberts, anatomist and TV presenter, takes us on a tour of the human body and its astonishing organs and advises on how we should be looking after them. The stuff of life illuminated!

£7.00 £5.00

Bengali Writers

WRITERS OF THE WORLD

Peppers Theatre 4.00pm

A very special event in our Indian series: a superb group of Bengali writers, brought from Kolkata to Edinburgh courtesy of the British Council, who write in their native Bangla as well as English and far too little known in the West. Joy Goswami is one of the most important poets of his generation. He is joined by poets, essayists and novelists Bani Basu, Nabarun Bhattacharya and from Bangladesh, Selina Hossain.

Supported by the British Council

£7.00 £5.00

Richard Dawkins

MATTERS OF THE MIND

RBS Main Theatre 4.30pm

The most eminent scientist of our age, Richard Dawkins is an outspoken critic of religion in all its manifestations. His dazzling and passionate polemic *The God Delusion* has become a worldwide bestseller in the past year for its fierce and brilliant arguments against what he sees as the damaging rise of dogma. Chaired by Ruth Wishart.

£7.00 £5.00

Creative Writing

THE WRITING BUSINESS

Writers' Retreat 4.30pm

The Handbook Of Creative Writing is a perfect guide: covering the basics of how to write a novel or script, the practicalities and problems of becoming a writer and some critical theory too. Come and pick up some hints from Steven Earnshaw, its editor.

Supported by The Society of Authors

£5.00 £3.00

David Crystal

LITERATURE AND CULTURE

ScottishPower Studio Theatre 5.00pm

Rightly described as a 'latter day Dr Johnson', David Crystal is in love with language and has written nearly 100 books in a prolific career dedicated to words. *By Hook Or By Crook* is an entertaining travelogue relating his many journeys and encounters with English in unlikely corners of the planet, filled with his personal enthusiasm.

£7.00 £5.00

Sunday 19 August 2007

Amnesty International Imprisoned Writers Series

WOMEN

Peppers Theatre

5.30pm – 6.15pm

Our daily free readings in solidarity with writers facing persecution for their thoughts and words. Today: The role of women in the struggle for freedom of expression has sometimes been overlooked. We hear the work of women from India, Romania and Kosovo. Among those appearing: **Ruth Padel**.

Free: Tickets available from the Box Office on the day of the event

Nirpal Singh Dhaliwal & Niven Govinden

FINE FICTION

Writers' Retreat

6.00pm

Contemporary Britain seen through Asian eyes in two excellent and energetic new novels. Nirpal Singh Dhaliwal has been hugely acclaimed for his debut *Tourism* and its unflinching depiction of a young Indian man in the decadence of moneyed London. Niven Govinden's *Graffiti My Soul* is a stylish, tender tale of a teenage misfit.

£5.00 £3.00

Julian Clary

FIRST FICTION

RBS Main Theatre

6.30pm

Camp comedy icon, TV presenter and now author, Julian Clary launches his debut novel *Murder Most Fab*. A hilarious satire on celebrity and the crime genre, it concerns former rentboy and smooth TV presenter, Johnny Debonair, who sets out to write a first novel...

£8.00 £6.00

Loung Ung

THE AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL EVENT

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

7.00pm

A highly important visit from a former Cambodian child soldier, now a leading campaigner against land mines. Loung Ung's intensely moving memoir *After They Killed Our Father* relates how as a ten year old she escaped the killing fields and fled to the West, leaving behind three siblings at the mercy of the Khmer Rouge. It took fifteen years for her to be reunited with her sister. An inspirational tale from a remarkable woman.

£8.00 £6.00

Bashabi Fraser & Selina Hossain

FOCUS ON INDIA

Peppers Theatre

7.00pm

The founding of the modern Indian state is being celebrated in this anniversary year. Equally significant is the Bengali partition which preceded it, creating East Pakistan, later Bangladesh. Edinburgh-based poet and writer Bashabi Fraser has brought together writing which reflects that turbulent time with its continuing resonances. Selina Hossain, leading novelist, has travelled from Bangladesh to take part.

£8.00 £6.00

Who am I? Human Identity

GENES AND SOCIETY

Highland Park Spiegeltent

7.30pm – 8.45pm

What is our identity as individuals really composed of? Does our genome – the whole hereditary information encoded in our DNA – define us? Our environment and our life experiences cannot be discounted. A philosopher, **Julian Baggini**, a doctor, **Alice Roberts** and an expert in genomics **Steve Sturdy**, discuss.

Supported by the ESRC Genomics Policy and Research Forum

£8.00 £6.00

Roma Tearne & Julian West

FIRST FICTION

Writers' Retreat

7.30pm

Two compelling debut novels set in the Sri Lankan civil war. Roma Tearne fled when she was ten, travelling to England in a three week boat journey and is now a successful artist. *Mosquito* powerfully evokes the lush landscape and the descent into violence and hatred. Julian West, distinguished foreign correspondent, also explores love and obsession at a time of genocide in her *Serpent In Paradise*.

£5.00 £3.00

James Sheehan

THE RSA LECTURES: NATIONS UNLIMITED

RBS Main Theatre

8.00pm

A major American commentator speaks on the critical balance of war and peace in *The Monopoly of Violence: Why Europeans Hate Going To War*. As the US asserts its right to make war for ideological or self-interested ends, Europe has drawn back from such a position, remaining in thrall to the armed might of the US – a historic reversal of far-reaching significance.

£8.00 £6.00

Benedict Allen

TRAVEL

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

8.30pm

The extremes of survival are explored by Benedict Allen – his own and that of other great explorers of the past. *Into The Abyss* describes his near-fatal incident in an Arctic expedition, interwoven with tales of other adventurers. What motivates them? How do they survive? Come and find out from one of the bravest, finest travel writers.

£8.00 £6.00

Leif Davidsen & Paul Johnston

CRIME

Peppers Theatre

8.30pm

Two of the best Danish and Scottish crime writers come together. Leif Davidsen was for many years a foreign correspondent in Moscow; *The Serbian Dane* draws on his expert political knowledge. Paul Johnston's new novel *The Death List* concerns a crime novelist suddenly drawn chillingly close to murder.

£8.00 £6.00

Spiegelbar

Highland Park Spiegeltent

from 9.00pm

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Monday 20 August 2007

Michael Cox & Allan Massie

WAKE UP TO WORDS

Highland Park Spiegel tent

10.15am

Historical novels of great accomplishment. Allan Massie's prolific output as a leading Scottish literary figure is now added to by *Charlemagne and Roland*, bringing those great early emperors and warriors to vivid life. Michael Cox's epic *The Meaning of Night* recreates Victorian London, based on thirty years of planning and research.

Free coffee and pastries. Sponsored by Green Mountain Coffee Roasters

£7.00 £5.00

David Smith

FOCUS ON INDIA AND CHINA

Peppers Theatre

11.00am

Our twin focus this year on India and China is perfectly distilled in *The Dragon and The Elephant* by David Smith, economics editor of the Sunday Times. What will the world look like and what will it mean when China and India join or overtake the US as the world's fastest growing economies?

£7.00 £5.00

Marketing Yourself as a Writer

WRITING WORKSHOP

Writers' Retreat

11.00am – 12.30pm

Ninety minutes of dedicated hands-on professional help on making yourself sound interesting to agents and publishers, with author and former publisher **Alison Baverstock**. A workshop in spotting and projecting the inner star! (Maximum 20 places).

£10.00 £8.00

Richard Ford

BSL

THE BAILLIE GIFFORD SERIES

RBS Main Theatre

11.30am

A rare and long-awaited visit to the Book Festival by one of America's greatest writers. Richard Ford's *Independence Day* is the only book ever to have won both the Pulitzer Prize and the PEN/Faulkner Award. His magnificent follow-up *The Lay of The Land* is a masterpiece, laying bare human character in luminous prose. Don't miss this very special literary event.

£7.00 £5.00

Julian Baggini & Robin McKie

NATIONS UNLIMITED

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

12 noon

So what is British identity? Does it exist at all? Two very different approaches, one scientific and one philosophical, look at who we really are. Robin McKie, science editor of the Observer, uses DNA analysis to decode our mixed history in *Face of Britain*. Julian Baggini's *Welcome to Everytown* examines the lives and beliefs of a 'typical' English town.

£7.00 £5.00

Tim Harford



THE BAILLIE GIFFORD SERIES: BUSINESS MATTERS

Peppers Theatre

12.30pm

A fresh, lively and accessible look at the economics of everyday life. *The Undercover Economist*, by columnist and TV presenter Tim Harford, wittily and briskly examines everything from the profits from commuters' cappuccinos to how to fix the NHS: an engaging explanation of the invisible economic forces which drive our world.

£7.00 £5.00

Writing Fiction for Children Under Ten

WRITING WORKSHOP

Writers' Retreat

2.00pm – 3.30pm

Prolific and bestselling children's author **Linda Strachan** teaches some key skills for writing for younger children. (Maximum 20 places).

£10.00 £8.00

Anton Gill & Benjamin Woolley

NATIONS UNLIMITED

Peppers Theatre

2.30pm

400 years ago, the first British colony was founded in Virginia. Benjamin Woolley's *Savage Kingdom* tells the true story of Pocahontas and the extraordinary survival of the embattled settlement. Anton Gill in *Empire's Children*, follows the stories of six well-known figures as they unpick the colonial past which has formed multicultural Britain.

£7.00 £5.00

A N Wilson

FINE FICTION

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

3.30pm

A major new novel from one of the foremost literary figures of our time. *Winnie and Wolf* is the extraordinary story of the relationship between Adolf Hitler and Winifred Wagner, brilliantly recreating the days of the Weimar Republic and the lives of two outsiders.

£7.00 £5.00

Nat Edwards & Douglas Watt

THE BAILLIE GIFFORD SERIES

Peppers Theatre

4.00pm

Two riveting accounts of the Darien scheme – the disastrous Scottish failed colony, which led to national bankruptcy and the Union with England. Nat Edwards travelled to the mosquito-infested swamps in search of graves and answers; Douglas Watt unravels the economic and political background to the catastrophe.

£7.00 £5.00

Michael Rose

NATIONS UNLIMITED

RBS Main Theatre

4.30pm

General Sir Michael Rose is one of the most distinguished servicemen, having directed the UK Special Forces and commanded the UN Protection Force in Bosnia. He brings his great knowledge and experience to bear in *Washington's War*, looking at how guerrilla warfare was used to beat the British out of America and how Iraqi insurgents are using the same techniques against US forces today. Chaired by **Ruth Wishart**.

£7.00 £5.00

Marketing Your Book – to Agents, Publishers and Readers

THE WRITING BUSINESS

Writers' Retreat

4.30pm

If you have a strong writing idea, how do you find an agent or publisher to take you seriously – and get you into print? Plus good advice for those already published on keeping your profile high. With expert **Alison Baverstock**.

Supported by The Society of Authors

£5.00 £3.00

Publishing and the Future

THE PUBLISHING SCOTLAND EVENT

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

5.00pm

Let's get digital. In this age of YouTube and online blogs is the writer better to skip the publisher and agent and go direct to the reader? Leading Scottish publishers debate the future and give key tips on getting published. Hosted by **Jenny Brown**, literary agent, with **Lorraine Fannin**, Publishing Scotland, **Hugh Andrew**, Birlinn Publishing, and **Jenny Todd**, Canongate Books.

£7.00 £5.00

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BANNING THE BLOGS

Peppers Theatre

5.30pm – 6.15pm

Our daily free readings in solidarity with writers facing persecution for their thoughts and words. Today: Governments around the world are cracking down on freedom of expression by bloggers. Our readings today include work by Abdul Kareem Suleiman, sentenced by the Egyptian courts to four years in prison for expressing his views in his blog. Among those appearing: **Allan Massie**.

Free: Tickets available from the Box Office on the day of the event

Pawel Huelle

WRITERS OF THE WORLD

Writers' Retreat

6.00pm

We are delighted to welcome a thrillingly imaginative leading Polish author to the Book Festival. Former press officer for Solidarity, university philosopher and head of a TV channel, Pawel Huelle is now internationally renowned as a writer. In *Castorp* he takes Thomas Mann's hero from *The Magic Mountain* and imagines his years in Gdańsk at the dawn of the twentieth century – atmospheric, mysterious and eccentric.

£5.00 £3.00

Andrew Marr

THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF SCOTLAND DONALD DEWAR LECTURE

RBS Main Theatre

6.30pm

We present one of the most outstandingly popular and respected broadcasters and political commentators of the age, in our annual event in memory of Donald Dewar, Scotland's founder of devolution and inaugural First Minister. Join Andrew Marr as he reflects with his trademark wit and intelligence on Scotland, politics and life. Chaired by **Iain Macwhirter**.

£8.00 £6.00

Jonathan Bate

LITERATURE AND CULTURE

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

7.00pm

A groundbreaking new complete works of Shakespeare is a major cultural event. For the first time in 300 years, the new RSC edition is based on the First Folio – arguably the most important book in the history of world drama. Editor and expert Jonathan Bate communicates all his passion and enthusiasm for this stunning work.

£8.00 £6.00

Michael Blastland

POPULAR SCIENCE

Peppers Theatre

7.00pm

Mathematics bamboozles many of us, but we all need to understand the world of numbers – and the way they are manipulated by politicians, journalists and others. *The Tiger That Wasn't* is a liberating and fear-free introduction to the simple principles of maths, by the team behind BBC Radio 4's hugely popular *More Or Less*.

£8.00 £6.00

Nature and Nurture Revisited

GENES AND SOCIETY

Highland Park Spiegeltent

7.30pm – 8.45pm

Is our behaviour caused by our genes or our environment? Or is it a little less simple than that – does in fact the environment affect our genes? Can genes be 'switched on' by a set of circumstances (a child in a violent home)? Discuss the latest scientific insights with our panel including philosopher **Simon Blackburn** and science writer **Robin McKie**. Chaired by **Sergio della Sala**.

Supported by the ESRC Genomics Policy and Research Forum

£8.00 £6.00

Anna Ralph & Ruth Thomas

FIRST FICTION

Writers' Retreat

7.30pm

Two wonderful debut novels about secrets and hidden lives. Anna Ralph is the daughter of Pat Barker; her haunting *The Floating Island* is a riveting psychological tale of loss and betrayal, as a boy in a wheelchair confronts what happened the day his brother died. Scottish writer Ruth Thomas beautifully evokes two school friends whose adult lives have diverged in *Things to Make and Mend*.

£5.00 £3.00

Joan Bakewell

THE MURRAY BEITH MURRAY EVENT

RBS Main Theatre

8.00pm

The verve, grace, warmth, intelligence and sheer accomplishment of Joan Bakewell make her one of the Book Festival's most eagerly welcomed guests. Come and join her as she casts her lucid glance upon the world from the perspective of her eighth decade and her distinguished career in broadcasting. Chaired by **Sheena Macdonald**.

£8.00 £6.00

A L Kennedy

FINE FICTION

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

8.30pm

Linguistic brilliance and an astonishing reach of imaginative empathy have made A L Kennedy into one of the most remarkable writers of her generation. Her latest novel *Day* is perhaps her finest yet and enters new territory: a moving, profound, beautifully realised story of a bomber pilot in the Second World War.

£8.00 £6.00

Anthony Loyd

WAR AND THE MEDIA

Peppers Theatre

8.30pm

Addicted to war, addicted to heroin, Anthony Loyd's savage and visceral account of his life, *My War Gone By, I Miss It So* propelled him to public attention. An award-winning foreign correspondent, he now writes with equally brutal honesty in *Another Bloody Love Letter* about the hideous reality of violence, and of love and loss.

£8.00 £6.00

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Tuesday 21 August 2007

Simon Biggam & Alan Bissett

WAKE UP TO WORDS

Highland Park Spiegeltent

10.15am

Two of the brightest, burgeoning talents on the new Scottish fiction scene. Alan Bissett has established himself after only two novels as a writer of immense zest, originality and energy. Simon Biggam visited last year's festival with his chilling debut about a Peeping Tom; the follow-up, *The First Day*, set in 1944, is equally gripping.

Free coffee and pastries. Sponsored by Green Mountain Coffee Roasters

£7.00 £5.00

Ian Kershaw, Stephen McGinty & David Stafford

HISTORY

Peppers Theatre

11.00am

Powerful new light on forgotten aspects of the Second World War. Ian Kershaw, renowned expert on Hitler, terrifyingly shows the contingency of history, examining ten fateful decisions which could have tipped the balance either way. David Stafford looks at the horrors which followed VE Day – a neglected story of fractured lives. Stephen McGinty looks at the enduring iconic status of Churchill's cigars.

£7.00 £5.00

How to Manage Your Time as a Writer

WRITING WORKSHOP

Writers' Retreat

11.00am – 12.30pm

Deciding you want to write is one thing; finding the time, peace and location to do the writing is quite another. A workshop offering firm advice on how to take your writing seriously – and encourage others to do the same. With expert **Alison Baverstock**. (Maximum 20 places).

£10.00 £8.00

Pat Barker

BSL

MEET THE AUTHOR

RBS Main Theatre

11.30am

Pat Barker's deep, wise insight into the lives of ordinary people caught up in the First World War has won her the Booker Prize and sales of over one million for her *Regeneration* trilogy. Now she returns to that period with a major new novel, *Life Class*, about a young artist who volunteers for the Red Cross on the front line and whose life will never be the same again.

Supported by the Hawthornden Literary Retreat

£7.00 £5.00

Simon Blackburn

MATTERS OF THE MIND

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

12 noon

One of the most distinguished and accessible philosophers and communicators, Simon Blackburn has attracted capacity audiences at the Book Festival for matters ranging from lust to truth. Now he goes back to the most influential philosopher of all, Plato, explaining how his Republic laid the foundations of Western culture.

£7.00 £5.00

Sarah Chayes

EAST AND WEST

Peppers Theatre

12.30pm

Afghanistan from the inside, as seen by a courageous and remarkable American who went as a reporter to cover the fall of the Taliban and stayed to make a difference. Now running a soap co-operative in Kandahar, Sarah Chayes gives essential first-hand testimony, not least of how the mighty US is outwitted at every turn.

£7.00 £5.00

Andrew Marr

THE MURRAY BEITH MURRAY EVENT

RBS Main Theatre

1.30pm

Book quickly. When hugely admired Scottish broadcaster Andrew Marr was last at the Book Festival, his was the fastest selling event of them all. His enthralling new look at modern Britain is a brilliant sweep through politics, culture, sexuality, the cult of celebrity and the current apparent victory of consumerism over grand vision. Chaired by **Ruth Wishart**.

£7.00 £5.00

Creative Writing

WRITING WORKSHOP

Writers' Retreat

2.00pm – 3.30pm

Kirsty Gunn, award-winning novelist and Professor of Creative Writing at Dundee University invites you to take part in a writing session designed to show everybody just how easy it is to unlock your imagination and let your writing flow. Bring along paper and a pen and be prepared to be inspired...

£10.00 £8.00

Matthew Collin & Ian Patterson

NATIONS UNLIMITED

Peppers Theatre

2.30pm

Two powerful accounts of far-reaching events shaping recent history. Ian Patterson's *Guernica and Total War* marks the 70th anniversary of the obliteration of a civilian population, and its pertinence to today's wars; while Matthew Collin's *Time of The Rebels* brilliantly shows how people-power in Eastern Europe fomented revolution and democratic change.

£7.00 £5.00

Edward de Bono

THE INHOUSE EVENT

RBS Main Theatre

3.00pm

A very special chance to meet one of the world's most important thinkers, the man who developed the concept of lateral thinking and whose teaching of creative thinking is sought after internationally by world leaders, governments, educationalists and businesses. Stretch your mind in his company.

£7.00 £5.00

Michael Dobbs

FINE FICTION

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

3.30pm

The creator of *House of Cards* once again shows his sharp-eyed inside knowledge. *First Lady* is a ripping revenge tale of a wronged MP's wife – with uncanny resonances in the real world of Westminster. Michael Dobbs has advised Prime Ministers and been Chief of Staff for the Conservative Party – a man who knows where the bodies are buried. Chaired by **Ruth Wishart**.

£7.00 £5.00

Rob Gifford & Duncan Hewitt

FOCUS ON CHINA

Peppers Theatre

4.00pm

Our major Chinese series continues with two in-depth accounts of the staggering transformations taking place. Duncan Hewitt, former BBC China correspondent, introduces us to the new entrepreneurs in *Getting Rich First*. Rob Gifford's *China Road*, following the 3,000 mile long Route 312 from Shanghai to Kazakhstan, is a quest to the heart of the new China.

£7.00 £5.00

Roy Hattersley

MEET THE AUTHOR

RBS Main Theatre

4.30pm

Buster is back. The most famous canine author in Britain reveals the travails of ageing and living with the man who would clearly like to be a dog but lacks the necessary talent. Lovely, touching comic tales of a dog's world from the ever prolific and prodigious Roy Hattersley.

£7.00 £5.00

Tuesday 21 August 2007

Writing – Keeping at it!

THE WRITING BUSINESS

Writers' Retreat 4.30pm
Bestselling novelist **Kate Mosse** and **Greg Mosse**, non-fiction author and teacher, discuss persistence, determination and 'getting it done', how to make your ideas work, formats and how to present work for an agent or publisher, and answer any other questions on aspects of the professional writer's craft, in fiction and non-fiction.
Supported by The Society of Authors
£5.00 £3.00

Amnesty International Imprisoned Writers Series

AFRICA
Peppers Theatre 5.30pm – 6.15pm
Our daily free readings in solidarity with writers facing persecution for their thoughts and words. Today: Writers and journalists in Africa are some of the most censored and intimidated in the world. We hear from Nigeria, Zimbabwe and the Democratic Republic of Congo. Among those appearing: **Kirsty Gunn**.

Free: Tickets available from the Box Office on the day of the event

Nikita Lalwani & Nury Vittachi

FIRST FICTION
Writers' Retreat 6.00pm
Glorious fiction from two writers new to the British scene. Nikita Lalwani, born in Rajasthan and brought up in Cardiff, writes touchingly and amusingly in *Gifted* of young maths prodigy, Rumi, coming of age in a complex cultural hinterland. Nury Vittachi is massively popular in Asia and newly published here: his madcap *The Shanghai Union Of Industrial Mystics* is a wild and hilarious spoof detective novel.
£5.00 £3.00

Christopher Brookmyre

THE PINSENT MASONS EVENT
RBS Main Theatre 6.30pm
Massively popular for his no-holds-barred wit and satire, top Scottish crime writer Christopher Brookmyre also has the best titles bar none. *Attack of the Unsinkable Rubber Ducks* explores strange psychic palaver at a Glasgow university which might yet fatally threaten our hero Jack Parlabane. Also - an exclusive glimpse at the next book he is working on - *A Snowball in Hell*. You heard it here first. Chaired by **Janice Forsyth** of BBC Radio Scotland's The Radio Café
£8.00 £6.00

Rhona Cameron

FINE FICTION
ScottishPower Studio Theatre 7.00pm
One of the most successful stand-up comedians in the UK, Rhona Cameron received great praise for her funny, sensitive memoir of growing up in Musselburgh. Now she embarks on fiction with her first novel, *The Naked Drinking Club*, in which an Edinburgh twenty-something embarks on a suitably debauched tour of Australia.
£8.00 £6.00

John Burnside & Colm Tóibín

FINE FICTION
Peppers Theatre 7.00pm
A stunning double bill of two of the most acclaimed and award-laden writers to come out of Scotland and Ireland. John Burnside is leading poet, story writer and memoirist; his latest novel *The Devil's Footprints* is equally accomplished, a dark fable set in a Fife fishing village. Colm Tóibín's beautiful, powerful stories of *Mothers and Sons* prove him a master of prose and emotional insight.
£8.00 £6.00

The Rise of Religion

EAST AND WEST

Highland Park Spiegeltent 7.30pm – 8.45pm
Is the rise of religion a threat to liberal democracy? Are religious believers backward and deluded, or does religious faith reflect something missing from secular society? With religion playing a greater role in public life in the West, is the future religious whether we like it or not? Is radical Islam a religious threat to secular values or a political challenge to the West? Join **Ed Husain**, who was an Islamic fundamentalist, **Dolan Cummings**, editor of *Debating Humanism* and **Phillip Blond**, theologian and commentator.

In association with The Institute of Ideas

£8.00 £6.00

Clare Clark & Scarlett Thomas

FINE FICTION
Writers' Retreat 7.30pm
Highly accomplished and engaging fiction. Clare Clark's *The Nature of Monsters* recreates the tumult of eighteenth century London and its heady mix of social deprivation and experimental science. Scarlett Thomas's *The End Of Mr Y* also evokes a bygone scientist and plays intriguingly with the mysterious ideas he embodied.
£5.00 £3.00

Lynne Truss

THE TIMES EVENT
RBS Main Theatre 8.00pm
The phenomenal worldwide success of *Eats, Shoots and Leaves* propelled Lynne Truss far beyond the acclaim she already enjoyed as journalist and scriptwriter. *A Certain Age* collects her perfectly observed, funny and moving radio monologues, in the tradition of Alan Bennett's *Talking Heads*. Pure bliss.
£8.00 £6.00

Kate Mosse

FINE FICTION
ScottishPower Studio Theatre 8.30pm
Kate Mosse's international bestselling *Labyrinth*, was the biggest selling novel of 2006. In this exclusive pre-publication event she talks about the research and writing of her forthcoming novel *Sepulchre*, a ghost story about a mysterious pack of tarot cards and the music of Debussy, set at the end of the nineteenth century in Paris and southwest France.
£8.00 £6.00

Carol Drinkwater

TRAVEL
Peppers Theatre 8.30pm
The Olive Route is the story of the Mediterranean itself and the lands where life has depended for centuries on the silver-green tree and its fruit. Actress Carol Drinkwater went to live on an olive farm in Provence; now she embarks, with trademark passion and enthusiasm, on a journey through olive culture from the Cretans to the present.
£8.00 £6.00

Spiegelbar

Highland Park Spiegeltent from 9.00pm
Come and relax and listen to live music.
Sponsored by Highland Park
Free – open to all

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Wednesday 22 August 2007

Ian Duhig & Annie Freud

WAKE UP TO WORDS

Highland Park Spiegeltent

10.15am

A luminous and energising hour of poetry to give your day a spring in its step. Ian Duhig worked with homeless people for fifteen years before becoming one of the most acclaimed poets of his generation. Annie Freud's *The Best Man That Ever Was* has been called the most important poetic debut of the last decade.

Free coffee and pastries. Sponsored by Green Mountain Coffee Roasters

£7.00 £5.00

Mary Loudon

LIVED LIVES

Peppers Theatre

11.00am

In a profound, humane and intensely moving account, Mary Loudon describes her search for her sister who suffered from schizophrenia, and whom she had not seen for twelve years before her death. *Relative Stranger* pieces together the lost years; a powerfully affecting illumination not just of mental illness but of the deep ties of family love.

£7.00 £5.00

Plot and Character

WRITING WORKSHOP

Writers' Retreat

11.00am – 12.30pm

A gripping plot is driven by convincing characters. In this practical class, suitable for all abilities, author, translator and educator **Greg Mosse** shows useful techniques for developing good ideas for the interplay of character and plot. (Maximum 20 places).

£10.00 £8.00

Blake Morrison

BSL

MEET THE AUTHOR

RBS Main Theatre

11.30am

One of the most perceptive and eloquent of British writers, Blake Morrison is a leading poet, critic and journalist famed for his memoirs including *And When Did You Last See Your Father?*. His new novel *South Of The River* is a comic, dark dissecting of a group of dysfunctional characters epitomising Blair's skewed Britain. Chaired by **Joan Bakewell**. Supported by the Hawthornden Literary Retreat

£7.00 £5.00

John Gray

MATTERS OF THE MIND

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

12 noon

Are ancient myths and apocalyptic religion returning to haunt us, no longer buried in the past but bursting through in the new forms of fundamentalism? What hope now for an end to global conflict? Philosophy, politics, economics and current affairs blaze together in the vital, timely work of John Gray, a thinker we desperately need. Chaired by **Richard Holloway**.

£7.00 £5.00

Lavinia Greenlaw & Kirsty Gunn

GIRLS AND GROWING

Peppers Theatre

12.30pm

The consolations of maternal domesticity and memories of being a music-loving adolescent combine in memoirs from two exceptional literary figures, novelist and poet, heading down unexpected routes. Kirsty Gunn's beautiful *44 Things: A Year of Life At Home* celebrates her life with her young daughters; poet Lavinia Greenlaw pays tribute to girlhood itself.

£7.00 £5.00

Fantasy Writing

WRITING WORKSHOP

Writers' Retreat

2.00pm – 3.30pm

Would you like to write fantasy fiction but are not sure where to start? Fantasy novelist **Deborah J Miller** discusses the basics of the genre and perhaps gets you started on a whole new literary adventure. (Maximum 20 places).

£10.00 £8.00

Ron Ferguson & Simon Parke

RELIGION AND SOCIETY

Peppers Theatre

2.30pm

A priest turned supermarket worker gives us ten new commandments – not the ferocious instructions of old – for a gentler, more fulfilling life in an intriguing work of psychology and spirituality. The former leader of the Iona Community tells of his conversations about faith and life with the inspirational former priest of Rosslyn Chapel, Roland Walls.

£7.00 £5.00

Peter & Dan Snow

HISTORY

RBS Main Theatre

3.00pm

The course of twentieth century history was changed by certain key battles, their enormous impact resonating through subsequent decades. Father and son team Peter and Dan Snow, BBC stars, look together at the factors which caused victory and defeat in battlefields from Amiens to the First Gulf War and which influenced our lives today.

£7.00 £5.00

Isla Dewar

FINE FICTION

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

3.30pm

Perennially popular, warm and entertaining, always avoiding grandiosity, Isla Dewar has a huge, loyal and growing following. Novels such as *The Consequences of Marriage*, an acute portrayal of a young man and his Edinburgh landlady, demonstrate precisely why.

£7.00 £5.00

Neil Boorman & Tobias Jones

GLOBAL WORLD

Peppers Theatre

4.00pm

What happens without the trappings of consumerist modern life? Neil Boorman, brand consultant, burned and destroyed all his branded goods – and possibly his identity. Tobias Jones took his wife and baby daughter round communes for a year, seeking the elusive balance between authentic individual and community.

£7.00 £5.00

Writing for Over Tens and Teens

THE WRITING BUSINESS

Writers' Retreat

4.30pm

There is a growing market for young adult fiction. Award-winning novelist **Nicola Morgan** explains how to appeal to the different age ranges.

Supported by The Society of Authors

£5.00 £3.00

Wednesday 22 August 2007

Rosemary Davidson & Lucy Mangan

GIRLS AND GROWING

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

5.00pm

The second of today's celebrations of girlhood, as good for teenage lovers of Jacqueline Wilson as for anyone who has ever been a girl. Deliciously witty Guardian columnist Lucy Mangan's *Hopscotch and Handbags* asks, hilariously, what it means to be a girl. Publisher Rosemary Davidson also delves into all things girly.

£7.00 £5.00

Amnesty International Imprisoned Writers Series

GENOCIDE

Peppers Theatre

5.30pm – 6.15pm

Our daily free readings in solidarity with writers facing persecution for their thoughts and words. Today: From Rwanda to Guatemala, twentieth century genocide was an all too frequent occurrence. We also look at genocide in Kashmir and Nigeria. Among those appearing: **James Robertson**.

Free: Tickets available from the Box Office on the day of the event

Mohsin Hamid & Ed Husain

EAST AND WEST

Writers' Retreat

6.00pm

Two compelling explorations, one fictional, one true, of the allure of Islamic fundamentalism. Ed Husain became part of British radical Islam aged sixteen; five years later he rejected that way of life. He is uniquely placed to explain the appeal and the continued threat of extremism. In his subtle and powerful novel *The Reluctant Fundamentalist*, Lahore-born Harvard-educated Mohsin Hamid also looks at the tensions besetting young Muslims in the West.

£5.00 £3.00

Karen Armstrong

RELIGION AND SOCIETY

RBS Main Theatre

6.30pm

One of the foremost religious and ethical thinkers of our time, Karen Armstrong's seminal works on world religions have included Islam and Buddhism. Now the former nun turned leading commentator addresses the Bible, the world's bestselling book and fount of the West's literature, culture and belief systems.

£8.00 £6.00

Josephine Hart

POETRY

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

7.00pm

Catching Life By The Throat is the inspirational project of bestselling novelist turned poetry evangelist Josephine Hart. A wonderful anthology of poems by Auden, Eliot, Larkin, Plath, Yeats and more, it captures the essence of what poetry can do – complete with readings by renowned actors. Come and discover which stars will be reading in Edinburgh.

£8.00 £6.00

Kitty Aldridge & Esther Freud

FINE FICTION

Peppers Theatre

7.00pm

Two clear, distinctive novelistic voices. Esther Freud's semi-autobiographical *Hideous Kinky* first established her talent. Her latest, *Love Falls*, is a work of utmost accomplishment and maturity, pitching a girl into a troubling adult world. Kitty Aldridge's *Cryers Hill* also explores memories of childhood.

£8.00 £6.00

The Rise of Religion

MORAL VALUES IN THE MODERN WORLD

Highland Park Spiegeltent

7.30pm – 8.45pm

Is atheism just another fundamentalism? It seems science is on the march against everything from creationism to Catholicism. But do we put too much faith in science? Or is there a need for a stronger defence of secular humanist values? Should there be a campaign against irrationality and superstition, or should humanists make common cause with religious moderates, against fundamentalists of all stripes? Join eminent thinker and philosopher **John Gray**, the former leader of the Iona Community, **Ron Ferguson** and **Mark Vernon**, author of *Science, Religion and The Meaning of Life*.

In association with The Institute of Ideas

£8.00 £6.00

Georgina Harding & Jeremy Page

FIRST FICTION

Writers' Retreat

7.30pm

Suffused with the sea and loneliness, here are two highly atmospheric and haunting first novels, living long in the mind. Georgina Harding's *The Solitude of Thomas Cave* evokes in perfectly weighted prose a seventeenth century whaler abandoned in the Arctic North. Jeremy Page's *Salt* dreams of the marshes and vast skies of Norfolk.

£5.00 £3.00

Simon Armitage

POETRY

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

8.30pm

One of Britain's most popular and powerful poets, delivering sound and sense without a hint of pretentiousness, Simon Armitage heightens the pulse of language. His new translation of *Sir Gawain and The Green Knight* makes it bloody, real and alive for a modern age.

£8.00 £6.00

Meredith Hooper & Verlyn Klinkenborg

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY ENVIRONMENT SERIES

Peppers Theatre

8.30pm

Sometimes an animal's-eye view tells us a great deal about the state of the natural world. *Timothy's Book* is American writer Verlyn Klinkenborg's wonderful tortoise-eye view of an English country garden (as first described in Gilbert White's *Natural History of Selborne*). Meredith Hooper studies penguins in Antarctica to understand the full and terrifying impact of global warming.

£8.00 £6.00

Spiegelbar

Highland Park Spiegeltent

from 9.00pm

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Free – open to all

Thursday 23 August 2007

Matthew Kneale & Gerard Woodward

WAKE UP TO WORDS

Highland Park Spiegel tent

10.15am

Moving family stories from two award-winning British novelists, both Booker shortlisted. Gerard Woodward writes with quietly heartbreaking brilliance of old age and late flowering desire in *A Curious Earth*. Matthew Kneale, bestselling author of *English Passengers*, views a damaged family and paranoid mother through the innocent eyes of a young boy in *When We Were Romans*.

Free coffee and pastries. Sponsored by Green Mountain Coffee Roasters

£7.00 £5.00

Tim Butcher & Tim Jeal

FOCUS ON AFRICA

Peppers Theatre

11.00am

The mighty Congo river and the complex life of Stanley, who first charted it, come together in this riveting insight into Africa. Tim Jeal sheds new light on the great explorer. Tim Butcher, foreign correspondent for the Daily Telegraph, follows in his footsteps on a hazardous journey through a turbulent and damaged heart of darkness.

£7.00 £5.00

Writing and Rejection

WRITING WORKSHOP

Writers' Retreat

11.00am – 12.30pm

The psychology of rejection – remember it isn't personal. How to use rejection to move forward, developing a critical reaction to criticism and why not to write that angry letter to the agent who said no. With author, playwright and psychotherapist **Caroline Dunford**. (Maximum 20 places).

£10.00 £8.00

Tony Harrison

BSL

POETRY

RBS Main Theatre

11.30am

A colossal figure in contemporary British literature, Tony Harrison is seventy this year and his polemical energy is undiminished. The major film and theatre poet of our time, the scholarship boy imbued with classics and class, he believes utterly in the affirmative power of poetry. Come and meet a unique literary spirit.

£7.00 £5.00

Thant Myint-U

FOCUS ON BURMA

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

12 noon

The dramatic and tragic story of modern Burma is poignantly revealed through the knowledge and family stories of Thant Myint-U. *The River of Lost Footsteps* movingly describes his family's inheritance and achievements (including leading the UN) and interweaves it with the country's rise and decline and its intractable civil war.

£7.00 £5.00

Erik Reinert

THE BAILLIE GIFFORD SERIES: BUSINESS MATTERS

Peppers Theatre

12.30pm

How Rich Countries Got Rich and Why Poor Countries Stay Poor offers fresh and vital thinking about modern economic development. Leading Norwegian thinker Erik Reinert argues that the current overemphasis on free trade is wrong, and that rich countries became so through a mix of protectionism and state activism; important lessons for the developing world.

£7.00 £5.00

Clive Stafford Smith

LAW AND SOCIETY

RBS Main Theatre

1.30pm

One of the most passionate and committed human rights lawyers in the world today, Clive Stafford Smith spent twenty years defending prisoners on Death Row. His clients now include detainees in Guantanamo Bay and he devastatingly exposes the injustice and hypocrisy of that infamous camp. Come and hear his anger, his eloquence and how he is determined to make a difference. Chaired by **Ruth Wishart**.

£7.00 £5.00

Zachary Leader

LIVED LIVES

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

2.00pm

Kingsley Amis was a colossus of letters, not just the finest comic novelist of his generation but a dominant figure in post-war British literary circles. Zachary Leader's biography of this extravagantly talented, complex and flawed figure has received universal praise for its elegance, meticulous research and new insights.

£7.00 £5.00

How to Create a Series

WRITING WORKSHOP

Writers' Retreat

2.00pm – 3.30pm

Series for six to ten year olds can sell in their millions. Learn about writing a series for this age group, what appeals and what sells, with vastly experienced writer **Vivian French**. (Maximum 20 places).

£10.00 £8.00

Dominic Green & Clare Pettitt

FOCUS ON AFRICA

Peppers Theatre

2.30pm

In the second of today's events on Western exploration and incursions into Africa, Clare Pettitt's *Dr Livingstone, I Presume?* takes up the tale of Stanley and the great Scottish explorer. A powerful Western presence is revealed in Dominic Green's *Armies of God: Islam and Empire on the Nile 1869–1899* showing the great clashes between Europeans, Arabs and Africans in the Sudan.

£7.00 £5.00

Libby Purves

MEET THE AUTHOR

RBS Main Theatre

3.00pm

Columnist, broadcaster and presenter of wit and energy, Libby Purves is also an accomplished novelist. Her latest, *Love Songs and Lies*, shows her gift for shrewdly observing society, taking a group of friends from 1970s Oxford through the start of their adult lives, in a revealing portrait of the late twentieth century. Chaired by **Ruth Wishart**.

£7.00 £5.00

Raja Shehadeh

EAST AND WEST

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

3.30pm

Human rights lawyer and writer of powerful and poignant sensitivity, Palestinian Raja Shehadeh is one the wisest and most welcome visitors to the Book Festival. We are honoured to be launching his new book *Palestinian Walks*, in which he crosses his land on foot; conflicts and history revealed in the beautiful battered landscapes.

£7.00 £5.00

Douglas MacGowan & Harry Reid

MEDIA AND SOCIETY

Peppers Theatre

4.00pm

Leading journalist Harry Reid, former editor of the Herald, knows the media from the inside. *Deadline* is his fascinating account of the Scottish press over the last fifty years of great political and social change. Douglas MacGowan revisits a notorious story which filled the papers in Victorian times, the scandalous Madeleine Smith case: murder, adultery – perfect tabloid fare.

£7.00 £5.00

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Thursday 23 August 2007

How to Read a Novel

THE WRITING BUSINESS

Writers' Retreat 4.30pm

John Mullan is the perfect guide to novel-reading and explains with plenty of examples how the novelist's techniques and effects draw us in. Come and learn how to get even more pleasure from the pages.

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BURMA

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Free: Tickets available from the Box Office on the day of the event

Biyi Bandele & Karen Connelly

FOCUS ON BURMA

Writers' Retreat 6.00pm

In the third of our events today on that troubled land, two outstanding novelists uncover tragic times in Burma. The major Nigerian writer Biyi Bandele recalls the forgotten African soldiers (such as his own father) who fought in the rain-sodden Burmese jungle in *Burma Boy*. Canadian Karen Connelly's powerful debut *The Lizard Cage* tells of the brutal solitary confinement of a protest singer.

£5.00 £3.00

Jeremy Bowen

THE ANDERSON STRATHERN EVENT

RBS Main Theatre 6.30pm

One of the most experienced and respected of BBC foreign correspondents, Jeremy Bowen has been in some of the most hazardous war zones of the world. *War Stories* tells with direct honesty of his complex attraction to danger – as well as the ways in which technology has profoundly changed the media's relationship with wars.

£8.00 £6.00

The Vintage Classics Event

LITERATURE AND CULTURE

ScottishPower Studio Theatre 7.00pm

Join **Blake Morrison, Adam Thirlwell** and **Zachary Leader** as they discuss the qualities which really make a book a classic, to celebrate the launch of the new Vintage Classics imprint. This year has seen a spate of reissues and repackaging of classic texts – but do we even agree what the word means? Come and join in.

£8.00 £6.00

Louise Doughty

CREATIVE WRITING

Peppers Theatre 7.00pm

A highly successful and popular author, Louise Doughty is also a superb teacher. In the second of today's events on the art of creative writing, she offers a novelist's guide to being a novelist – a practical step by step guide which could help you write a novel in a year.

£8.00 £6.00

The Older Citizen

FAMILY AND SOCIETY

Highland Park Spiegeltent 7.30pm – 8.45pm

Are senior citizens an unacceptable burden on the NHS or too busy climbing Everest to look after their grandchildren? Attitudes towards the elderly – and of the elderly themselves – are changing radically. Is prejudice growing or diminishing? What does the increasing older population mean for society, state and individuals? Come and discuss with **Ruth Wishart** and our expert panel.

In association with Queen Margaret University and the RBS Centre for the Older Person's Agenda

£8.00 £6.00

Michael Redhill & Madeleine Thien

FOCUS ON CANADA

Writers' Retreat 7.30pm

First-class fiction from Canada. We are delighted to welcome back Commonwealth Prize winner Michael Redhill, with *Consolation*, an exquisitely written tale of the past and present of Toronto. Madeleine Thien, from Vancouver, is an acclaimed story writer. Her first novel *Certainty* moves between modern Canada and Second World War Borneo (where Thien's grandfather was murdered by Japanese soldiers in 1945) – a haunting narrative.

£5.00 £3.00

James Naughtie

MUSIC AND SOCIETY

RBS Main Theatre 8.00pm

The hugely popular and authoritative political broadcaster here turns to his other love – classical music. James Naughtie delves into our common history of music and reveals its characters and its dramatic moments – such as the riot at the premiere of *The Rite of Spring* – revealing the power which music has to move us.

£8.00 £6.00

Pattie Boyd & Penny Junor

LIVED LIVES

ScottishPower Studio Theatre 8.30pm

Sixties supermodel, inspiration for the songs *Layla* and *Wonderful Tonight*, married to George Harrison and later to Eric Clapton, working with David Bailey, Pattie Boyd epitomised an era. Her dramatic, highly colourful narrative, written with leading biographer and journalist Penny Junor, brings to life her own story and a wild decade.

£8.00 £6.00

Michael Asher & Robert Twigger

TRAVEL

Peppers Theatre 8.30pm

Tales of the desert. Michael Asher is one of the greatest desert explorers of our day, a modern Wilfred Thesiger (of whom he has written the definitive biography). *Sands Of Death* describes the nineteenth century colonial disaster when a well-armed French expedition was routed and massacred by the Tuareg. Robert Twigger sought his own desert experience, crossing the Egyptian Sahara in search of a lost oasis.

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Friday 24 August 2007

Niall Griffiths & Rupert Thomson

WAKE UP TO WORDS
Highland Park Spiegeltent 10.15am
Powerful and distinctive fiction to put new perspective on the day. Niall Griffiths's astonishing use of language puts more pallid fiction to shame. *Runt*, about a sixteen year old savant on a remote Welsh hill farm, shows him at his finest. Rupert Thomson is equally at his best in *Death of a Murderer*, a night in the soul of the policeman guarding Myra Hindley's dead body.
Free coffee and pastries. Sponsored by Green Mountain Coffee Roasters
£7.00 £5.00

Stephen Oppenheimer

NATIONS UNLIMITED
Peppers Theatre 11.00am
Orcadians participating in Viking invasions as well as being victims, the Celts's origins in the Basque country, a genetic line dividing the English from other Britons – Stephen Oppenheimer's genetic detective story uncovers startling facts about the origins of our identity, using the latest DNA techniques. Britain will never look quite the same again.
£7.00 £5.00

Writing Your First Novel

WRITING WORKSHOP
Writers' Retreat 11.00am – 12.30pm
How to start your first novel and how to carry on. **Louise Doughty** talks through the joys, perils and pitfalls of writing full-length fiction. (Maximum 20 places).
£10.00 £8.00

Ian McEwan

MEET THE AUTHOR
RBS Main Theatre 11.30am
Simply one of the finest living authors at the peak of his maturity and perception, Ian McEwan makes a hugely welcome visit to the Book Festival. His latest novella *On Chesil Beach* is a perfectly executed miniature masterpiece of a couple on their honeymoon night, poised between the 1950s which formed them and an unknowable modern future. Chaired by **Ian Rankin**.
Supported by the Hawthornden Literary Retreat
£7.00 £5.00

Stephen Bayley & Roger Mavity

THE INHOUSE EVENT
Peppers Theatre 12.30pm
Persuasion and presentation are key skills, whether on a business lunch or a first date. Stephen Bayley is one of the world's most sought after design consultants; Roger Mavity worked in advertising and is now chief executive of Conran Holdings. *Life's A Pitch* is practical, witty, stylish (of course) and indispensable.
£7.00 £5.00

Ben Okri

MEET THE AUTHOR
RBS Main Theatre 1.30pm
A major literary occasion as we launch the new novel of Nigerian-born Booker winner Ben Okri. Unlike any other writer at work in Britain today, Okri is a true visionary. *Starbook*, his first novel for five years, is part magical fable and part reflection on the impact slavery had on the collective unconscious of a continent.
£7.00 £5.00

Laura Kipnis & Lynne Segal

WOMEN AND SOCIETY
ScottishPower Studio Theatre 2.00pm
Two feisty, passionate and questioning personal perspectives on feminism. Lynne Segal's *Making Trouble* tells of her own life as a radical political activist. American Laura Kipnis provocatively assesses *The Female Thing* and with biting wit befitting Dorothy Parker, suggests women themselves might be feminism's worst enemy.
£7.00 £5.00

Tim Lott & Adam Thirlwell

FINE FICTION
Writers' Retreat 2.00pm
Two hugely talented novelists give insight into their work. Tim Lott has refused to be pigeon-holed with works such as *White City Blue* and *The Seymour Tapes* (and now a novel for young adults too). Adam Thirlwell is one of Granta's Best of Young British Novelists; he previews his brilliant forthcoming novel around themes of translation, *Miss Herbert*.
£5.00 £3.00

Kevin Cahill

GLOBAL WORLD
Peppers Theatre 2.30pm
Who owns the world? It is a big question and Kevin Cahill has a big, meticulously researched and revelatory answer of huge political, economic and social importance. Among many examples he establishes that a single individual owns a sixth of the world and that aristocratic families still own over 60% of Europe's land mass.
£7.00 £5.00

Xinran Xue

FOCUS ON CHINA
RBS Main Theatre 3.00pm
Journalist, radio presenter, columnist and novelist, Xinran Xue has shed new light on her homeland ever since her seminal book about women's lives, *The Good Women of China*. Her new novel *Miss Chopsticks* follows three peasant girls as they embrace a new life in the big, fast changing city. Warm fiction and essential insight. Chaired by **Ruth Wishart**.
£7.00 £5.00

Sarah Dunant

FINE FICTION
ScottishPower Studio Theatre 3.30pm
A fabulous courtesan and her dwarf companion slip away from the sacked and burning city of Rome, drawn to the wealth and opportunities of Venice. Broadcaster, journalist and writer Sarah Dunant thrillingly recreates the full richness of Renaissance Italy in *In The Company of The Courtesan*.
£7.00 £5.00

Gabrielle Walker

POPULAR SCIENCE
Peppers Theatre 4.00pm
Air: we take it absolutely for granted yet we live not just in it, but because of it. Gabrielle Walker's limpid, accessible and eye-opening *An Ocean of Air* is one of those revelatory works which makes us rethink the miracle of life on earth, swaddled in the thinnest layers of atmosphere without which we would freeze, burn, boil, die.
£7.00 £5.00

Creative Writing

THE WRITING BUSINESS
Writers' Retreat 4.30pm
Laura Marney has swiftly become a bestselling Scottish novelist; she also teaches on Glasgow's highly successful and sought after Creative Writing course. Join her as she shares some tricks of the trade to help you with your own work. (Maximum 20 places).
Supported by The Society of Authors
£5.00 £3.00

Friday 24 August 2007

Amnesty International Imprisoned Writers Series

WRITE TO LIFE

Peppers Theatre

5.30pm – 6.15pm

Our daily free readings in solidarity with writers facing persecution for their thoughts and words. Today: The refugee writing group at the Medical Foundation for Victims of Torture. Among those appearing: **Sarah Dunant**.

Free: Tickets available from the Box Office on the day of the event

Michael Wallner

WRITERS OF THE WORLD

Writers' Retreat

6.00pm

Huge international excitement has surrounded the publication of actor and screenwriter Michael Wallner's debut, *April In Paris*, in more than twenty countries. A bestseller in his native Germany, it tells the story of an undercover German, working for the Nazis in France, who falls in love with a bookseller's daughter and has to make the most painful choices. Superb European fiction.

£5.00 £3.00

John Pilger

MEET THE AUTHOR

RBS Main Theatre

6.30pm

Radical, passionate, controversial, constantly questioning, John Pilger is one of the most important free spirits in worldwide journalism and film-making, demanding the basic human right to democracy. His excoriating *Freedom Next Time* looks at the long shadow of imperialism, hidden censorship and enforced silence in key areas of the world. Chaired by **Ruth Wishart**.

£8.00 £6.00

John Man & Frances Wood

FOCUS ON CHINA

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

7.00pm

Our examination of China continues with two fascinating historical accounts. John Man, biographer of Kublai Khan and Genghis Khan, now looks at the Great Wall – its history and purpose. Frances Wood goes back to the controversial First Emperor who started the wall and founded, through law, strategy and brutality, what we now know as China.

£8.00 £6.00

Campbell Armstrong & Ray Banks

CRIME

Peppers Theatre

7.00pm

Internationally fêted Glaswegian thriller writer Campbell Armstrong, veteran of over twenty novels, and acclaimed newcomer Ray Banks join forces for an evening of hard and gritty crime, in which murder stalks the debauched and unwary.

£8.00 £6.00

Feminism, Past, Present and Future

WOMEN AND SOCIETY

Highland Park Spiegeltent

7.30pm – 8.45pm

Has feminism had its day? Whatever happened to all that radicalism? Or have women in our time actually never had it so good and so free set against the long comparisons of history? Come and discuss with veteran activist **Lynne Segal**, acerbic American commentator **Laura Kipnis** and broadcaster and historical novelist **Sarah Dunant**.

£8.00 £6.00

Amy Bloom & Laura Restrepo

WRITERS OF THE WORLD

Writers' Retreat

7.30pm

Dazzling work from South and North America in this revelatory double bill. Nobel winner José Saramago and the great Scottish writer Alastair Reid are among those who believe Colombian Laura Restrepo to be the Latin American writer of her generation – come and hear her read from *Delirium* and find out if you agree. Major US writer Amy Bloom recreates in *Away* an unforgettable road trip through 1920s America.

£5.00 £3.00

Ian Rankin

THE HIGHLAND PARK EVENT

RBS Main Theatre

8.00pm

The number one bestselling crime writer in Britain, Ian Rankin's creation of Inspector Rebus, now in his 20th anniversary year, along with the depiction of Edinburgh itself make him a much loved, read and respected leading literary figure. Join him to talk about the changes in crime writing and its huge popularity over the last twenty years.

£8.00 £6.00

Daniel Kehlmann & Joseph O'Connor

WRITERS OF THE WORLD

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

8.30pm

Superb historical fiction, of ambition, ideas and literary integrity, from Germany and Ireland. Joseph O'Connor follows up his international hit *Star of the Sea* with *Redemption Falls*, a rich epic of Irish immigrants at the end of the American Civil War. Daniel Kehlmann's *Measuring The World*, about the explorer Humboldt and the mathematician Gauss, has taken Germany by storm.

£8.00 £6.00

Helen Tse

FOCUS ON CHINA

Peppers Theatre

8.30pm

Our final event of the day in our in-depth Chinese series, *Sweet Mandarin* is the first ever memoir from a British-born Chinese woman. Helen Tse recounts the courageous generations of the women in her family, overcoming adversity to found some of the earliest Chinese restaurants in the UK – a tradition to which Helen, formerly a high-flying finance and tax lawyer, has now returned.

£8.00 £6.00

Spiegelbar

Highland Park Spiegeltent

from 9.00pm

Come and relax and listen to live music.

Sponsored by Highland Park

Free – open to all

Saturday 25 August 2007

Liu Hong & Manda Scott

WAKE UP TO WORDS

Highland Park Spiegeltent

10.15am

A wonderful morning of fiction from two highly skilled and popular novelists, one Scottish, one Chinese, who bring special insight into the place of women at times of great historical change. As part of our Focus On China series we are delighted to welcome Liu Hong with *Wives of The East Wind*, spanning five turbulent decades. Manda Scott's Boudica series has been rightly acclaimed; today she gives a glimpse of her next work, *Crystal Skulls*.

Free coffee and pastries. Sponsored by Green Mountain Coffee Roasters

£7.00 £5.00

Zachary Karabell & Hugh Kennedy

EAST AND WEST

Peppers Theatre

11.00am

The forgotten history of Islam and the West, and the monotheistic closeness of Christianity, Islam and Judaism, are potently recalled by Zachary Karabell in his timely and essential *People Of The Book*. Scottish historian Hugh Kennedy shows the remarkable speed of the Arab conquests which within a generation changed the shape of the world.

£7.00 £5.00

Self-Publishing

WRITING WORKSHOP

Writers' Retreat

11.00am – 12.30pm

Should you self-publish? If so, how do you go about it? Of what pitfalls should you be wary? With **Keith A Charters**. (Maximum 20 places).

£10.00 £8.00

Sebastian Faulks

MEET THE AUTHOR

RBS Main Theatre

11.30am

A master novelist, Sebastian Faulks moves constantly onwards. Famed for his French trilogy including the colossally popular *Birdsong*, he now moves on to contemporary Britain with the intriguing and compelling *Engleby*, which reveals an entire generation of modern Britons and the frailty of consciousness.

£7.00 £5.00

Adam Hart-Davis

POPULAR SCIENCE

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

12 noon

From the alarm clock to the duvet, science and technology are all around us all the time, often invisible and taken for granted. The hugely enthusiastic and idiosyncratic Adam Hart-Davis, TV presenter and unstoppable energetic lover of inventions and their history, cheerfully takes us through *Just Another Day*.

£7.00 £5.00

Nick Rosen

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY ENVIRONMENT SERIES

Peppers Theatre

12.30pm

How To Live Off-Grid is writer and documentary maker Nick Rosen's personal journey to a greener life – visiting and learning from those who have simplified their lives and reduced their dependence on the big power companies. This travelogue and manifesto also reassuringly suggests occasional luxury is still possible.

£7.00 £5.00

The Novel – How to Write One

WRITING WORKSHOP

Writers' Retreat

2.00pm – 3.30pm

Practical and indispensable advice on how to approach writing a novel, with **Richard Mason** – whose bestselling first novel, *The Drowning People*, was written when he was just nineteen and has sold over 3 million copies in over thirty countries.

In association with Arvon tutors at Moniack Mhor Writers' Centre

£10.00 £8.00

Frank McLynn

HISTORY

Peppers Theatre

2.30pm

Lionheart and Lackland: King Richard, King John and the Wars of Conquest is leading historian Frank McLynn's superb study of the glory days of the Plantagenets, filled with the stuff of legend and the collective imagination. But how do the stereotypes engendered by Robin Hood and Hollywood match the reality? A vivid, vanished world.

£7.00 £5.00

Mark Tully

FOCUS ON INDIA

RBS Main Theatre

3.00pm

Continuing our anniversary celebrations, here is a profound, fresh and important perspective from one of the greatest of writers and broadcasters on India, Sir Mark Tully. *India's Unending Journey* is a personal and resonant look at the many lessons India can teach in terms of economic growth, poverty relief, education and more. Chaired by **Magnus Linklater**.

£7.00 £5.00

Jim Crace

FINE FICTION

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

3.30pm

One of the most linguistically and imaginatively inventive of novelists, Jim Crace has been described as a 'writer of hallucinatory skill' by John Updike. His fiction constantly breaks new ground, whether exploring Christ in the wilderness (*Quarantine*), an erotic banquet (*The Devil's Larder*) or now, in *The Pesthouse*, a dark, powerful and unsettling fable of an America plunged into a medieval future. Come and meet one of the finest writers at work today.

£7.00 £5.00

Peter Godwin & Lauren St John

FOCUS ON AFRICA

Peppers Theatre

4.00pm

Two moving memoirs of Zimbabwe. Lauren St John eloquently and affectingly describes childhood on an African farm during the Rhodesian bush war and the euphoria of the early days of independence. Peter Godwin, in a deeply personal tale, laments his dying father and a now dying land, catastrophically damaged by dictatorship.

£7.00 £5.00

Martha Kearney & Sue MacGregor

WOMEN AND SOCIETY

RBS Main Theatre

4.30pm

Join two of Britain's leading and most authoritative broadcasters as they celebrate the 60th anniversary of the BBC's *Woman's Hour*, that enlightening and empowering national institution, which has interviewed the world's most powerful women as well as charting the changing social and cultural history of the post-war years. Chaired by **Ruth Wishart**.

£7.00 £5.00

Tabish Khair & Indra Sinha

WRITERS OF THE WORLD

Writers' Retreat

4.30pm

Our Writers Of The World series now welcomes two superb Indian authors with very different perspectives on their homeland. Tabish Khair, now living in Denmark, weaves major historical events including the Partition of India into *Filming*, a many-layered tale of the rise of the Indian film industry. Indra Sinha's *Animal's People* is an extraordinary narrative of a man grotesquely damaged by the Bhopal disaster.

£5.00 £3.00

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Saturday 25 August 2007

Robert Macfarlane

NATURE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

5.00pm

We are delighted to launch the major new book from one of the finest nature writers at work today. *The Wild Places* is multi award-winning Robert Macfarlane's search for wilderness in the British Isles, an intellectual and physical journey through time and space, a personal and beautiful evocation of our changing ideas of wildness. Chaired by **Sheena Macdonald**.

£7.00 £5.00

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Segun Afolabi & Helon Habila

FOCUS ON AFRICA

Writers' Retreat

6.00pm

Two Nigerian-born writers, both winners of the Caine Prize for African Writing, bring outstanding new work to the Book Festival. Segun Afolabi's stories deal beautifully with immigration, with those who belong and those who don't. He continues the theme in his first novel *Goodbye Lucille*. Helon Habila's *Measuring Time* is a heart-wrenching history of Nigeria seen through the eyes of rural twins making their different ways in the world.

£5.00 £3.00

James Tait Black Awards

LITERATURE AND CULTURE

RBS Main Theatre

6.30pm

For the first time, Scotland and the UK's oldest and most prestigious literary awards, founded in 1919, are presented by the University of Edinburgh live in public at the Book Festival. Past winners include D H Lawrence, Graham Greene, E M Forster, Aldous Huxley and William Golding. Join **James Naughtie** as he announces the 2007 winners for fiction and biography.

In association with The University of Edinburgh

£8.00 £6.00

Sunny Jacobs

LIVED LIVES

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

7.00pm

How is it possible to survive a wrongful conviction which leads to years on death row and in solitary confinement, the death of your parents, the loss of your children and the hideously botched execution of your partner? Sunny Jacobs's tale is almost unimaginable, yet testimony to her extraordinary resilience and almost unthinkable ability to forgive.

£8.00 £6.00

Janet Paisley & Donald Smith

HISTORY

Peppers Theatre

7.00pm

Two superb Scottish historical novels. Donald Smith, director of the Scottish Storytelling Centre, continues our examination of the Union with a colourful look at Daniel Defoe's spying for the English government in Scotland. Multi award-winning Janet Paisley uncovers the remarkable forgotten story of 'Colonel Anne', an inspiring tale of a feisty female who rose up against her husband in the Jacobite rebellion.

£8.00 £6.00

Changing Climate, Changing World

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY ENVIRONMENT SERIES

Highland Park Spiegeltent

7.30pm – 8.45pm

George Monbiot is the most passionate, eloquent, informed and essential commentator on the current world order and what climate change implies for us all. Join him and **Andrew Simms**, director of the New Economics Foundation, to discuss what needs urgently to be done.

£8.00 £6.00

Philippe Grimbert & Pierre Péju

WRITERS OF THE WORLD

Writers' Retreat

7.30pm

The finest contemporary French fiction, revealing how events of the Second World War resonate through the generations. Internationally acclaimed Pierre Péju first visited the Book Festival with the haunting *The Girl from the Chartreuse*; he returns with the brand new *Clara's Tale*. Philippe Grimbert's *Secret*, based on his own personal story, also resonantly shows the hidden legacy of war.

£5.00 £3.00

Lionel Shriver

MEET THE AUTHOR

RBS Main Theatre

8.00pm

Since winning the Orange Prize with the unflinching *We Need To Talk About Kevin*, Lionel Shriver has been recognised as a major and utterly original literary talent (and superb columnist and critic). Her brilliant new novel *The Post-Birthday World* imagines two parallel lives for a woman, with two differently flawed partners.

£8.00 £6.00

A L Kennedy

COMEDY

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

8.30pm

One of the most extraordinarily gifted novelists of her generation, A L Kennedy has in recent years also found new success as a stand-up comic. Come and hear her inspired monologue about the many absurdities of the writing life and hold onto your seats.

£8.00 £6.00

Ron Butlin, Ewan Morrison & Dan Rhodes

FINE FICTION

Peppers Theatre

8.30pm

Three of Scotland's finest. We are delighted to launch Ron Butlin's new collection of stories, *No More Angels*; comic and tragic tales of human frailty. The frailty of the flesh is exposed in Ewan Morrison's debut novel about the world of 'swinging'; while Dan Rhodes shows all his quirky, unpredictable wit in the delightful and moving *Gold*.

£8.00 £6.00

Spiegelbar

Highland Park Spiegeltent

from 9.00pm

Come and relax and listen to live music.

Sponsored by Highland Park

Free – open to all

Latecomers will not be admitted after the start of events and no refunds will be given.
Events are 1 hour long unless otherwise stated and all take place in Charlotte Square Gardens.

See today's children's events on page 52

Sunday 26 August 2007

Stevie Davies & Anne Enright

WAKE UP TO WORDS

Highland Park Spiegeltent

10.15am

An utterly transforming start to Sunday morning with two exceptional novelists from Wales and Ireland. Stevie Davies should have national treasure status; *The Eyrie* looks at a group of remarkable women – a Scots ex-communist in her eighties among them. Anne Enright's startling prose lights up *The Gathering* as the Hegarty clan assemble, with death, sex and secrets in the air.

Free coffee and pastries. Sponsored by Green Mountain Coffee Roasters

£7.00 £5.00

D T Max

POPULAR SCIENCE

Peppers Theatre

11.00am

The Family That Couldn't Sleep is a captivating account of insomnia, prions, Mad Cow Disease and more. New York writer D T Max, who himself suffers from a degenerative disease, has researched the strange hereditary affliction of a noble Venetian family and the rogue protein that causes their suffering – one that has implications for a range of human diseases.

£7.00 £5.00

Joanne Harris

BSL

MEET THE AUTHOR

RBS Main Theatre

11.30am

The beloved creator of *Chocolat*, made into a hugely successful film with Juliette Binoche, returns to the French territory and the family she has made her own. The long-awaited sequel, *The Lollipop Shoes*, tells of a family living above their little chocolate shop in Montmartre – and their secrets about to be revealed...

£7.00 £5.00

George Monbiot



THE OPEN UNIVERSITY ENVIRONMENT SERIES

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

12 noon

The most eloquent and charismatic of all campaigners for environmental and social change, George Monbiot possesses a unique combination of vast knowledge and inspirational vision. *Heat: How To Stop The Planet Burning* is indispensable in its detail, its polemic and its practical, powerful solutions.

£7.00 £5.00

Diana & Michael Preston

FOCUS ON INDIA

Peppers Theatre

12.30pm

The story of the Taj Mahal is a story of love, beauty, excess and the decline of a great empire. Husband and wife team Diana and Michael Preston tell the tale behind the gleaming marble in *A Teardrop On The Cheek Of Time*.

£7.00 £5.00

Alaa Al Aswany

WRITERS OF THE WORLD

Writers' Retreat

2.00pm

We are delighted to bring a major Egyptian novelist and commentator to the Book Festival, offering a unique glimpse into a complex society. Alaa Al Aswany's *The Yacoubian Building* caused a huge stir upon publication in Egypt and has become an international bestseller, for its rich celebration of the people and its highly charged portrayal of a society rife with corruption.

£5.00 £3.00

Peter Chapman, Raj Patel & Andrew Simms

GLOBAL WORLD

Peppers Theatre

2.30pm

The history, effects and future of globalisation and the food industry brilliantly analysed. Peter Chapman's *Jungle Capitalists* looks at how banana importer United Fruit set the precedent for multinational greed. Andrew Simms, director of think tank the New Economics Foundation, gives a devastating analysis of supermarket domination in *Tescopoly*; while brilliant young economist and activist Raj Patel explains deep world inequities in *Stuffed and Starved*.

£7.00 £5.00

William Hague

SLAVERY STORIES

RBS Main Theatre

3.00pm

In this anniversary year of the abolition of slavery, William Wilberforce has regained his rightful place in the nations' memory – not least through the film *Amazing Grace*. The former Conservative leader's major biography illustrates the passion and principle of a hugely influential figure who dedicated his life to ending an abomination. Chaired by **Iain Macwhirter**.

£7.00 £5.00

Valerie Martin & Ann Patchett

INTERNATIONAL FICTION

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

3.30pm

A dream double bill of two of America's major and most admired novelists, both winners of the Orange Prize, on a rare and special visit to the Book Festival. Ann Patchett's *Run* shows a New England father with adopted twins, an accident on a winter's night and some hard truths about love, family and politics. Valerie Martin's brand new *Trespass* also brilliantly shows how families (here, Serbian refugees and upper class American academics) are formed and pulled apart.

£7.00 £5.00

Angus Peter Campbell & Aonghas MacNeacail

GAELIC CULTURE

Peppers Theatre

4.00pm

A highly significant literary occasion – in the year of Highland 2007, the celebration of Highland culture, literature and language, two of the leading Gaelic poets of our day launch major new collections at the Book Festival. Angus Peter Campbell's forthcoming volume features rich and resonant Scots translations as well as his own eloquent Gaelic and English. Both are mesmerising performers of their own work – come and hear the ancient language of our land.

£7.00 £5.00

Bruce Durie & Joyce Holms

CRIME

Writers' Retreat

4.30pm

Fine Scottish crime of the past and present. Bruce Durie, Victorian crime expert (as well as leading science writer), has edited an anthology of the intriguing writings of Allan Pinkerton, the original 'Private Eye' who founded the eponymous nineteenth century detective agency. Joyce Holms sets her own highly popular detective series in Edinburgh.

£5.00 £3.00

David Cannadine

HISTORY

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

5.00pm

One of the leading historians of our age comes to the Book Festival with a masterpiece of research and insight. Andrew Mellon was the great American financier and treasury secretary who set the US on the rocky course to global economic power – credited for both the Roaring Twenties and the Great Depression.

£7.00 £5.00

Sunday 26 August 2007

Amnesty International Imprisoned Writers Series

POETRY AND POLITICS

Peppers Theatre

5.30pm – 6.15pm

Our daily free readings in solidarity with writers facing persecution for their thoughts and words. Today: Poetry can provide a slightly more subtle way of criticizing governments, but poets suffer with other writers from harassment and imprisonment. Among those appearing: **Valerie Martin**.

Free: Tickets available from the Box Office on the day of the event

Moris Farhi & Latife Tekin

WRITERS OF THE WORLD

Writers' Retreat

6.00pm

Turkish fiction offering another window into that endlessly fascinating, complex land. Latife Tekin is a major bestseller: her *Swords of Ice* illumines the tragic-comic struggle of the poor in the surreal world of commerce. Moris Farhi, senior international literary figure, shows teenagers coming of age in a multiracial Turkey against the backdrop of Nazism.

£5.00 £3.00

Jeremy Paxman

THE DICKSON MINTO EVENT

RBS Main Theatre

6.30pm

The notoriously acerbic and combative BBC *Newsnight* presenter turns his unafraid gaze onto royalty, asking a few crucial questions – who they are, what they represent, what they actually do all day, why millions still cherish them and others do not. Hugely intelligent and highly entertaining. Chaired by **Iain Macwhirter**.

£8.00 £6.00

Michael Rosen

POETRY

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

7.00pm

One of the most exhilaratingly joyous writers for children, Michael Rosen has also written moving and compelling adult work. His collected poetry gathers prose poems from his memoirs, about his childhood, his trainee days at the BBC and later, the tragic death of his son. Come and see a master at work.

£8.00 £6.00

Iain Moireach

GAELIC CULTURE

Peppers Theatre

7.00pm

Continuing our celebration of Highland 2007, we bring new Gaelic writing from the Hebrides. The celebrated Lewis short story writer Iain Moireach (John Murray) is also a fine dramatist, and he here discusses and reads from his new collection of plays, *Sniomh nan Dual*.

£8.00 £6.00

The Future of Nature

GENES AND SOCIETY

Highland Park Spiegeltent

7.30pm – 8.45pm

Intelligent plants and biocomputing: the old boundaries are breaking down as the stuff of life is used in ever more inventive and remarkable ways. **Oliver Morton** examines how plants may be used in the future. **Martyn Amos** is a pioneer of DNA computing, where genetic material, the new 'wetware', may be used to programme: a breathtaking glimpse into a future where the nature of life itself is reassessed.

Supported by the *ESRC Genomics Policy and Research Forum*

£8.00 £6.00

Craig Davidson & Nathan Englander

INTERNATIONAL FICTION

Writers' Retreat

7.30pm

Two powerful debut novels from Canada and the US. Canadian Craig Davidson has already won massive praise for his hard-edged, muscular stories; now in *The Fighter*, he digs into the world of underground boxing and the tensions between fathers and sons. Nathan Englander too is a hugely talented story writer; *The Ministry of Special Cases* offers a stunning vision of bureaucratic nightmare and turmoil in Argentina.

£5.00 £3.00

Linda Colley

THE RSA LECTURES: NATIONS UNLIMITED

RBS Main Theatre

8.00pm

One of the most authoritative writers on nations and identity, Linda Colley offers an extraordinary global biography of the eighteenth century adventurer Elizabeth Marsh – caught up in trade, imperialism, war, migration, and new ideas. A dazzling and original look into the geo-political transformations revealed by a life.

£8.00 £6.00

Suzanne Andrade, Brian Dewan, John Hegley & Simon Munnery

THE COMIC BOOK PROJECT EVENT

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

8.30pm

In a wildly inventive link-up with the Comic Book Project, we present a multi-media extravaganza. Compère and poet John Hegley will also present cards he has co-produced with a cartoonist. Comedian Simon Munnery will conduct a video interview with himself, Suzanne Andrade will perform her poetry with projected animations and New York artist Brian Dewan will show hand-painted film accompanied by readings and autoharp. A Book Festival event like no other...

Part of the *Collective Gallery's The Comic Book Project* featuring events at *Edinburgh International Film Festival* (www.edilmfest.org.uk) and the *Traverse Theatre* (www.traverse.co.uk)

£8.00 £6.00

Kenneth White

LITERATURE AND CULTURE

Peppers Theatre

8.30pm

The fresh force field of Kenneth White's thinking brings new intellectual stimulation to each Book Festival. One of Scotland's most influential exiles, internationally renowned and studied, his work, including his new discipline of 'geopoetics', defies stale literary boundaries. Tonight he speaks on *Writing and Radicality*. Come and be galvanised.

£8.00 £6.00

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Monday 27 August 2007

Robert Crawford

WAKE UP TO WORDS

Highland Park Spiegel tent

10.15am

One of Scotland's finest contemporary poets, chronicler of the history of Scottish literature since the Union in this resonant anniversary year, investigator of the links between science and poetry – Robert Crawford is a virtual one-stop shop for everything that matters about Scottish literature. Who better to begin our last day?

Free coffee and pastries. Sponsored by Green Mountain Coffee Roasters

£7.00 £5.00

Adam Ardrey & Alistair Moffat

SCOTTISH HISTORY

Peppers Theatre

11.00am

Border Reivers and the truth behind the legend of Merlin: rich unusual paths of Scottish history unwind. Alistair Moffat, former Fringe director, TV executive, and creator of the Borders Book Festival in Melrose lights up the history of his beloved border lands. Adam Ardrey also argues convincingly that Merlin the magician was a Scot.

£7.00 £5.00

Niall Ferguson

BSL

THE BAILLIE GIFFORD EVENT

RBS Main Theatre

11.30am

Provocative and brilliant, Niall Ferguson is one of the most admired and controversial Scottish historians and commentators in the world today. His acerbic intelligence, vast knowledge and bracing views are never less than stimulating. His masterpiece is the brilliant *The War Of The World* about the hatreds of the twentieth century. Chaired by **Iain Macwhirter**.

£7.00 £5.00

Jill Scharff with Richard Holloway

MATTERS OF THE MIND

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

12 noon

The complexities of the human mind, relationships and mental health were explored in pioneering depth by John (Jock) D Sutherland, leading Scottish psychoanalyst. His hugely influential writings on the self in society have been gathered by expert Jill Scharff, who here talks to Richard Holloway about the crucial lessons they teach us.

Supported by the Sutherland Trust and the Scottish Institute for Human Relations

£7.00 £5.00

Andrey Kurkov & Ronan Bennett

FINE FICTION

Peppers Theatre

12.30pm

A glorious double bill. Andrey Kurkov's Penguin novels have become cult international bestsellers; his last visit to the Book Festival was massively popular. He comes from the Ukraine with his latest hilarious satire, *The President's Last Love* spanning forty years of Soviet and Ukrainian love, power, corruption, lies and potatoes. Ronan Bennett's *Zugzwang* is set in Kurkov's birthplace of St Petersburg; a compelling thriller.

£7.00 £5.00

Fred Freeman

LITERATURE AND CULTURE

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

2.00pm

'I am a fiddler and a poet': *The Songs of Robert Burns*. Burns is represented as Scotland's national 'poet', yet he was primarily a songwriter. This illustrated talk by scholar and expert Fred Freeman, who has recorded all of Burns songs in a groundbreaking series with Scotland's finest traditional musicians, considers Burns's background as a folk musician and his innovative use of traditional dance and instrumental forms.

£7.00 £5.00

David Robb

SCOTTISH LITERATURE

Writers' Retreat

2.00pm

Our final day celebrations of Scottish literature continue with an overdue biography of Alexander Scott, a hugely influential figure in our post-war culture, whose vigorous poems in English and Scots enlivened and informed the Scottish literary renaissance and whose wide-ranging cultural energies and activities helped shape modern Scottish literature and society.

£5.00 £3.00

Nicholas Harberd & Oliver Morton

POPULAR SCIENCE

Peppers Theatre

2.30pm

The secret life of plants unveiled in this fascinating event on the invisible processes which drive the beauty of the natural world. Nicholas Harberd, leading plant biologist, writes exquisitely in *Seed To Seed* not just of the changing seasons but of hidden genetic mechanisms. In *Eating The Sun*, Oliver Morton brilliantly explains the miracle of photosynthesis, the source of life itself.

£7.00 £5.00

Craig Murray

NATIONS UNLIMITED

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

3.30pm

Murder in Samarkand is the no-holds-barred account of the former British ambassador to Uzbekistan, characterful Scot Craig Murray. Refusing to keep quiet about alleged abuses of human rights, the high-living diplomat started to question his role and that of Britain in the 'war on terror'. Candid, personal and dramatic.

£7.00 £5.00

Gillian Hughes

LITERATURE AND CULTURE

Peppers Theatre

4.00pm

One of the greatest Scottish writers of them all, James Hogg, the 'Ettrick Shepherd' went from ragged cowherd to famous author at a time of great social and cultural change in the early nineteenth century. In the first major new biography for many decades, Hogg scholar Gillian Hughes gives new insight into this complex genius.

£7.00 £5.00

Kate Adie & Jonathan Kaplan

THE GILLESPIE MACANDREW EVENT

RBS Main Theatre

4.30pm

One of the leading foreign correspondents of our time and a world-respected war surgeon come together to talk about life on the front line – the personal and professional challenges, the drama and incident, even the black humour of it all. An unmissable hour with two top Book Festival favourites.

£7.00 £5.00

Lesley Riddoch

GAELIC CULTURE

Writers' Retreat

4.30pm

In the final event of our series linked to Highland 2007, one of Scotland's most prominent broadcasters tells of her bicycle journey through the Western Isles, discovering the rapid decline of Gaelic culture in its remaining heartland. She argues passionately that modern Scotland needs the diversity and cultural DNA the Gaels uniquely provide.

£5.00 £3.00

Douglas Gifford

THE SCOTTISH PEN LECTURE

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

5.00pm

To celebrate the 80th anniversary of Scottish PEN, the organisation which campaigns for freedom of expression for writers everywhere, one of the most knowledgeable and respected experts on Scottish literature looks back at the last eight decades of Scottish writing, and the enormous change and dynamism within it.

£7.00 £5.00

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Sergio della Sala

MATTERS OF THE MIND

Peppers Theatre

5.30pm

Tall Tales About the Mind and Brain is a fascinating exploration of the many myths and beliefs about our brain: can mind conquer matter and diseases? Can listening to Mozart make us more intelligent? Sergio della Sala, Professor of Human Cognitive Neuroscience at the University of Edinburgh takes us on a colourful and accessible journey towards the truth.

£7.00 £5.00

Allan Guthrie & Stuart MacBride

CRIME

Writers' Retreat

6.00pm

Two of the spectacular stars of the burgeoning Scottish crime scene come together in a satisfyingly tough and gritty hour of dark plotting and murder in the mean streets of Edinburgh and Aberdeen. Stuart MacBride shows the Granite City in a new and unsettling light; Allan Guthrie reveals the hard side of the capital.

£5.00 £3.00

Clarissa Dickson Wright

THE GILLESPIE MACANDREW EVENT

RBS Main Theatre

6.30pm

A dramatic and colourful memoir of one of the nation's best-loved cooks and TV presenters. Clarissa Dickson Wright, born into wealth and privilege, was the youngest woman ever called to the Bar. She details her descent into alcoholism and personal tragedy and her climb back up to sobriety and fame with trademark wit and directness.

£8.00 £6.00

William Gibson

FINE FICTION

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

7.00pm

A rare and significant visit from a groundbreaking North American master, bringing his brand new novel to Scotland. William Gibson invented the term 'cyberspace' and his work, ever since the international bestseller *Neuromancer*, has been at the cutting edge of futuristic visions of society. His new work *Spook Country*, set in our more recognisable world, is a major event.

£8.00 £6.00

Roddy Martine

HISTORY

Peppers Theatre

7.00pm

Forget *The Da Vinci Code* and its many offshoots. In *The Secrets of Rosslyn* Roddy Martine looks carefully at 600 years of history of the beautiful and mysterious Rosslyn Chapel, sorts fact from fantasy and shows that the truth is indeed stranger than fiction.

£8.00 £6.00

Closing Ceilidh

MUSIC AND DANCING

Highland Park Spiegeltent

7.30pm

Our much-loved annual celebration of the close of the Book Festival. Dance the night away with **Bella McNab's Dance Band**, the finest Scottish traditional music.

£8.00 £6.00

Beth Junor

LITERATURE AND CULTURE

Writers' Retreat

7.30pm

Hugh MacDiarmid was the great colossus of twentieth century Scottish literature, though often lived in conditions of great hardship. A new revealing collection of correspondence between him and his wife Valda Grieve is peopled by a huge, global cast of characters from the Grieve's artistic, political and community life, asking us to revise previously held notions of loyalty, work, poverty and culture.

£5.00 £3.00

Richard Holloway

LITERATURE AND CULTURE

RBS Main Theatre

8.00pm

Richard Holloway is at the heart of Scotland's culture, charged with bringing into being the new organisation which will govern the arts. He is philosopher, former bishop and writer of over twenty intensely thoughtful books. Who better to talk about the kind of country Scotland might aspire to be? Join him on this final night of the Book Festival in this special address on *Imagining Scotland*.

£8.00 £6.00

Carol Ann Duffy

POETRY

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

8.30pm

We must end with poetry, and only the best, most rapturous poetry at that. Carol Ann Duffy epitomises the spirit of this festival – generous, open, in love with language. Sit back and listen to one of the most seductively captivating poets in the land, and store and cherish the power of the words until next year.

£8.00 £6.00

Special Book Festival Autumn Evening

In association with Edinburgh UNESCO City of Literature

Michael Ondaatje

Tuesday 2 October, 8.00pm Queens Hall

We are overjoyed to bring one of the world's greatest living writers to Scotland in a special October event. *The English Patient* won the Booker Prize and Anthony Minghella's film won a remarkable nine Oscars. Now the Sri Lankan-born author comes to Edinburgh from his home in Canada with another masterpiece, *Divisadero*, another sweeping, elegiac tale told in breathtaking, shimmering prose. A farmer and his teenage daughters work the land with the help of an enigmatic young man – until an act of violence shatters their lives. Possession and loss, love and memory resonate through this remarkable work from a legendary novelist. Come and meet him.

Tickets £8.00 £6.00

This event takes place at the Queens Hall, Clerk Street, Edinburgh. Tickets can be booked with the Book Festival Box Office 0845 373 5888 www.edbookfest.co.uk or with the Queens Hall Box Office 0131 668 2019 www.thequeenshall.net If you have any special requirements such as wheelchair access or you think you may need assistance, please discuss your needs with the Queens Hall Box Office.

Latecomers will not be admitted after the start of events and no refunds will be given.
Events are 1 hour long unless otherwise stated and all take place in Charlotte Square Gardens.

See today's children's events on page 54



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Welcome to the RBS Children's Programme, a fantastic celebration of books and stories for all ages.

We are firmly committed to engaging, encouraging and entertaining young people from infancy to adulthood in a variety of ways and hope you'll join us as we explore and play with the best and brightest in children's and young adult literature this August.

We've a million ways to share books with you so come along for the celebration and be inspired. Whether it's rhymes

and pictures, stories and plays or graphic novels and politics, we have events that cater to every taste and inspire every imagination. Indeed, there is no end to our lifelong love affair with the power of words in all their forms. Join us for a celebration unlike any other in the world and discover something wonderful with us this summer.



Sara Grady
Children & Education Programme Director



Important information for adults

Helping you and your youngsters enjoy your time at the Book Festival

How long are children's events?

All events last one hour unless otherwise indicated on the event listing.

Do I have to accompany my child to author events?

We would suggest adults accompany children under ten to all events, except workshop activities (see below).

Do I have to accompany my child in a workshop?

Adults are not specifically required to accompany children to workshops since they are small sessions. If you would like to attend



the workshop with your child then you are welcome to buy a ticket in the usual way.

If you do not accompany your child, we would request that you stay in the gardens during the event. The gardens are the perfect place to read and relax while you are waiting for the event to end.

How can I tell if the event is a workshop or not?

All workshops take place in the RBS Workshop Tent. Events in all other venues are not workshops.

Age suitability

To help you choose, we've included a recommended age range for each event. These ages are carefully chosen in consultation with the publisher and author or event leader, taking into account the length, content and format.

Latecomers policy

To ensure events remain enjoyable and relaxing for you and for authors, please be aware we do not admit latecomers into events once the doors have been closed and we give no refunds on tickets purchased. We recognise however that parents with very young children may need to leave the venue unexpectedly. Our staff are on hand to help you leave as discreetly as possible, and to help you back in should you wish to return.

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What's happening?



creating

Enjoy free hands-on activities for children aged up to eleven in our special Activity Corner at the rear of the RBS Children's Bookshop. Drop in anytime from 10.30am to 5.30pm each day.



On Friday 17 August join the Libraries Big Wild Read for an end of summer adventure in reading.

debating

Have your say with the stars of the festival. Join in with our tenacious and terrific teen authors in one of the many debates – from terrorism to DNA.

learning

Discover amazing new facts in our diverse range of events, jam-packed with fun. From outer space to Ancient Rome to creepy creatures, come and hear from the experts.



listening

Hear free storytelling, songs and poetry for all ages, every day in the RBS Imagination Lab.

participating

Join any of our fabulous parties and workshops with your favourite characters and stories. Create your own work of art and join in the fun and games, just don't forget to dress up!

rhyming

Share stories and rhymes with babies and toddlers. Join the experts from Bookstart Edinburgh and Craigmillar Books for Babies in their rhyme events for youngsters.



sharing

Experience one of our events for parents and carers on telling stories and reading together. Come along, then curl up in our reading corner in the RBS Children's Bookshop and share a story with your little ones.

illustrating

Meet some of the best illustrators and artists in a series of intimate sessions on their work and the business of illustrating.

teaching

Listen to some of the world's top experts in education talk about working with and understanding children.

themes

How do you choose an event? Flip a coin, draw a name, choose a celebrity and hope for the best? Here are just some of the fantastic things waiting to be discovered in the gardens this summer:

Conservation and the Environment

From environment-conscious mermaids to recycled crafts, we celebrate nature, explore our planet and learn how we can all lend a helping hand to save the environment.

Graphic Novels

A variety of authors, illustrators, artists and collaborators talk about how and why graphic novels are a universe unto themselves, and how ripe they are for discovery by young and old alike.

Medals for Merit

The 70th anniversary of The CILIP Carnegie Medal in Literature and the 50th year of The CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal for Illustration are momentous landmarks for children's literature. We have ten past winners to help us celebrate. Experience the best in children's books from the past seventy years and get inspired.

Young Adult Action – look for

Freedom, genetics, terrorism and the future of Scotland are just a few of the hot topics in our all-new programme for young adults. Look out for the highlighted events in both the adult and children's programmes; perfect for having your say or just having a laugh.

Writing for Fun

Writing is vital for so many things: films, plays, diaries, comics, articles, reviews, and of course, books. These days anyone can be a writer on any topic. Find out how it's done from experts in every field.

Sharing Stories

Relaxed informal sessions help you to engage your children and explore the world of words together.



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Jacqueline Wilson Daydreams

BSL

RBS Main Theatre

10.00am

Our perennial star is back for her best event yet. Where does she get the ideas for her dozens and dozens of books? Her own childhood adventures of course! Come on a tour of her daydreamy world and see how all your favourites were created from Jacqueline's own life and imagination. *(Also appearing on 12 Aug for age 12 – 14).*

Age 8+ £3.50

Dirty Bertie with David Roberts & Alan MacDonald

RBS Children's Theatre

10.00am

Mischievous and icky, Bertie is quite possibly the next Horrid Henry. The hilarious antics of this trouble-magnet make for a morning of wickedly funny stories. Sing the Dirty Bertie song while David draws the grubbier boy in town. Don't miss the creators of the newest, dirtiest troublemaker on the block!

Age 4 – 8 £3.50

Off to Kintail

RBS Imagination Lab

10.00am

Your imagination can take you anywhere but it has to start somewhere: with a seed, a sparkle or maybe a shabby old hat lying at the bottom of an empty sea kist. Join **Beth Cross** to open your imaginative gateways – you may be surprised where you land and what you take away with you.

Age 5 – 8 £3.50

Pant-astic Fun with Nick Sharratt!

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

10.30am

Meet the fantastic, jubilant illustrator of everything from the bestselling picture books *Pants* and *More Pants* to Jacqueline Wilson's novels. With drawing, singing, dancing and entertaining rhymes galore, this event promises to be fun and just a little bit silly. Come and join in!

Age 5 – 8 £3.50

Under the Sea Adventures with Julie Hegarty

RBS Workshop Tent

10.30am

Dive into a deep sea story with Harmony the Rock Star anemone! Julie Hegarty's Michelle stories focus on friendships beneath the waves, so come along on a voyage under the sea where everyone can learn to get along!

Age 5 – 7 £3.50

Linda Chapman's Unicorns, Mermaids & Magic!

RBS Children's Theatre

11.30am

Linda Chapman's magical stories always star lucky heroines. Whether they are stardust sprites, have been adopted by mermaids or own secret unicorns, they always have grand adventures with just a sprinkle of magic. Come along for a very special ride to a place where anything can happen!

Age 6 – 9 £3.50

Musical Madness at Lunchtime

RBS Imagination Lab

1.30pm

Vibrant virtuosos **Dick Lee** and **Anne Evans** are back for a musical extravaganza the whole family can enjoy. They've brought lyrical games, musical puzzles and a whole host of new songs. A free drop-in event sure to leave you tapping your toes! *(Also on 15, 26 Aug).*

All ages Free & drop-in

Charlie & Lola Crafts

RBS Workshop Tent

2.00pm

Charlie has a little sister called Lola. She is small and very funny. Explore their world with artist **Julie Dawson** in a fun event where you'll hear all about Charlie and Lola's exploits and then get the chance to do lots of cutting, sticking and scribbling of your own.

Age 4 – 7 £3.50

Kevin Brooks

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

2.00pm

Can you ever actually escape yourself? Robert's on the run. From doctors, scientists, the government – all fascinated with what he is, whatever that is! More noir than science fiction, and more gripping than gory, one of the masters of wry modern prose is back to tell all about his latest breathless thriller.

Teens £3.50

Gatty's Tale with Kevin Crossley-Holland

RBS Children's Theatre

3.00pm

Master of epic storytelling, Kevin Crossley-Holland takes us on another beautiful journey. His Arthur trilogy is a testament to his narrative style and Gatty's voyage to the Holy Land is positively stunning. Come and be inspired by a heroine for the ages.

Age 10 – 14 £3.50

Nick Sharratt Masterclass

RBS Workshop Tent

3.30pm – 5.30pm

One of the most prolific and recognisable book artists today, Nick Sharratt is a true master. He's illustrated for the likes of Jacqueline Wilson, Julia Donaldson and Jeremy Strong, as well as written and illustrated his own books. Find out how to create a classic picture book in his fantastic masterclass.

Adults £10.00 £8.00

War's No Game: Elizabeth Laird & Beverley Naidoo in Discussion

RBS Children's Theatre

4.30pm

How do children survive the wars adults create? What is it like to live in constant fear, when all you have left is courage and the will to survive? Carnegie medallist Beverley Naidoo's latest book, *Burn My Heart*, explores friendship and betrayal in Kenya during the Mau Mau uprising against British settlers. Elizabeth Laird's *Oranges in No Man's Land* takes us to war torn Lebanon, while her novel *Crusade* plunges back 900 years to war in the Holyland. Come and hear the authors interview each other, and take the chance to ask your own questions.

In association with Save the Children

Teens & adults £3.50

Charlie & Lola

RBS Imagination Lab

4.30pm

Join the ever popular Charlie and his little sister Lola for one of the most fun parties ever. Play 'I will never not ever give up my seat' musical chairs, make a beautiful collage, and hear all about Charlie and Lola's funny adventures with Sizzles, Soren Lorensen and the rest of the gang. *(Also on 12 Aug).*

Age 4 – 7 £3.50



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Story Time: Ewan McVicar

RBS Imagination Lab 12 noon – 12.45pm and 3.00pm – 3.45pm

Free Tickets available from the Box Office on the day of the event

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Jacqueline Wilson

RBS Main Theatre

10.00am

If you've grown up reading Jacqueline Wilson, you'll know that her books have grown up too. Some of them, like her new book *Kiss*, are for older readers and teenagers. This special exclusive preview event is all about the adventures of growing up. (Also appearing on 11 Aug for 8+).

Age 12 – 14 £3.50

Sue Heap & Nick Sharratt

RBS Children's Theatre

10.00am

Grown-up Nick and Sue have written four special books about little Nick and Sue, working together to create both words and pictures. Come and hear all about their colourful world and share in the storytelling and picture-making process too. A fantastic interactive session with dancing, drawing and buckets of fun!

Age 5 – 8 £3.50

Charlie & Lola

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10.00am

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Age 4 – 6 £3.50

Alexander McCall Smith

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

10.30am

An engaging storyteller for children of all ages, Alexander McCall Smith wrote stories for youngsters long before he found fame around the globe with his adult fiction. You'll enjoy hearing about all your favourite characters from kooky Harriet Bean to Akimbo and his African adventures in this delightful event for the whole family.

Families & 6+ £3.50

Sundae Girl with Cathy Cassidy

RBS Children's Theatre

11.30am

Cathy Cassidy is back with an all-new lovable heroine whose family are a complete embarrassment – her mum is a drama queen while her dad thinks he's Elvis! When will her life ever be normal? Everyone will adore the quirky characters and silly misadventures of *Sundae Girl*. Come along for a laugh and a touch of everyday magic in an event which is not just for girls!

Age 10 – 14 £3.50

Bounce & Tickle

RBS Imagination Lab

1.00pm – 1.30pm

Engage with your child from an early age through stories and songs. Join Bookstart Edinburgh and Craigmillar Books for Babies in their trademark event of action rhymes and songs for babies and toddlers. (Also on 15, 17, 18, 23 Aug).

Babies & under 3s Free – book in advance (max 4 tickets per person)

Visions of Redwall with Brian Jacques

BSL

RBS Main Theatre

1.30pm

The Tale of Redwall series and its memorable heroes have enchanted generations of readers. From fearsome Martin the Warrior to noble Mattimeo, these breathless journeys and epic battles of honour and betrayal will captivate anyone with a true heart and a sense of adventure. This chance to celebrate the series' twentieth anniversary with author Brian Jacques is a once-in-a-lifetime treat.

Adults & 10+ £3.50

Icarus & Other Myths

RBS Children's Theatre

1.30pm

Join master storytellers **Hugh Lupton** and **Daniel Morden** for new edge-of-your-seat adventures from long ago. Come and hear daring tales of the Greek heroes and legends that have entertained listeners for thousands of years. This is fun for the whole family!

Families & 10+ £3.50

Story Time: Judy Paterson

RBS Imagination Lab 12 noon – 12.45pm and 3.00pm – 3.45pm

Free Tickets available from the Box Office on the day of the event

Bounce & Tickle

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2.00pm – 2.30pm

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Babies & under 3s Free – book in advance (max 4 tickets per person)

Celebrating the Carnegie with Melvin Burgess, Kevin Crossley-Holland & Beverley Naidoo

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

2.00pm

We're celebrating the 70th birthday of the Carnegie Medal this year. This is the first of several events dedicated to the anniversary throughout the programme. Join this star-studded panel of past winners to celebrate the best in young adult literature.

Adults & 12+ £3.50

M Christina Butler & Tina Macnaughton

RBS Workshop Tent

2.00pm

Join author and illustrator for a story and activity workshop based on their two adorable books *One Snowy Night* and *One Winter's Day*. Hear the charming woodland adventures of Little Hedgehog and his friends and then make your own fox or hedgehog mask to take home.

Age 3 – 7 £3.50

Ultimate First Book Guide with David Roberts & Nick Sharratt

RBS Children's Theatre

3.00pm

Join two of the greatest picture book artists around, and book guru **Leonie Flynn**, for a discussion about their favourite books for young children. *The Guide* is a life-saving compendium of titles from old classics to rising stars, recommended by authors and illustrators. Get inspired and discover something new to read with your family. Chaired by **Daniel Hahn**.

Families & adults £3.50

Jan Pieńkowski's Meg and Mog

RBS Workshop Tent

3.30pm

Join artist **Julie Dawson** for a celebration of Jan Pieńkowski's award-winning illustrations. Best known for his *Meg and Mog* block colour prints and his stunning silhouette fairy tales, his work is delightfully vibrant. Come and hear some of the famous stories he has illustrated and then create your own illustrations.

Age 5 – 8 £3.50

Odysseus's Grand Adventures

RBS Imagination Lab

4.30pm

Puppet Anima's **Carolyn Latham** brings the classics to life for youngsters with this engaging, interactive puppet show. Come on a journey to Ancient Greece with Argos the dog and hear some of Odysseus's brilliant adventures on the high seas!

Age 3 – 7 £3.50

70 Years of Carnegie

RBS Children's Theatre

5.00pm

The Carnegie Medal is the Academy Award of children's literature. Come and discover from winner **Theresa Breslin** and judges **Ian Dodds**, **Jonathan Douglas** and **Jane Sandell**, which books make the cut and why. A fascinating look into the world of books for anyone who is passionate about reading or writing.

Adults & 10+ £3.50



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100mph Roadshow with Jeremy Strong BSL

RBS Main Theatre 10.00am
Join Jeremy Strong for this fast-paced action-packed event. Learn the secrets of *The Hundred-Mile-An-Hour Dog* and help perform a one minute speed-reading of the story. It's a barrel of laughs for anyone with a funny bone!

Age 7 – 9 £3.50

Reading Around Edinburgh

RBS Children's Theatre 10.00am
Edinburgh as you've never seen it before! For locals and visitors alike, this city is full of stories. Authors **Anne Forbes**, **Vivian French** and **J A Henderson** explain how their favourite city inspires their stories – from friendly neighbourhoods to dragons and underground caves. Hear the tales, then go and see the sights for yourself!

Families & 8+ £3.50

Flower Fairies

RBS Imagination Lab 10.00am
Do you believe in fairies? Learn the magical secrets of the enchanting creatures that live among us in forests and gardens – the Flower Fairies. Come dressed as your favourite fairy and join us in a dance to celebrate the summer! (*Also on 14 Aug.*)

Age 4 – 7 £3.50

Myths & Monsters. Let the Odyssey Begin!

ScottishPower Studio Theatre 10.30am
Join **Dugald Steer** for a highly interactive event with gods, monsters, myths and magic. Get caught up in magical quests and high-seas adventure and hear about the dangerous gods who dabble in mischief. *Mythology* is an extraordinary journey following on from his swashbuckling *Pirateology* and the magical *Dragonology*.

Age 8 – 12 £3.50

Baby Bookworms

RBS Workshop Tent 10.30am
This fun interactive workshop for adult and baby pairs will demonstrate how even the youngest babies can enjoy rhythm and rhyme whilst exploring texture, shape and sound. It provides your baby with the perfect foundation from which to embark upon a lifelong appreciation of language and reading. (*Also on 15 Aug.*)

Age 3 – 9 months £3.50 (tickets are sold in pairs – for one adult and one baby. Max 2 pairs of tickets per person)

Stone Hearts & Iron Hands with Charlie Fletcher

RBS Children's Theatre 11.30am
What if all the statues in the city were to come alive – the gargoyles and soldiers, the dragons and lions – and most of them were out to get you? Come on a wild adventure through London where pterodactyls lunge past double-decker buses and sphinxes tell riddles – there is no end to the excitement! Chaired by **Jonathan Douglas**, Director of the National Literacy Trust.

Age 8 – 12 £3.50

Myths & Models

RBS Workshop Tent 12 noon – 1.30pm
Create your own three-headed dog, giant hydra or statue of Hercules. Join artist **Linda McCann** and make a 3D model of one of your favourite myths or legends in a workshop where your own tale of adventure can really come to life!

Age 6+ £3.50

Perform a Jeremy Strong Story

RBS Imagination Lab 1.00pm – 2.30pm
Help to make Jeremy Strong's stories spring to life by adding props, costumes and sound effects. Parents and carers can leave their young artists and come back at 2.15pm for a special performance, just ask for a free VIP ticket when booking.

Age 5 – 8 £3.50

Dragon's Eye with Dugald Steer

RBS Children's Theatre 1.30pm
Did you know there are hundreds of different kinds of dragons? Learn all about them in this lively and engaging event with true dragonologist Dugald Steer, famous for his 'ologies' on everything from pirates to wizards and dragons to myths!

Age 8 – 12 £3.50

Ladybird Tales: The Gingerbread Man

RBS Workshop Tent 2.30pm
Come and enjoy a traditional fairy tale from Ladybird Books in this magical storytelling event which is sure to captivate young listeners. Parents and children alike will enjoy hearing this much-loved classic told in an interactive way. (*Also on 15 Aug.*)

Age 3 – 7 £3.50

Dark Tales from the Woods with Daniel Morden

RBS Children's Theatre 3.00pm
Come on a trek through the dark and wondrous forest to hear magical gypsy tales rich with the mystery of the Welsh landscape, each with their own glorious hero or heroine. These tales come alive in the hands of Daniel Morden and like those of the brothers Grimm, grip the imagination and don't let go.

Age 8+ £3.50

Poems United

RBS Children's Theatre 4.30pm
Enjoy hearing poems collected from over seventy different Commonwealth countries. Festival favourites **Diana Hendry** and **Hamish Whyte** recite poems of every sort and in every style (some include drums!) so come along to hear a world of words and join in with one of your own masterpieces.

Families & 8+ £3.50

Harry Horse's Ogopogo in Picture & Song

RBS Imagination Lab 4.30pm
Harry Horse's classic *The Ogopogo* is brought to life through music and drawing in an event for the whole family with **Dick Lee**. Originally inspired by his improvised collaborations with Harry Horse, Dick brings new vitality to the story using a whole host of instruments. Come and hear the singing sea monster for yourself and join in as part of the percussion section! (*Also on 19 Aug.*)

All ages £3.50

Melvin Burgess: Out for Blood BSL

ScottishPower Studio Theatre 5.00pm
The Godfather of teen fiction, Melvin Burgess writes like no other. He reckons *Bloodsong* is his best book, and its sequel *Bloodtide* is equally stellar. Brutal episodes of wartime violence are counterbalanced by a tragic love story; one thing is for sure, you'll be in for a wild and thrilling ride!

Teens £3.50

The Bower Bird with Ann Kelley

RBS Children's Theatre 6.00pm
Gussie is one of those characters who is so easy to love. Spunky and endlessly optimistic, the poignant story of her move from London to the coastal wilds whilst battling a heart condition was a stunning debut; her continuing story is guaranteed to find new fans.

Teens & adults £3.50



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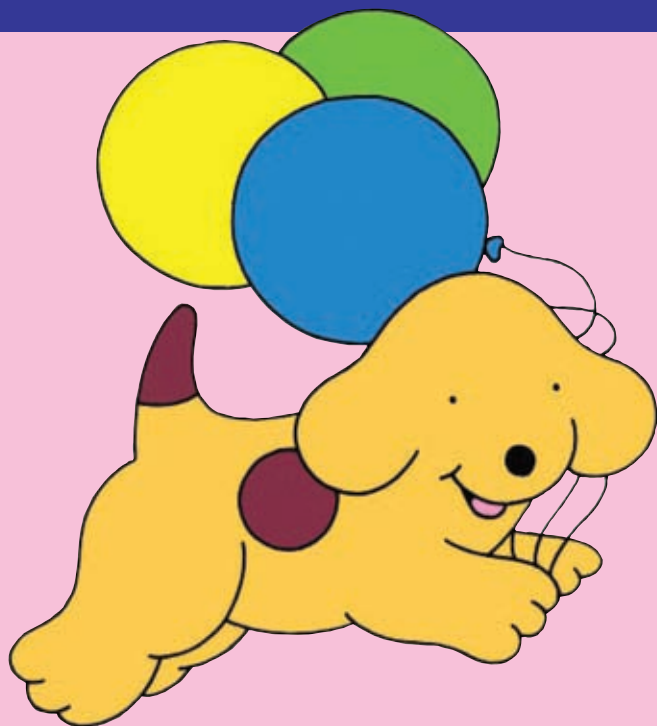
Story Time: Fergus McNicol

RBS Imagination Lab 12 noon – 12.45pm and 3.00pm – 3.45pm

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Tuesday **14 August**



Where's Spot?

RBS Imagination Lab

10.00am

Where's Spot? Have you seen him? Join in the fun with this storytelling event featuring games, dancing and the chance to meet the world's most lovable puppy!

Age 3 – 5 £3.50

Storymaking Together

RBS Workshop Tent

10.30am

Join professional storyteller **Beth Cross** for an imaginative and lively session of performing stories using crafts, sounds and play. Participate in telling stories and then make up your own!

In association with the Scottish Storytelling Centre

Age 6 – 10 £3.50

Activity Time with Spot

RBS Workshop Tent

12 noon – 1.30pm

An afternoon of crafts and activities with artist **Linda McCann** based on the ever-lovable Spot the Dog. Make Spot puppets, bookmarks or decorate a box for the adorable puppy to sleep in.

Age 4 – 6 £3.50



Peter Rabbit & Friends

RBS Imagination Lab

1.00pm

Hop along to this charming interactive puppet show where *The Tale of Peter Rabbit* is brought to life. Help Peter escape from Mr McGregor's garden, and don't miss special appearances from some of Beatrix Potter's other famous characters.

Age 4 – 7 £3.50

Once Upon a Fairy Tale

RBS Workshop Tent

2.00pm

Handsome princes, beautiful princesses, wicked wizards and many more magical characters come to life with Edinburgh City Libraries Youth Services. Dress up as your favourite fairy tale character and join us for a mix of enchanting tales and spellbinding crafts, all with a guaranteed happy ending.

Age 5 – 8 Free – book in advance



Flower Fairies

RBS Imagination Lab

4.30pm

Do you believe in fairies? Learn the magical secrets of the enchanting creatures that live among us in forests and gardens – the Flower Fairies. Come dressed as your favourite fairy and join us in a dance to celebrate summer! (*Also on 13 Aug.*)

Age 4 – 7 £3.50

In My Own Words

THE CHILDREN IN EUROPE EVENT

RBS Children's Theatre

5.30pm

'When I speak Thai my voice sounds different. My voice in Thai sounds much higher. And my English voice sounds deep' says the youngest contributor to Children in Europe's current exploration of how services for young children are responding to an increasingly multilingual society. Do our encounters with languages, whether indigenous or migrant, help shape our lives? A lively and colourful debate with a multilingual panel, including Scottish Gaelic folklorist and singer **Margaret Bennett**, French writer and journalist **François Chignac** and Irish writer and broadcaster **Manchán Magan**.

In association with Children in Europe

Teachers & adults £3.50



Freedoms and Fear

RBS Children's Theatre

7.00pm

How would you feel if your DNA profile were on a national database? Would this affect your personal freedom? How could a database of this sort benefit society? Which should be the priority, personal liberty or public safety? Join the Scottish Youth Parliament and the experts: human rights lawyer **Piya D Muqit** and **Tom Nelson**, Director of Forensic Services for the Scottish Police Services Authority for a lively debate on a remarkably complex issue.

Supported by the ESRC Genomics Policy and Research Forum

Teens & adults £3.50

Story Time: Diana Hendry

RBS Imagination Lab 12 noon – 12.45pm and 3.00pm – 3.45pm

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Wednesday 15 August



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Bounce & Tickle

RBS Imagination Lab

10.00am – 10.30am

Engage with your child from an early age through stories and songs. Join Bookstart Edinburgh and Craigmillar Books for Babies in their trademark event of action rhymes and songs for babies and toddlers. *(Also on 12, 17, 18, 23 Aug).*

Babies & under 3s Free – book in advance (max 4 tickets per person)

Baby Bookworms

RBS Workshop Tent

10.30am

This fun interactive workshop for adult and baby pairs will demonstrate how even the youngest babies can enjoy rhythm and rhyme whilst exploring texture, shape and sound. It provides your baby with the perfect foundation from which to embark upon a lifelong appreciation of language and reading. *(Also on 13 Aug).*

Age 3 – 9 months £3.50 (tickets are sold in pairs – for one adult and one baby. Max 2 pairs of tickets per person)

Bounce & Tickle

RBS Imagination Lab

11.00am – 11.30am

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Babies & under 3s Free – book in advance (max 4 tickets per person)



Ladybird Tales: The Gingerbread Man

RBS Workshop Tent

12 noon

Come and enjoy a traditional fairy tale from Ladybird Books in this magical storytelling event which is sure to captivate young listeners. Parents and children alike will enjoy hearing this much-loved classic told in an interactive way. *(Also on 13 Aug).*

Age 3 – 7 £3.50

Musical Madness at Lunchtime

RBS Imagination Lab

1.30pm

Vibrant virtuosos **Dick Lee** and **Anne Evans** are back for a musical extravaganza the whole family can enjoy. They've brought lyrical games, musical puzzles and a whole host of new songs. A free drop-in event sure to leave you tapping your toes! *(Also on 11, 26 Aug).*

All ages Free & drop-in

Where the Wild Things Are

RBS Workshop Tent

2.00pm

Max became King of the Wild Things (creatures with gnashing teeth and slashing claws!) by giving them a scary look. Dress up as a scary monster, come and hear the story and then create your own monster crafts with artist **Julie Dawson**.

Age 5 – 8 £3.50

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Heroes vs Villains: Darren Shan vs Mark Walden

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

5.00pm

Do you cheer when the hero wins the day or do you secretly love the clever villain? Come and join authors Darren Shan and Mark Walden in the great debate – who is more fun, the goodies or the baddies? Cast your vote on some of the greatest characters of all time!

Families & 8+ £3.50

Fantastic Fiction Comes to Life



RBS Workshop Tent

5.00pm – 7.00pm

Create a sculpture of a fictional character with a little help from one of Scotland's most innovative artists; **Linda McCann** is back with her one-of-a-kind model-making event. Breathe new life into your favourite hero or villain in this unique and highly creative workshop. All materials are provided – just bring your imagination and watch your creation take form.

Adults £10.00 £8.00

Sharing Stories: A Storytelling Workshop for Adults

RBS Imagination Lab

5.00pm – 7.00pm

Boost your confidence and develop your own storytelling style, making the most of your natural talents, in this inspirational workshop. Professional storyteller **Bea Ferguson** shows you how to make stories come alive. Explore the tradition of storytelling; learn how to memorise a story and make it your own and how to create your own stories based on your environment.

In association with the Scottish Storytelling Centre

Teachers & adults £5.00



Story Time: Marion Kenny

RBS Imagination Lab 12 noon – 12.45pm and 3.00pm – 3.45pm

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Thursday 16 August

Scots Rhymes for Wee Folk

RBS Imagination Lab

10.00am – 10.30am

Join Craigmillar Books for Babies for an event of Scots songs and rhymes for your wee bairns, including old favourites such as Wee Willie Winkie and Katie Bairdie.

Babies & toddlers Free – book in advance (max 4 tickets per person)

The Wide White Page

RBS Workshop Tent

10.30am

Bookbinder and artist **Rachel Hazell**'s newest work is inspired by the frozen paper-like expanse of the Antarctic. Come for a session of book crafts about the environment and wildlife in this barren wilderness. In association with her exhibition of the same name at the Scottish Poetry Library. (*Also on 21 Aug for adults*).

Age 8 – 12 £3.50

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Babies & toddlers Free – book in advance (max 4 tickets per person)

Conservation Crafts & Fun

RBS Workshop Tent

12 noon – 2.30pm

Come along and play with artist **Linda McCann** as part of our day of nature and conservation themed activities! Join in the fun by creating crazy creatures and paper lanterns from recycled materials.

Age 4 – 7 Free & drop-in

Where the Forest Meets the Sea

RBS Workshop Tent

3.00pm

Come along and join artist **Julie Dawson** for an afternoon of stories and crafts. Hear a reading of Jeannie Baker's *Where the Forest Meets the Sea* and then create your own environmental pictures and wildlife scenes.

Age 4 – 7 £3.50



Darren Shan

RBS Main Theatre

4.30pm

Come prepared for nail-biting suspense and gruesome horror with the master of the supernatural, Darren Shan. *Blood Beast*, the latest instalment of his Demonata series, is a thrill-a-minute ride – get ready to enter your worst nightmare!

Age 8+ £3.50

Crazy Creatures with Gill Arbuthnott

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RBS Children's Theatre

4.30pm

Hear all about the crazy creatures of the natural world from animal expert Gill Arbuthnott. Scary, funny or disgusting, these fascinating tales of real creatures are sure to entertain.

Age 8 – 12 £3.50

Perform a Story with Pam Wardell

RBS Imagination Lab

4.30pm – 6.00pm

Hiss, clap, shout and sing your way through your favourite stories. First hear the story, then join in and add the sound effects, props and costumes which make it really come to life! This event will be particularly focused on nature and the environment. Parents and carers can leave the event and come back at 5.45pm for a special performance, just ask for your free VIP ticket when booking.

Age 5 – 8 £3.50

Alan Grant & Cam Kennedy



ScottishPower Studio Theatre

5.00pm

Two of the greatest artists working in graphic novels today. They've covered everything from Batman to Star Wars to Judge Dredd and beyond. So what made them change gears and adapt the Scottish epic of RL Stevenson's *Kidnapped*? Come and hear a unique discussion about their collaborations old and new, accompanied by a display of their work from Scotland and further afield.

Teens & adults £3.50

Rhymes & Reasons with Bookstart Edinburgh

RBS Children's Theatre

6.00pm

This relaxed and informative event with the experts from Bookstart Edinburgh shows you how best to share rhymes, stories and songs with young children to encourage development. Great for anyone who would like to inspire children to progress.

Adults Free – book in advance



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Story Time: Bea Ferguson

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Bounce & Tickle

RBS Imagination Lab

10.00am – 10.30am

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Babies & under 3s Free – book in advance (max 4 tickets per person)

The Big Wild Read

RBS Children's Bookshop

10.30am – 4.30pm

Reading books can open your mind, help save the planet and make the world a better place. Join Edinburgh City Libraries Youth Services for activities and crafts on a green theme as part of a nationwide reading campaign. **Dr Recommendation** will be on hand too at various times during the day, dispensing advice and prescriptions for some really big wild reads.

Age 5 – 12 Free & drop-in

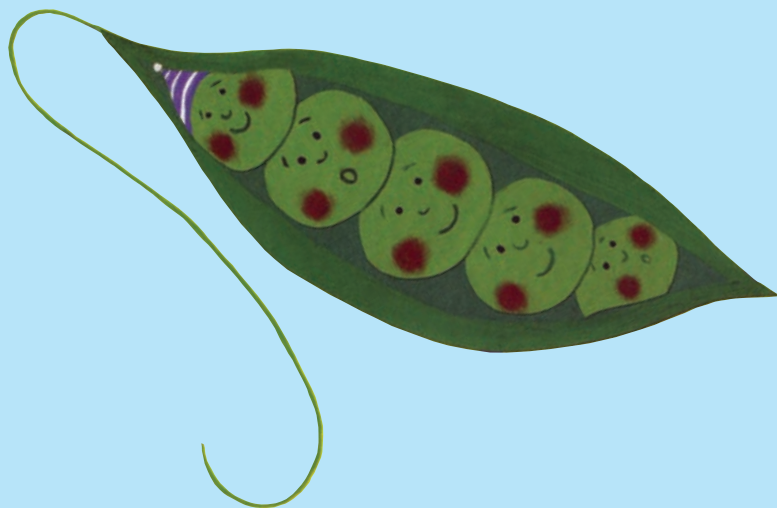
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Babies & under 3s Free – book in advance (max 4 tickets per person)



Rhyming Recipes: Fun with Food & Rhyme

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RBS Workshop Tent

2.00pm

Craigmillar Books for Babies are back with an all new event of easy rhymes and recipes for little ones. Sing foodie songs and then make your own healthy snack to take home. For pairs of one adult and one child to play and learn together.

Age 2 – 5 Free – book in advance (tickets are sold in pairs – for one adult and one child. Max 2 pairs of tickets per person)

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Graphic Novels: Literature or Pulp Fiction?

RBS Main Theatre

4.30pm

Authors **Ian Rankin** and **Denise Mina** write for the comic *Hellblazer*, following the infamous John Constantine. World famous graphic novelist **Alan Grant** has recently adapted RL Stevenson's *Kidnapped* and *Jekyll and Hyde* into comic form. Graphic novels are a huge industry with millions of readers, so why aren't they taken as seriously as novels without illustration? Are they as valuable as books? Join these world-class authors in a lively discussion.

Teens & adults £3.50

On the Run with Amnesty International

RBS Imagination Lab

4.30pm – 6.00pm

If it suddenly wasn't safe for your family to live at home, what would you do? Where would you go? Join Amnesty International for a daring adventure where you choose what to do and how to survive, encouraging empathy with people forced to leave their homes to become refugees and asylum seekers.

Age 8 – 12 £3.50

Cam Kennedy Masterclass

RBS Children's Theatre

7.30pm – 9.00pm

This special event with one of the most recognised and prolific artists in graphic novels is an Edinburgh exclusive. Meet Cam Kennedy, who has drawn everyone from Darth Vader to Batman to Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde, as he sketches and talks about his work. A fascinating glimpse into the artist's world.

Teens & adults £3.50



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Story Time: Claire McNicol

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Tiddler with Julia Donaldson & Axel Scheffler

RBS Main Theatre

10.00am

The team that brought you *The Gruffalo* are back to launch their brand new book, *Tiddler*. Come and be the first to hear about the little fish who tells the biggest tales. Guaranteed show-stoppers, these festival favourites put on events everyone can enjoy!

Age 5 – 8 £3.50

Bounce & Tickle

RBS Imagination Lab

10.00am – 10.30am

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Babies & under 3s Free – book in advance (max 4 tickets per person)

Reading Together with Nick Butterworth

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

10.30am

Author Nick Butterworth is committed to promoting the value of reading together. Learn how to bring characters alive by reading aloud with your young ones. Get some helpful tips and learn more about the importance of sharing stories from a master storyteller in this exclusive event.

In association with Scottish Learning Partnership

Adults £3.50

Bounce & Tickle

RBS Imagination Lab

11.00am – 11.30am

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Babies & under 3s Free – book in advance (max 4 tickets per person)

Gargling with Jelly & Juggling with Gerbils!

RBS Children's Theatre

11.30am

See the Invisible Man's invisible dog or turn the family unit into jelly! Brian Patten brings his infamous collection of hilarious, lyrical and outrageous poems to life in an extravaganza of verse and worse! Meet the author of children's cult classics *Gargling with Jelly*, *Thawing Frozen Frogs* and *Juggling with Gerbils* in an event which will have everyone rolling in the aisles.

Families & age 7 – 11 £3.50

Hamish the Highland Cow Makes a Mess with Natalie Russell

RBS Workshop Tent

12 noon

Hamish is a real mess sometimes. Pretend Hamish the Highland Cow is coming to stay at your house, as in *Home Sweet Hamish*. Can you imagine the mess he would make? Using collage, help author Natalie Russell create images of the kind of chaos Hamish might make and let your imagination run wild!

Age 4 – 7 £3.50

Nick Butterworth

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THE SCOTTISHPOWER EVENT

RBS Main Theatre

1.30pm

One of the greatest storytellers around, Nick Butterworth's events are a sheer delight for families. Come along and hear all about the adventures of Percy the Park Keeper and Tiger the kitten and the rest of your favourite characters.

Age 4 – 6 £3.50

Mad Mr Gum with Andy Stanton

RBS Children's Theatre

1.30pm

Andy Stanton has been described as a comic genius and a beardy turnip-head (!) so come prepared to be amused and confused as he talks about his books and a load of other hilarious and random gobbledegook. Mr Gum is the villain in his whimsical, beastly, nonsensical books which are reminiscent of Roald Dahl and Edward Lear, and feature outrageously funny characters.

Age 8+ £3.50

Mermaid SOS with Gillian Shields

RBS Imagination Lab

1.30pm

Join the Mermaid Sisters of the Sea on their quest to save Coral Kingdom. Hear all about their magical underwater world and help thwart the menacing Mantora. Dress up as a merperson to make a splash, and learn the mermaid pledge to help all sea creatures great and small. An ocean of fun for everyone!

Age 6 – 8 £3.50

William Nicholson's Noble Warriors

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

2.00pm

The final chapter of the captivating Noble Warriors Trilogy comes to a close today with *Noman*. The Nomana are without a centre. What will become of our noble warriors and what lies in store for William Nicholson, one of today's most captivating authors? He may even tell you about Sony's film plans for *Seeker* as a special treat!

Age 11+ £3.50

The Witness with James Jauncey

RBS Children's Theatre

3.00pm

When John MacNeil is the only witness to an atrocious slaughter in the Highlands he has nowhere to run. Scotland's nationalisation and land redistribution has caused a violent uprising, and he's on his own, hiding from a government that wants him quiet – wants him dead. This stunning teen debut is a breathless journey through the rugged terrain of Scotland in a terrifying and not too distant future.

Teens £3.50

Pippi Longstocking's Birthday Party

RBS Workshop Tent

3.30pm

Join everyone's favourite wild girl as we celebrate her birthday! Hear Pippi read from her adventures (with brand new beautiful illustrations by Lauren Child) then create your own zany long stockings for Pippi to wear.

Age 7 – 11 £3.50

Writing on Screen

THE REPUBLIC EVENT

RBS Children's Theatre

5.00pm

As both screenwriters and novelists, Academy Award nominee William Nicholson (*Gladiator*, *Shadowlands*) and Charlie Fletcher (*Taggart*, *Afterlife*) know the worlds of publishing and Hollywood. What makes a script work and how is it different from a book? What's the difference in the writing process? Both writers are currently adapting their own novels into films – what will this mean for the stories? A fascinating look into the artists' minds.

Teens & adults £3.50



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Story Time: Ken Shapley

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From Tiddler to T-Rex with Julia Donaldson

RBS Main Theatre

10.00am

Always a crowd-pleaser, Julia Donaldson returns with her two latest books: *Tiddler*, the little fish with the big mouth, and *Tyrannosaurus Drip*, a baby dinosaur with a heart of gold. With songs, stories and a whole host of props, she's an entertainer like no other. Come dressed as your favourite character and join in the fun!

Age 5 – 7 £3.50

Dinosaurs in Space & Time-Travelling Cows with Steve Cole

RBS Children's Theatre

10.00am

Come and hear all about Astrosaur's Captain Teggs Stegosaur, space pilot and adventurer, and his daring exploits! Get tips on how to tell your own amazing tales with Steve's interactive 'instant story' session, and as a special treat take a look at his brand new CIA (Cows In Action) adventure series where time-travelling cows attempt to save history from the evil robotic ter-moo-nators!

Age 7 – 9 £3.50

The End of Lemony Snicket?

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

10.30am

Think you know all about the Baudelaire orphans? Count Olaf has arrived to test your knowledge of everything Lemony Snicket. Audience members can volunteer for this interactive trivia game show, but don't worry, the activities and games will be just as fun if you've never even read a page. Come if you dare, though the results may be truly unfortunate!

Age 8 – 12 £3.50

Scoular Anderson's Spacepirate Adventures

RBS Workshop Tent

10.30am

Picture book, comic book, puzzle and game, this event is for those with an adventurous spirit. Come on a hunt for treasure and weave your way through this zany maze of activities with the space pirate crew.

Age 7 – 10 £3.50

Eddie Dickens is Back! with Philip Ardagh

RBS Children's Theatre

11.30am

The wildly ridiculous plights of Eddie Dickens have been read the world over. Author Philip Ardagh (almost as famous for his impressive beard as for his incredible stories) will leap about energetically in this insanely entertaining and rambunctious event.

Age 8+ £3.50

Ross Collins Hunts the Elephantom

RBS Workshop Tent

12 noon

Ross Collins is one of the great delights of Scotland – his sketching and storytelling are always a treat. In his Greenaway Medal shortlisted book *The Elephantom*, a little girl is plagued by a phantom elephant and no one will believe her! This is destined to be one of the silliest, most fun events of the weekend – don't miss it!

Age 4 – 7 £3.50

Julia Golding Sets Sail

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RBS Children's Theatre

1.30pm

Famous for the adventures of Cat Royal, author Julia Golding introduces a pair of brand new escapades. Cat sets sail for America in *Cat O' Nine Tails*, while *Ringmaster* whisks you off to the depths of Nairobi, to a world of smuggling, corruption and espionage. Julia's events delight everyone with a thirst for adventure.

Age 8 – 12 £3.50

Princesses & Monsters with Sarah Dyer

RBS Imagination Lab

1.30pm

Sarah Dyer is an expert on both princesses and monsters. Clementine becomes a bossy princess in *Princess for a Day*, while the *Five Little Fiends* cause havoc when they try to steal the earth's elements, including the sun! Come dressed as a princess or a monster, hear the stories being read then play some games and go home with a special treat!

Age 4 – 6 £3.50

Luuurve is a Many Trousered Thing... with Louise Rennison

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

2.00pm

Do the Disco Inferno dance, Louise Rennison is back! Fabbity-fab Georgia Nicholson confesses to more acts of maturocity, revealing her encounters with the cosmic horn and displaying absolutely no loonlike behaviour at all! So come along, or don't, and waste away on the rack of disappointmentosity.

Teens £3.50

My Strange Pencil Case Crafts

RBS Workshop Tent

2.00pm

Come and create your own magical monster using only the materials found inside a pencil case! World renowned artist, **Sophie Benini Pietromarchi** encourages children to explore a wide variety of storytelling and illustrating techniques in this highly engaging workshop.

Age 8+ £3.50

Mission: Spies & Secret Agents

RBS Children's Theatre

3.00pm

Why do we love all things espionage? **Joe Craig**, author of the genetically engineered boy-assassin Jimmy Coates, and **Carol Hedges**, author of the smashing new sassy Spy Girl series, look at secrets, codes and adventures in this exclusive on what makes spies tick. Plus discover how to write your own twisting, turning adventures!

Age 9 – 12 £3.50

Momotaro the Peach Boy

RBS Workshop Tent

3.30pm – 5.30pm

Kamishibai is a traditional form of Asian storytelling which uses giant illustrated cards. Come and hear the story of Momotaro and make your own manga-style illustrations to accompany it. Then listen to the story being retold using your artwork and see it really come to life! Join storytellers **Mio Shapley**, **Fergus McNicol** and artist **Juliana Capes** for this highly creative and original workshop.

Age 6 – 9 £3.50

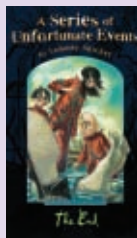
Harry Horse's Ogopogo in Picture & Song

RBS Imagination Lab

4.30pm

Harry Horse's classic *The Ogopogo* is brought to life through music and drawing in an event for the whole family with **Dick Lee**. Originally inspired by his improvised collaborations with Harry Horse, Dick brings a new vitality to the story using a whole host of instruments. Come and hear the singing sea monster for yourself and join in as part of the percussion section! (*Also on 13 Aug*).

All ages £3.50



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Story Time: Senga Munro

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Monday 20 August



Roar, Bull, Roar with Andrew Fusek Peters & Polly Peters

RBS Workshop Tent

10.30am

This multi-talented duo bring you stories, songs and poetry, including their brand new mystery adventure. When Jan and Marie move to a different country, they're dropped into a mysterious new place riddled with old secrets and dangerous legends. Come on this breathtaking ride and join in the fun!

Age 7 – 12 £3.50

Great Big Enormous Crocodile

RBS Workshop Tent

12 noon

Snip and Snap, the world's friendliest crocs, are back and ready to share stories, songs and rhymes about all of their favourite animal friends. Come and join the jungle jamboree with Edinburgh City Libraries Youth Services. Rip-roaring stories, animal antics and crazy crafts – snap up your free ticket now.

Age 5 – 8 Free – book in advance

Eric Maddern

RBS Workshop Tent

1.30pm

Storyteller by trade, Eric Maddern is back with his fantastic new rendition of *Nail Soup*. You'll be enthralled by this age-old legend and get the chance to add your own special ingredients to the pot too! With songs, stories and some wild musical instruments, this is a delightful treat.

Age 4 – 6 £3.50

The Wizard's Secrets Revealed

RBS Children's Theatre

4.30pm

Discover the spellbinding secrets and hidden magic of everyday wizardry with **Herbie Brennan**, the master of the fantastic. Peppered with first hand accounts and case studies of practical magic, Herbie's event takes you through a step-by-step guide to help you create your own wand-wielding wonders. Come and be amazed.

Age 8 – 12 £3.50

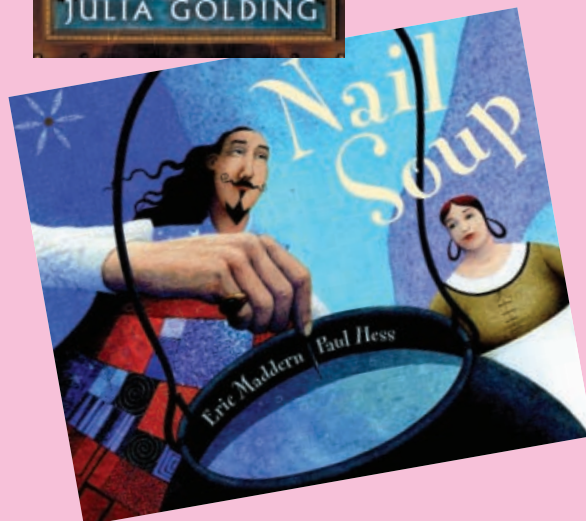
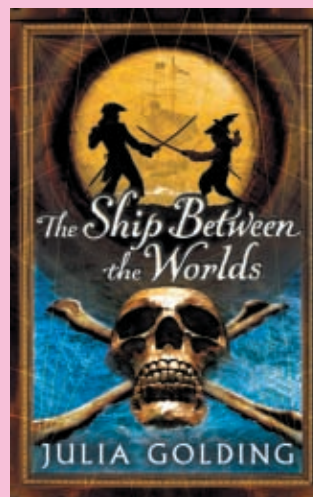
Adèle Geras & Julia Golding

RBS Children's Theatre

6.00pm

Whether it's Ancient Greece, Revolutionary Paris or nineteenth century London, Adèle Geras and Julia Golding know their history. And they both readily admit their knowledge comes from careful research; using exciting details to bring their historical fiction to life. How do you make something old and dead sound interesting? Two masters of compelling stories from the past weave a spell and reveal all.

Age 8 – 12 £3.50



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Story Time: Marie Louise Cochrane

RBS Imagination Lab 12 noon – 12.45pm and 3.00pm – 3.45pm

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Tuesday 21 August



Make a Bookmark

RBS Workshop Tent

11.00am – 3.00pm

Drop in and design your own bookmark with artist **Linda McCann**. Draw your favourite characters or create something entirely new for your very own magical bookmark. You could record some of your exciting Book Festival adventures as a souvenir!

Age 4 – 7 Free & drop-in

Silly Jack

RBS Workshop Tent

4.00pm

Author and illustrator **Holly Surplice** reads her book *Silly Jack* and then, with help from Edinburgh College of Art's illustration students, lets you create your own farmyard characters in a fun drawing and colouring workshop.

Age 4 – 6 £3.50

The Tiara Club's Princess Party! BSL

RBS Imagination Lab

4.30pm

Could you attend the Princess Academy? Join author **Vivian French** and all the Tiara Club princesses for the perfect princess party. Dress up in your finest frock and come and play princess games, make tiaras and learn how to become the perfect princess.

Age 5 – 8 £3.50

How to Twist a Dragon's Tale with Cressida Cowell

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

5.00pm

Hiccup Horrendous Haddock III is a Viking who is always in trouble, whether he's searching for an antidote to the deadly Vorpentitis poison or trying to throw off the mad tribe from Hysteria. You'll hear all about his dragon-filled, often hilarious adventures in the Barbaric Archipelago along with a few of his latest exploits.

Age 8 – 12 £3.50



Writing for Teens with Tim Bowler, James Jauncey & Nicola Morgan

RBS Children's Theatre

5.00pm

Teenager. What does the word imply? How and why are teenagers seen to be different from everyone else? And what does that mean for them as readers? Three fantastic authors come together to discuss writing for teens. How does it differ from writing for adults or young children? How can you reach your audience effectively? A stimulating discussion for aspiring writers and teens.

Teens & adults £3.50

The Wide White Page for Adults

RBS Workshop Tent

5.30pm

Bookbinder and artist **Rachel Hazell**'s newest work is inspired by the frozen paper-like expanse of the Antarctic. Join her for an intensive workshop to make your own books evoking this barren wilderness in form and content. In association with her exhibition of the same name at the Scottish Poetry Library. (Also on 16 Aug for children).

Adults £10.00 £8.00

Story Time: Eric Maddern

RBS Imagination Lab 12 noon – 12.45pm and 3.00pm – 3.45pm

Free Tickets available from the Box Office on the day of the event

Wednesday 22 August

Perky Little Penguins with Guy Parker-Rees

RBS Imagination Lab

1.30pm

Splash, splash and splosh with the lovable penguins! When a baby seal is lost and alone, the penguins know just how to make him laugh. The silly rhymes and action words in this latest book from one of our most endearing and recognisable illustrators will delight youngsters.

Age 4 – 6 £3.50

Katie Morag and the Dancing Class with Mairi Hedderwick BSL

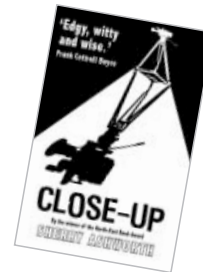
THE NATIONAL TRUST FOR SCOTLAND EVENT

RBS Main Theatre

4.30pm

The Katie Morag books have delighted generations with their Hebridean charms and beautiful watercolour images of island life. Come and hear about Katie's newest adventure on the idyllic Island of Struay. The two grandmas have decided that Katie needs ballet lessons but she would much rather muck about in her big black wellies! Will they ever come to a compromise?

Age 5 – 7 £3.50



Big Brother is Watching

RBS Children's Theatre

4.30pm

In an age of terrorism and government surveillance, where are our freedoms? Hard-hitting teen authors **Sherry Ashworth**, **Graham Marks** and **Matt Whyman** take a look at freedom of speech and civil liberties, focusing on teens, in a modern world not unlike *Nineteen Eighty-Four*. A fascinating debate in which everyone should take part.

In association with Amnesty International

Teens £3.50

Diary of a Chav with Grace Dent

RBS Imagination Lab

4.30pm

Clever, sharp and scathing, this isn't your average glittery girly diary. Shiraz only started writing it so she could later exploit it for her future bestselling biography anyway. Her honest wry voice is a refreshing treat that everyone can relate to and author **Grace Dent** is as fantastically clever as her heroine (and author of the *Big Brother* blog to boot).

Teens £3.50

The Journey to Excellence

RBS Children's Theatre

6.00pm

Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Schools **Frank Crawford** is responsible for secondary and special school inspections across Scotland. HMIE produced an aspirational resource about how schools can go from good to great called *The Journey to Excellence*. Frank will describe its potential in an interactive event on inclusion and the development of quality frameworks to improve school effectiveness for every child.

Teachers & adults £5.00

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Story Time: Eric Brennan

RBS Imagination Lab

12 noon – 12.45pm
and 3.00pm – 3.45pm

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Friday 24 August

Perky Penguins & Dancing Giraffes

RBS Workshop Tent

1.30pm

Amazing illustrator **Guy Parker-Rees** knows how to make stories really come to life using fantastic pictures. Join him for a day of storytelling, crafts and fun!

Age 4 – 6 £3.50

Bounce & Tickle

RBS Imagination Lab

4.30pm – 5.00pm

Engage with your child from an early age through stories and songs. Join Bookstart Edinburgh and Craigmillar Books for Babies in their trademark event of action rhymes and songs for babies and toddlers. *(Also on 12, 15, 17, 18 Aug).*

Babies & under 3s Free – book in advance (max 4 tickets per person)

Barnaby Grimes with Paul Stewart & Chris Riddell

RBS Main Theatre

4.30pm

From the pens and imaginations of the team that brought you *The Edge Chronicles* and *Far-Flung Adventures*, comes *Barnaby Grimes*! A daring new hero, he's a tick-tock lad who runs errands for quick cash by climbing rooftops, clambering up drainpipes, and leaping tall chimneys. But when there's a wild wolf-creature running rampant in the city it's up to Barnaby to save the day in an adventure full of thrills, chills and derring-do.

Age 8 – 12 £3.50

Comic Books & Graphic Novels with Tom Becker, John Fardell & Mal Peet

RBS Children's Theatre

4.30pm

Have you ever been influenced by something you've read or a film you've seen? Blockbuster authors Mal Peet and Tom Becker both love graphic novels and comics. As well as being a novelist, John Fardell also draws comics and cartoons. Does their love of comics shape their novel writing at all? How do comics differ from books? Come and discuss the fantastic world of comics with some of their most famous fans.

Teens £3.50

Jennifer Donnelly

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

5.00pm

Carnegie winner Jennifer Donnelly is a true delight. Her cross-over novel *A Gathering Light* won her several awards, instant acclaim and a devoted readership the world over. But what now? Is the pressure on to write another instant classic? Come for this rare treat to hear one of the modern masters of heartfelt prose for teens and adults alike.

Teens & adults £3.50

Masterclass with Anthony Browne

RBS Workshop Tent

5.00pm – 7.00pm

Winner of the Kate Greenaway Medal for Illustration (twice), the Kurt Maschler Award (three times), and the Hans Christian Andersen Medal for his contribution to children's literature, Anthony Browne is a world-class artist. A once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to meet a true master of illustration and storytelling.

Adults £10.00 £8.00

Bounce & Tickle

RBS Imagination Lab

5.30pm – 6.00pm

Another chance to join Bookstart Edinburgh and Craigmillar Books for Babies in their trademark event of action rhymes and songs for babies and toddlers. *(Also on 12, 15, 17, 18 Aug).*

Babies & under 3s Free – book in advance (max 4 tickets per person)

Formative Assessment in the Classroom

RBS Children's Theatre

6.00pm

Professor Dylan Williams of King's College London is a leading expert and champion of Formative Assessment, which helps children reach their goals without teaching to tests. A commanding and entertaining speaker, he is passionate about raising standards through helping pupils become better learners without continually measuring their progress.

Teachers & adults £5.00

Story Time: Ruth Kirkpatrick

RBS Imagination Lab 12 noon – 12.45pm and 3.00pm – 3.45pm

Free Tickets available from the Box Office on the day of the event

Storysticks

RBS Workshop Tent

2.00pm

Storyteller **Ruth Kirkpatrick** brings us the art of putting stories on to sticks! A workshop of stories and crafts where you can hear fabulous tales, then make your own storystick to take home.

Age 5 – 8 £3.50

Anthony Horowitz

RBS Main Theatre

4.30pm

Your chance to meet the master of suspense! From *Alex Rider* to the *Diamond Brothers*, and now the popular *Power of Five* series, there's no other author quite like him. Come to hear an excerpt from his latest thrilling title and get ready to ask your best questions.

Age 10+ £3.50

Journey to Africa with Lauren St John

RBS Children's Theatre

4.30pm

Adult author Lauren St John evokes the power and beauty of her native Africa in her stunning children's debut *The White Giraffe* and her latest, *Dolphin Song*. But the exotic textures and flavours of the African wild are only the backdrop; her poignant stories are also full of mystery and humanity and will resonate with any adventurous young imagination.

Age 10+ £3.50

Football's Hot Shots

RBS Imagination Lab

4.30pm

After last year's show *Next Goal's The Winner!*, Mac-A-Story aka **Fergus McNicol** and **Ron Fairweather** are back with a fireball of football fun! New stories, songs and raps a-plenty! The team play for Davie's soul in a winner-takes-all encounter with the Devil's Eleven. Travel back in time with the Old Time Football Chaps from 1892 and prepare to blast off into the future with the Intergalactic Football Playing Stars. Great fun for football fans and their families.

Age 7 – 11 £3.50

Celebrating the Carnegie with Theresa Breslin, Jennifer Donnelly & Mal Peet

THE ALCS EVENT

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

5.00pm

Continuing our celebration of the 70th anniversary of the Carnegie Medal, the illustrious honour of children's literature, this panel of recent winners is chaired by **Nicolette Jones**. This unique group of writers come together to discuss children's literature in all its glory – the books, the award and their favourites. Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime event for anyone aged nine to ninety!

Teens, adults & 10+ £3.50

Football Frenzy! Calling All Reporters!

RBS Imagination Lab

6.00pm

Love football? **Dan Freedman** does! As a sports journalist, it's Dan's job to write about football matches. Meet the man who went to the World Cup with the England Team and find out how great sports journalism is done. There will even be a competition for aspiring reporters to win a set of football books!

Age 6 – 9 £3.50

Celebrating the Greenaway with Anthony Browne, Emily Gravett & Chris Riddell

RBS Children's Theatre

6.30pm

The Kate Greenaway Medal celebrates the best in illustration. This stellar line-up of past winners, all of whom have strong individual artistic styles, celebrate the 50th anniversary of this award in an exclusive look at the art of our favourite books. A fascinating peek into illustrated books, chaired by **Liz George**.

Families & adults £3.50



Story Time:

Donnie Henderson-Shedlarz

RBS Imagination Lab

12 noon – 12.45pm and 3.00pm – 3.45pm

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Horrid Henry with Francesca Simon

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RBS Main Theatre

10.00am

Join Francesca Simon on a whirlwind tour of the Horrid Henry books. Discover how the stories jump from her head into your hands with lots of laughs and interaction. A guaranteed hour of fun with a preview of Henry's newest adventure too!

Age 6 – 9 £3.50

Emily Gravett's Animal Menagerie

RBS Children's Theatre

10.00am

No matter what your age, you'll enjoy one of the freshest talents in picture books. Whether it's *Wolves*, *Monkey and Me* or *Little Mouse*, Emily Gravett's quirky animal books are endearing from cover to cover. Come and hear how she thinks up her stories and see some of her original artwork in this exciting event.

Families & 5+ £3.50

Kelly McKain's Fantastic Fairy Party!

RBS Imagination Lab

10.00am

Dress up as your favourite fairy to attend this feisty, fashionable fairy party with Kelly McKain. With storytelling, fashion design for the modern-day fairy, a fairy personality quiz, fairy games and lots of glitter and sparkles, this is a festival of fairy fun!

Age 6 – 9 £3.50

Vivian French & Debi Gliori

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

10.30am

Sure authors write books, but they read them sometimes too! Vivian French loves Debi's *Goodnight, Baby Bat* and Debi Gliori adores Vivian's exciting new *The Robe of Skulls*. Is it a coincidence that they both feature talking bats? Come and hear two of Scotland's most entertaining children's authors talk about their great love of books.

Age 7 – 12 £3.50

Gilbert in Deep

RBS Workshop Tent

10.30am

Gilbert the Great is back and he claims that great white sharks aren't afraid of anything, but deep down at the bottom of the ocean you never know what you may find... Author **Jane Clarke** and illustrator **Charles Fuge** take you on a delightful underwater expedition of sea-related reading and crafts.

Age 5 – 7 £3.50

Chris Ryan: Code Red



RBS Children's Theatre

11.30am

Chris Ryan was an SAS agent and sniper. Now he writes breathlessly thrilling adventures using his amazing first-hand knowledge of specialised training. This high-impact interactive event focuses on the survival skills needed by his books' heroes in dangerous situations. This event is not for under tens due to its graphic nature.

Teens £3.50

The Princess Poppy Party!

RBS Workshop Tent

12 noon

Come and meet Princess Poppy and all her friends from Honey Pot Hill for stories, activities and a princess party, because every girl can be a princess! Author **Janey Louise Jones** will guide you through the event, just be sure to dress up as your favourite princess.

Age 3 – 6 £3.50

Kidnapped: When Kilts Were Banned

RBS Main Theatre

1.30pm

All it takes is two men and a trunk full of props and we're off on a rollicking adventure! This hilarious, captivating theatrical adaptation of RL Stevenson's *Kidnapped* (originally commissioned for the One Book – One Edinburgh campaign) is a joy for the whole family. Daring escapes, Highland battles, and the story of true friendship, this Book Festival exclusive is a real treat!

Families & 7+ £3.50

Writing for Children vs Adults

RBS Children's Theatre

1.30pm

Authors **Joanne Harris**, **Tim Lott** and **Lauren St John** have received great acclaim as adult novelists. So what's made them turn their pens to young adult books? What's the difference between writing for teens and adults? How do you approach these different readers and how does it affect your writing? A must-see for all fans, budding authors and curious readers.

Teens & adults £3.50

Goodnight, Baby Bat with Debi Gliori

RBS Imagination Lab

1.30pm

One of our festival favourites, Debi Gliori is back with her fantastic new tale for wee ones. Be the first to hear all about the bedtime adventures of Baby Bat. What should Mummy Bat do? Baby Bat is full of beans and will not go to bed. An interactive event of rhyming fun for your little ones.

Age 3 – 5 £3.50

Vampirates with Justin Somper

BSL

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

2.00pm

A true star and born entertainer, Justin Somper provides an hour of entertainment with stories of his swashbuckling, bloodsucking collection of vampire misfits. Don't miss out on the adventure!

Age 10+ £3.50

Ottoline and the Yellow Cat with Chris Riddell

RBS Children's Theatre

3.00pm

Award-winning author and illustrator Chris Riddell whisks you away on a fantastic adventure with his newest creation, Ottoline. While her parents travel the world, Ottoline collects odd shoes, jumps in puddles and solves the occasional perplexing mystery involving lots of disguises. Superb illustrations and tales of eccentric escapades unite for an animated hour of entertainment.

Age 7+ £3.50

Grizzly Tales of Nasty Little Beasts

RBS Imagination Lab

4.30pm

Grizzly Tales are on the telly, but they've never before been seen on the page! **Jamie Rix**, creator of the series and author of the new *Grizzly Tales* books, tells you about the secrets and horrors of Hothell Darkness. Full of creepy crawlies and batboys – if you're sent down there, be warned, you may never return!

Age 7 – 9 £3.50

Runemarks with Joanne Harris

RBS Children's Theatre

4.30pm

Joanne Harris, author of *Chocolat*, has written a spellbinding adventure for young adults. Maddy is born with a runemark on her hand which is a sign of bad luck, an ill omen. But when Maddy descends into another time and place where the ancient gods are alive and nothing is as it seems, the birthmark is the least of her worries. An unforgettable ride, come be the first to hear all about *Runemarks*.

Age 10+ £3.50

Writing & Illustrating Picture Books

RBS Workshop Tent

5.00pm – 6.30pm

Jonathan Gibbs, Head of Illustration at Edinburgh College of Art, and **Catherine Rayner**, ECA graduate and award-winning author of *Augustus and his Smile*, give tips on how to bring a children's character to life through words and pictures. Hear a special discussion on the process of creating stories, designing characters and getting your own work down on the page.

Adults £10.00 £8.00

Night of the Living Horror



RBS Children's Theatre

6.00pm

Gothic tales have delighted generations; whether it's *Dracula* or *Frankenstein*, werewolves or witches, there is something fascinating about these dark, forbidding creatures. Hear three modern masters of the genre, **Tom Becker**, **Cliff McNish** and **Marcus Sedgwick** discuss gothic fiction and all its wonderful compelling surprises.

Teens & 10+ £3.50

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Story Time: Liz Wilson

RBS Imagination Lab 12 noon – 12.45pm and 3.00pm – 3.45pm

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Mustard, Custard, Grumble Belly & Gravy with Michael Rosen

THE BAILLIE GIFFORD EVENT

RBS Main Theatre

10.00am

New Children's Laureate and master entertainer Michael Rosen (most famous for *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*) brings us his delightful collection of silly, zany poetry in an event for the whole family. His irreverent style and infectious enthusiasm will have everyone wanting to rhyme along!

Families & 7+ £3.50

Carol Ann Duffy

RBS Children's Theatre

10.00am

Carol Ann Duffy's readings are as infectious as they are enchanting. This spellbinding event will take you to far-off worlds and right back to your own back garden, with fairy tales, poems and accompanying music from **John Sampson**, this is a sheer delight for young and old alike.

Families & 8+ £3.50

Rainbow Magic

RBS Imagination Lab

10.00am

Calling all Rainbow Fairy fans! Join the Petal Fairies and all their friends for their greatest adventure yet. Dress as your favourite fairy and come and join in the fun with games, activities and plenty of fairy dust!

Age 5 – 8 £3.50

Locating Leonardo with Theresa Breslin

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

10.30am

Carnegie winner Theresa Breslin has been steeped in intrigue and betrayal for *The Medici Seal*. This fascinating event about the life and times of Leonardo da Vinci, which stems from her extensive research, will captivate you. An enthralling journey with plenty of visual aids.

Teens & adults £3.50

Pirate Things to Make & Do

RBS Workshop Tent

10.30am

Ahoy me hearties! Join our crew of swashbuckling scallywags for all manner of pirate activities and fun. This craft workshop is a treasure trove for all your little pirates. Wear your best pirate garb and cast your sails towards Charlotte Square Gardens. Arrrrrrrrrrrrrrh!

Age 4 – 7 £3.50

Fairy Fun with Gwyneth Rees

RBS Children's Theatre

11.30pm

Sprinkle a little fairy dust and enter the world of Gwyneth Rees. She knows everything about fairies from tooth fairies to dream fairies to wicked sprites. Come on an enchanted adventure where wishes can come true and there are surprises around every corner.

Age 7 – 10 £3.50

Augustus & his Smile with Catherine Rayner

RBS Workshop Tent

12 noon

Hear how Augustus hunts high and low for his missing smile and then join in by drawing your own tiger and learning some important tiger facts. One of the most stunning picture books in years, *Augustus and his Smile* is a beautiful story for young ones which was shortlisted for the Kate Greenaway Medal for Illustration.

Age 4 – 7 £3.50

Horrible Histories with Martin Brown

RBS Main Theatre

1.30pm

The Horrible Histories would be nothing without their illustrations and cartoons. Be they fun, disgusting, or both at once they are always entertaining and an important part of the story. Illustrator Martin Brown knows just how to get everyone shouting and sketching so come along and have a bit of horrible history drawn right before your eyes!

Age 7 – 12 £3.50

Highwaymen & Cutpurses

RBS Children's Theatre

1.30pm

Linda Buckley-Archer, **Nicola Morgan** and **Eleanor Updale** know all about the gritty, nasty secrets of life in the past which they incorporate into their compelling stories. It's a dirty job but someone's got to do it. Hear the dark secrets, gruesome scandals and seedier pieces of history that really bring their adventures to life.

Teens & 10+ £3.50

Musical Madness at Lunchtime

RBS Imagination Lab

1.30pm

Vibrant virtuosos **Dick Lee** and **Anne Evans** are back for a musical extravaganza the whole family can enjoy. They've brought lyrical games, musical puzzles and a whole host of new songs. A free drop-in event sure to leave you tapping your toes! (*Also on 11, 15 Aug.*)

All ages Free & drop-in

Rewriting the Past

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

2.00pm

In telling stories about the past, when do you stick to the facts and when do you embellish your story with exotic flourishes (or downright lies)? When is the truth more exciting than fiction? Meet three fantastic writers, **Theresa Breslin**, **Alan Gibbons** and **Marcus Sedgwick** who reveal the way they weave history and myth for the perfect combination in storytelling.

Teens £3.50

Fairy Things to Make & Do

RBS Workshop Tent

2.00pm

Flit away on a magical tour to fairyland and return with your very own fairy surprise. Come along for a wonderful event of fanciful crafts and activities. Dress up as your favourite fairy and create your very own fairy friend to take home.

Age 4 – 7 £3.50

Surfing the Solar System with Lucy Hawking

RBS Children's Theatre

3.00pm

Professor Stephen Hawking and his daughter Lucy have written a thrilling space adventure together. Join Lucy for a fantastic voyage through the universe and text your toughest science questions to her dad, who will answer them live during the event!

Age 8 – 12 £3.50

Michelle Paver

BSL

RBS Children's Theatre

4.30pm

The Chronicles of Ancient Darkness is a fast-paced adventure series set in prehistoric times. Hear all about the latest thrilling instalment in which Torak must survive alone... as an *Outcast*. Michelle Paver will have everyone on the edge of their seats with her tales of survival, ancient artefacts and her exciting encounter with a bear!

Age 8 – 12 £3.50

Jiggy McCue Party

RBS Imagination Lab

4.30pm

Jiggy McCue is always getting into scrapes. Either his clothes have disappeared or some other hilarious near-disaster has happened. This time he falls through the school broom cupboard into a weird parallel school which makes him do the ironing! Based on author **Michael Lawrence's** real life misadventures, this jiggling, jaggling party is sure to be a barrel of laughs.

Age 8 – 12 £3.50

Apocalyptic Scotland: Julie Bertagna, Catherine Forde & James Jauncey

RBS Children's Theatre

6.00pm

Join some of teen fiction's strongest voices on a journey to a new Scotland. Each has written distinctly different dystopian futures for the nation. In an age of uncertainty, political upheaval and environmental catastrophe, they look to the future to explore who we are and who we may yet become. A truly outstanding collaboration not to be missed.

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Teens & adults £3.50

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Story Time: Andy Hunter

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The Confidence Handbook with Dr Carol Craig

RBS Children's Theatre

5.00pm

Increasingly influencing the type of thinking now required if we are to become a vibrant, confident country, Dr Carol Craig, Chief Executive of the Centre of Confidence and Well-being offers a refreshingly different analysis of what it really means to be Scottish. She discusses her new book *The Confidence Handbook*, and talks about ways to encourage confident individuals in the classroom.

Teachers & adults £5.00



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The RBS Schools Programme is created especially for schools but individuals can book at the special price of £2 from Mon 2 July, if tickets are still available. It includes over 50 author events and creative workshops. For more information call the Box Office on 0845 373 5888 or download the schools brochure from www.edbookfest.co.uk

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Book Signings

Authors sign copies of their books after their events. Book signings take place in the London Review of Books Signing Tent, The Bookshop and the RBS Children's Bookshop. Please check the venue boards outside these venues for the times of when signings take place.

Art in the Garden

Come along to the Book Festival and experience the work of two artists with a focus on our environment.

Alice Betts creates an installation of fabric and mixed media which draws on the spaces and structures at the Book Festival. Trained in glass at Edinburgh College of Art, Alice graduated in 1999 and has been a studio holder at Edinburgh Sculpture Workshop since 2002. She now lectures part-time at North Wales School of Art and Design and continues to work in Edinburgh in glass and mixed media installation.

Fanny Lam Christie's work focuses on our relationship with nature, exploring changes in the landscape and related environmental issues. Her monumental bronze sculpture *Storm*, won the RSA N S MacFarlane Charitable Trust Award in 2006. A graduate of Edinburgh College of Art, Fanny has exhibited at the RSA, at exhibitions of Visual Arts Scotland and the Society of Scottish Artists, and has recently had a solo exhibition entitled *Nature Unbound* at Eskmills, Musselburgh. Special tours of the artwork on display will take place during the festival – check the website for more details. Tickets are free and can be booked through the Box Office 0845 373 5888 or online at www.edbookfest.co.uk

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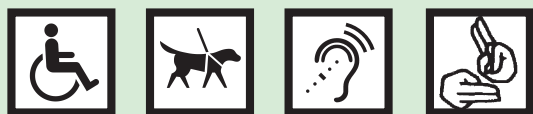
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Public Transport information

For information on all public transport in Edinburgh and the Lothians please call Traveline on 0870 608 2608 or go to www.travelinescotland.com – lines are open from 7am to 10pm seven days a week. Bus and rail information can also be found at www.lothianbuses.co.uk and www.firstscotrail.com

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Phone	0845 373 5888 (all calls charged at the local rate) 19 Jun – 10 Aug: 9.30am – 5.30pm, Mon to Sat 11 Aug – 27 Aug: 9.30am – 8.30pm, daily	
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