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Edinburgh International Book Festival
Charlotte Square Gardens, 9 – 25 August 2008
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Celebrate with us

25 years ago this summer, a few tents popped up among the trees in Charlotte Square Gardens and the Book Festival was born. The last quarter century has seen incredible growth. We now defy the laws of space, physics and botany (the trees have grown along with the festival) to create a magical, pan-global cornucopia of words and ideas in our gorgeous garden each year. This is the biggest, most international, most gloriously stimulating celebration of its kind, anywhere in the world. We rejoice in being the beating literary heart of Edinburgh, the world's first UNESCO City of Literature, the greatest of all festival cities.

Want to see Sean Connery exclusively launching his long-awaited autobiography? Come on in! Fancy dressing up as a Flower Fairy? Be our guest! Interested in politics, ethics, world affairs, the environment? Our programme is bursting with major thinkers, ready to share their thoughts and hear yours. Hungry to discover other cultures? We are bringing writers from over 40 different countries, to open our eyes and minds – and nearly 200 Scottish authors too, our own land in its full, proud, international place. Eager that offspring of all ages should have imagination-firing fun? Our RBS Children's Programme offers endless delight, an open invitation to fall in love with reading forever.

Our 25th anniversary festival is both intimate and abundant. Here is where you will have meetings and moments you will never forget. Choose from over 700 events, each one unique, chosen and created to spark something special. Come and celebrate!

Catherine Lockerbie, Director

Over **700 events** and creative workshops take place in **Charlotte Square Gardens** (just off the West End of Princes Street).

Lively debates on political and ethical issues of every kind – war, the environment, medicine and more. Join in and have your say!

Children's events to engage and inspire all ages from tots to teens, plus the **RBS Children's Bookshop**, a space dedicated to children's literature.

A large independent bookshop for adults selling a huge selection of fiction and non-fiction – all proceeds from both of our bookshops are put straight back into the Book Festival.

Food and drink – fairtrade coffees and teas, homemade cakes, ice-cream, light meals, wines, whiskies and beer are available throughout the festival from our three cafés.

Free live music in the Highland Park Spiegeltent every night (from Sun 10 Aug) and most lunchtimes.

Book tickets:

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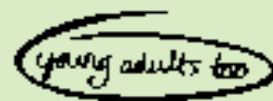
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Look out for:

A selection of events that older teens (over 16s) and younger adults may particularly enjoy



Broad event categories

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| world writing | society |
| crime | environment |
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9 Saturday August

events for adults

25th Anniversary Opening Event

politics

MEET THE AUTHOR

10.00am | RBS Main Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

An opening event like no other! To celebrate our 25th anniversary and launch this year's festival, we bring you a renowned figure from the world of politics in a unique and illuminating conversation with **Ian Rankin**. To keep up the suspense, we will only announce the name of our mystery guest the day before our opening. Book now!

Ali Smith

WAKE UP TO WORDS

10.15am | Highland Park Spiegeltent | £9.00 £7.00

A glorious, generous, uplifting start to our morning series of readings. Scottish writer Ali Smith's extraordinary insight has won her numerous awards and much devotion. Her latest work, *Girl Meets Boy*, is a beautiful contemporary reworking of Ovid's most joyful metamorphosis, setting the tone perfectly for our transforming literary carnival. Chaired by **Brian Taylor**.

Free coffee and pastries. Sponsored by Green Mountain Coffee Roasters

Dilip Hiro

NATIONS UNLIMITED

11.00am | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

What drives the deep shifts in the new global order? The distinguished writer and commentator Dilip Hiro argues that oil, with its new huge consumers China and India, will shift the balance of power away from the West and fuel new wars. Everything you ever wanted to know about petroleum, but were too petrified to ask!

Thinking of Giving Up Your Day Job?

workshop

WRITING WORKSHOP

11.00am – 12.30pm | Writers' Retreat | £12.00 £10.00

To begin our hugely popular series of hands-on writing workshops, author **Keith A Charters** focuses on how you can get your writing career off the ground. Many authors juggle their writing with a day job but aspire to write full-time. Short of negotiating a huge advance, how can you justify taking the plunge? (*Maximum 25 places*)

Halima Bashir

FOCUS ON AFRICA

12 noon | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Darfur sometimes seems the forgotten genocide. Come and meet an inspirational young doctor born in the remote Western Sudanese desert, whose tribe was attacked by the Janjaweed and she herself subjected to unspeakable brutality, from which she escaped. Intensely powerful, essential insight. With award-winning reporter and co-author **Damien Lewis**.

Russell Razzaque

EAST AND WEST

12.30pm | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

What turns a human being into a human bomb, an ordinary Western teenager into a terrorist? In a highly revealing insight into Islamic suicide bombing seen from the inside, Russell Razzaque begins our vital, seminal East and West series for this year, examining how extremism ferments and how it can be detected before it's too late.

Alex James

THE SCOTTISHPOWER SERIES

1.30pm | RBS Main Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Alex James, former rock star, broadcaster, farmer and commentator, is a witty, engaging guide to the mad goings-on behind the scenes of 1990s Britpop. In his memoir *Bit of a Blur*, the bassist recounts the highs and lows of life in one of the most successful British bands of all time. Chaired by **James Jauncey**.

Short Story Writing

WRITING WORKSHOP

2.00pm – 3.30pm | Writers' Retreat | £12.00 £10.00

Brevity is all. Or nearly all. This workshop will look at ways of knowing what to keep out and what to keep in. **Laura Hird** is the author of several short story collections and her novel *Born Free* was nominated for the Orange Prize and short-listed for the Whitbread. (*Maximum 20 places*)

In association with Arvon tutors at Moniack Mhor Writers' Centre

Imran Ahmad

& Sathnam Sanghera

EAST AND WEST

2.30pm | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

A moving, funny, and hugely engaging memoir of a Sikh family in Britain, and a revelation which leads back into the family's past in the Punjab. Sathnam Sanghera, a leading journalist, tells of schizophrenia and secrets, and living between the world of his parents and the different possibilities of life in the UK. It is our pleasure to welcome back Imran Ahmad with his own wonderful memoir of his Pakistani family.

David Owen

POLITICS AND POWER

3.00pm | RBS Main Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Does power really go to politicians' heads? Sometimes disastrously so argues David Owen, himself one of the most distinguished politicians of his day. In *The Hubris Syndrome: Bush, Blair and the Intoxication of Power*, Lord Owen pinpoints the symptoms of a mental syndrome with damaging consequences including the tragic incompetence of the war in Iraq. Chaired by **Magnus Linklater**.

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Saturday 9 August **events for adults** *continued*

**Jane Frere, Ilan Pappé
& Raja Shehadeh**

EAST AND WEST

3.30pm | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Our major examination of the Middle East returns with this special and powerful event marking the 60th anniversary of the founding of Israel and the enforced exodus of the Palestinian population. Israeli historian Ilan Pappé has uncovered the full extent of what he considers ethnic cleansing. He talks with Palestinian writer Raja Shehadeh and artist Jane Frere, whose extraordinary art project *Nakbah: Return of the Soul* enshrines the stories of those who had to leave.

nations

Louis de Bernières

MEET THE AUTHOR

4.30pm | RBS Main Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Festival favourite, the author of *Captain Corelli's Mandolin* makes a hugely welcome return to Edinburgh with his compelling, sad and funny new love story, *A Partisan's Daughter*. A lovely tale of an unlikely liaison and the seduction of storytelling itself, from one of Britain's most engaging writers and speakers.

fiction

**Eiléan Ní Chuilleanáin
& Sean O'Brien**

POETRY

4.00pm | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

A stunning line-up of two of the finest poets at work today. Sean O'Brien has achieved the remarkable feat of winning both the UK's foremost poetry awards in the same year. Renowned Irish writer Eiléan Ní Chuilleanáin gathers a lifetime's magnificent work in her *Selected Poems*.

poetry

**György Dragomán
& Saša Stanišić**

WRITERS OF THE WORLD

4.30pm | Writers' Retreat | £6.00 £4.00

Two utterly captivating novels from Eastern Europe to kick off our series bringing the most exciting international voices to Scotland. Young Bosnian Saša Stanišić has sprung to stunning acclaim for his debut *How The Soldier Repairs The Gramophone*, a quirky, heartfelt boy's-eye view of the Bosnian conflict. Hungarian György Dragomán also poignantly conjures a boy's perspective as his father is taken away by a totalitarian state in the award-winning *The White King*.

world writing



who's on

This glorious 25th anniversary Edinburgh International Book Festival is filled with some of the greatest names from fiction, science, culture, media, politics and more. Here are just a few of the brilliant writers and talkers in this year's packed programme.

Sean Connery
Salman Rushdie
Margaret Atwood
Richard Dawkins
Tony Benn
Louis de Bernières
Hanif Kureishi
Mary Warnock
John Prescott
James Kelman
Jenni Murray
George Steiner
Kate Adie
Julian Barnes
Jonathan Dimbleby
Dan Cruickshank
Tariq Ali
Ian Rankin
Polly Toynbee
Irvine Welsh
Menzies Campbell

Oliver James
Kate Mosse
Bill Paterson
Katharine Whitehorn
Gavin Esler
A C Grayling
Iain Banks
Anne Enright
Terry Pratchett
Jacqueline Wilson
Alexander McCall Smith
David Owen
Tony Parsons
James Naughtie
Val McDermid
Martin Bell
Alan Sillitoe
Rick Wakeman
Steven Berkoff
...and over 700 more!

Visit our website (www.edbookfest.co.uk) to keep up to date with changes and additions to the programme and to join our email list to receive regular news bulletins.

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Saturday 9 August **events for adults** *continued*

Mark Urban

MILITARY HISTORY

5.00pm | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Diplomatic correspondent of *Newsnight* and brilliantly talented historian, Mark Urban brings all his flair and eye for detail to the thrilling story of a British regiment in the American War of Independence – a forgotten campaign of great significance. History brought to vivid life by a compelling writer and speaker.

history

Julia Blackburn

LIVED LIVES

7.00pm | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

In *The Three of Us* author Julia Blackburn tells the story of her extraordinary family. Her poet father and painter mother wreak havoc on each other's lives, and on their daughter's. In portraying this tumultuous time, she creates a magical evocation of 1960s and 1970s bohemia, undercut with despair, lurking beneath the glamour.

biography

Amnesty International Imprisoned Writers Series RIGHT TO LIFE

5.30pm – 6.15pm | Peppers Theatre

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

Our daily free readings in solidarity with writers facing persecution for their thoughts and words. Today: Many writers risk their lives when they express their opinions or seek to uncover the truth. We hear literature from some who have been silenced. Our featured readers include **Bernard Crick**.

society

Poppy Adams & Catherine O'Flynn

FIRST FICTION

7.30pm | Writers' Retreat | £6.00 £4.00

Two of the most outstanding debut novels of the year, haunting and accomplished. Catherine O'Flynn's *What Was Lost* took the Costa First Novel Award: an enthralling depiction of a young girl mysteriously disappearing in a shopping centre which has a spooky life of its own. Poppy Adams's *The Behaviour of Moths* is an extraordinarily absorbing tale of a moth-collector spinster whose strange ways become ever more sinister. Spine-tingling.

fiction

Céline Curiol, Hédi Kaddour & Florian Zeller

WRITERS OF THE WORLD

6.00pm | Writers' Retreat | £6.00 £4.00

A fabulous French fictional feast for our first evening with three very different but equally beguiling voices. Céline Curiol creates a superbly unsettling portrait of a station announcer catapulted into her own fantasy. Hédi Kaddour offers an epic and riveting tale of twentieth century espionage. The brilliant young Florian Zeller – multi award-winning and only twenty nine – looks at East-West tensions when a French guest arrives in Egypt.

world writing

Tony Parsons

MEET THE AUTHOR

8.00pm | RBS Main Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Hugely popular, his finger on the pulse of our times, Tony Parsons gets to the heart of contemporary society, sex, desire and longing. *My Favourite Wife* sees an ambitious lawyer in Shanghai exposed to the temptations of an affair. Parsons brings a male view to traditionally female territory with great success.

fiction

Bill Paterson

THE INHOUSE EDINBURGH EVENT

6.30pm | RBS Main Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

We are delighted to welcome one of Scotland's renowned and most loved actors. *Tales from the Back Green* is his much awaited memoir; a wonderful portrait of growing up in Glasgow's East End in the 1950s. Chaired by **Ruth Wishart**.

BSL

biography

Philip Gourevitch

THE AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL EVENT

8.30pm | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Images from Abu Ghraib defined what seemed appalling barbarism on the part of otherwise ordinary American troops involved in the invasion of Iraq. In *Standard Operating Procedure*, Philip Gourevitch, whose seminal work on the Rwandan genocide shocked the West, looks at the reality, the interpretation and the meaning of what happened in that hellish prison. Chaired by **Allan Little**.

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How to Make a Publisher Say Yes!

THE WRITING BUSINESS

6.45pm | Peppers Theatre | £6.00 £4.00

Our ever popular series on pragmatic aspects of writing, being published and publishing returns by popular demand! What are publishers looking for? What hurdles litter the road to publication and how can you jump them?

Nicola Morgan, Chair of the Society of Authors in Scotland, spent twenty one years discovering how not to be published, and has now written around ninety published books, including award-winners and UK bestsellers. She shares her knowledge and practical advice.

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masterclass

Justine Picardie

FINE FICTION

8.30pm | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

A remarkable story from an accomplished novelist that blurs the distinction between fact and fiction as it draws together some of the greatest literary families of the past 200 years. In *Daphne*, Justine Picardie unravels the intriguing story of Daphne de Maurier's obsession with the infamous Brontë brother, Bramwell.

fiction

A word from our Media Partners

Once again The Times is delighted to be involved in sponsoring the Edinburgh International Book Festival, which grows in stature every year. The experience of everyone who took part last year, speakers, audiences and sponsors, was uniformly positive. We had a great time and we confidently expect this year to be every bit as enjoyable.

Magnus Linklater, Scotland Editor, The Times

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The Sunday Times Scotland is delighted to be taking part in the Edinburgh International Book Festival as media sponsor. The partnership of Scotland's biggest selling quality newspaper and one of the world's biggest and most influential literary events will be a winning combination. This year promises to be an exceptional event with hundreds of gifted writers appearing. You can read about them and their work first in the Sunday Times Scotland.

Carlos Alba, Editor, The Sunday Times Scotland

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Saturday 9 August events for children



Design a Bookmark

AGE 4 – 10 | 10.00am – 12 noon | RBS Workshop Tent | Free & drop-in

It was twenty five years ago that the Book Festival began. Celebrate our birthday with us by dropping in to design your own bookmark to mark the occasion. Artist **Linda McCann** will help you to portray all of your favourite stories and characters and get your imagination fired up for a summer of fun!

Drop-in events are limited to 30 people at any one time.

Cathy Cassidy

AGE 10 – 14 | 10.30am | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £3.50

Cathy Cassidy, the queen of tween, is back with her trademark style and humour. Ginger has made it – she's finally lost her baby fat and mastered her hair straighteners. Everything is changing, but is it changing for the better? Everyone will adore Cathy's heartfelt stories and quirky characters; come along and delve into her delicious new novel *Ginger Snaps*.

Mr Big with Ed Vere

AGE 4 – 7 | 10.30am | RBS Imagination Lab | £3.50

Ed Vere's bright, imaginative picture books are certainly making a splash. Ed introduces his newest character, Mr Big, a lonely gorilla with a penchant for piano in this silly, fun event of drawing and stories. Don't forget: never judge a gorilla by its cover!

Eoin Colfer

THE BAILLIE GIFFORD EVENT

AGE 10 – 14 | 11.30am | RBS Main Theatre | £3.50

The teenage criminal mastermind is back. The latest book in the Artemis Fowl series (described as 'Die Hard with fairies' by its creator) sees our hero come face to face with his worst opponent yet – his younger, more evil self! Join the outstanding, energetic Eoin Colfer for this thrilling, time-travelling event.

Story Time

ALL AGES | 12 noon – 12.45pm | RBS Imagination Lab

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

Daily storytelling to lift the spirits and spark the imagination. Today: **Marion Kenny**.

A Fistful of Pearls with Elizabeth Laird

AGE 8 – 12 | 12.30pm | RBS Workshop Tent | £3.50

Secret serpents, devilish demons, mysterious magicians – the folk tales of Iraq teem with otherworldly creatures, magic and earthy humour. Award-winning novelist Elizabeth Laird has gathered the very best Iraqi stories during her time in the Middle East. Meticulously researched and elegantly retold, come and discover the rich, true heart of Iraq – far removed from today's news headlines.

Manfred the Baddie with John Fardell

AGE 3 – 7 | 1.30pm | RBS Corner Theatre | £3.50

Manfred the Baddie is the baddest baddie of them all. He kidnaps inventors, steals from art museums and conducts acts of piracy on the high seas! Join author, illustrator and cartoonist John Fardell for a wickedly fun crime spree with his most villainous creation.

workshop

Surviving the Danger Zone with David Gilman

AGE 9 – 12 | 1.30pm | RBS Imagination Lab | £3.50

Max Gordon can survive any terrain, camouflage himself in any exotic location and has mastered all extreme sports. He could definitely give Alex Rider and James Bond a run for their money. Meet Max's creator David Gilman and test your survival skills against the toughest, coolest, newest teenage action hero on the block!

Thomas the Tank Engine

AGE 4 – 8 | 2.00pm | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £3.50

Come and meet the Fat Controller in person! Hear about Thomas, Percy, Gordon, Annie, Clarabel and all your favourites in this exciting event of stories and games. Fans will even get a special Thomas surprise to take home!

Dinosaurs Galore!

AGE 5 – 10 | 3.00pm | RBS Corner Theatre | £3.50

Come on a prehistoric adventure chock-full of amazing discoveries. Author and illustrator **Paul Geraghty** consulted leading palaeontologists so that he could accurately depict the dinosaurs and environment of the late Cretaceous period; hear all the interesting facts and watch him draw a dino or two!

The Very Hungry Caterpillar

AGE 3 – 6 | 3.00pm – 4.30pm | RBS Workshop Tent | £3.50

Artist **Julie Dawson** brings Eric Carle's timeless picture book to life. Hear the story and then design your own creature creations in collage and painted paper. Watch your ideas transform into beautiful works of art in this hands-on event.

workshop

Story Time

ALL AGES | 3.00pm – 3.45pm | RBS Imagination Lab

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

Daily storytelling to lift the spirits and spark the imagination. Today: **Marion Kenny**.

Rhymetime

BABIES & UNDER 3s | 4.00pm – 4.30pm | RBS Imagination Lab

Free – book in advance

Come along for an event of interactive songs and stories for babies and toddlers. Join Bookstart Edinburgh and Craigmillar Books for Babies in their incredibly popular event designed to engage your youngsters. (Also on 15, 19, 20, 25 Aug).
Maximum 4 tickets per booking.

Rhymetime

BABIES & UNDER 3s | 5.00pm – 5.30pm | RBS Imagination Lab

Free – book in advance

Another chance to join Bookstart Edinburgh and Craigmillar Books for Babies in their incredibly popular event of interactive songs and stories designed to engage your youngsters. (Also on 15, 19, 20, 25 Aug).
Maximum 4 tickets per booking.



Stories from around the world

From Orkney to Aboriginal Australia, Iraq to Hong Kong, we bring you international fables and legends which weave a vibrant tapestry of world traditions to encourage youngsters to explore and celebrate our international community.



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10 Sunday August

events for adults

Ten at Ten

FICTION AND POETRY

10.00am – 10.10am | Writers' Retreat | Free – book in advance

A short and perfect start to the morning: a ten minute reading, free, in our lovely Writers' Retreat in the trees. A story, or poetry – a literary surprise each day. Check the screen in the Entrance Tent to find out who will be reading today.

John Burnside & Alice Thompson

WAKE UP TO WORDS

10.15am | Highland Park Spiegeltent | £9.00 £7.00

A sublime and haunting start to Sunday with two of Scotland's most prodigiously gifted writers. A winner of the James Tait Black Prize, Alice Thompson sets her eerie fable *The Falconer*, in the 1930s Highlands, with unsettling apparitions and Hitler's shadow falling. Multi award-winning John Burnside's latest novel *Glister* also explores strange and sinister depths as boys mysteriously disappear.

Free coffee and pastries. Sponsored by Green Mountain Coffee Roasters

Tariq Ali in Conversation with Gerard DeGroot

POLITICS AND SOCIETY

10.30am | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

2008 sees the 40th anniversary of the events of 1968 – cultural and political events that changed the world and which still reverberate today. What really happened in that mythical year? Join Tariq Ali, whose memoir, *Streetfighting Years*, captures his experience of that time, in conversation with Gerard DeGroot, whose new book *The 60s Unplugged* is a history of the decade.

Writing in Scots

WRITING WORKSHOP

11.00am – 12.30pm | Writers' Retreat | £12.00 £10.00

The Scots language has inspired authors and defined the nation's literature. This workshop celebrates the power and potential of the Scots language in creative writing and provides an opportunity to see how an understanding of the language through Scottish Language Dictionaries can nurture our linguistic heritage. The workshop will be led by author **Christine Robinson**, the director of Scottish Language Dictionaries. (Maximum 20 places)

literature

Julian Barnes

MEET THE AUTHOR

11.30am | RBS Main Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

One of Britain's most singular and talented novelists, Julian Barnes has now written a deeply personal, moving and exhilarating autobiography-of-sorts: a meditation on death, art, God, his own family and more. Nominated for the Samuel Johnson Prize for Non-fiction, *Nothing To Be Frightened Of* is Barnes at his extraordinary best – come and be constantly surprised. Chaired by **Richard Holloway**.

Supported by the Hawthornden Literary Retreat

Richard Sennett

SOCIETY AND CULTURE

12 noon | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

What does it mean today to learn a craft, a skill or a hobby? In *The Craftsman*, esteemed Professor of Sociology Richard Sennett explores why we have needed practical activity, how the role of the skilled craftsman has changed over time, and what motivates individuals to become obsessive and inspired by a hobby, including his own attempts to learn the piano.

biography

culture

Abdel Bari Atwan & Kasra Naji

EAST AND WEST

12.30pm | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Exceptional insight into the Arab and Iranian political worlds. Abdel Bari Atwan recounts his hair-raising encounter with Osama bin Laden, as well as many world leaders, on his journey from boyhood in a Palestine refugee camp to leading journalist. Kasra Naji sheds new light on the complex, radical leader of Iran, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, who is watched closely and suspiciously by the West.

nations

Simon Singh

MEDICINE AND SOCIETY

1.30pm | RBS Main Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Alternative medicine continues to surge in popularity. In the first of our events on this hotly debated topic, bestselling science writer, Dr Simon Singh thoroughly and impartially examines the evidence for and against such widely used treatments as acupuncture and homoeopathy. Come and hear the verdict!

science

Nuala Gardner & Carl Honoré

CHILDREN AND SOCIETY

2.00pm | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Personal and passionate, two accounts of raising children. Nuala Gardner's *A Friend Like Henry* is the moving story of how a family dog helped her autistic son, while Carl Honoré looks at the pressures piled on parents to raise the perfect child, arguing for a slower, more relaxed approach.

society

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Sunday 10 August **events for adults** *continued*

Self-Publishing: Vanity or Sanity?

WRITING WORKSHOP

2.00pm – 3.30pm | Writers' Retreat | £12.00 £10.00

Self-publishing is becoming more and more popular; it makes economic and environmental sense but as an author, why should you self-publish? What size of print run should you go for and how much does an ISBN cost? How should you market your book? Join author **Keith A Charters** for a helpful 'how to' guide to self-publishing. (Maximum 30 places)

workshop

Ishbel Addyman & Ian Kelly

LIVED LIVES

4.00pm | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Two of history's greatest lovers, brought to vivid life. Ian Kelly gives new insights into Casanova's beguiling and controversial life and his colourful world; Ishbel Addyman illuminates Cyrano de Bergerac: swordsman, poet and romantic hero, whose real life is even more fascinating than the legend.

biography

Tim Harford

THE BAILLIE GIFFORD EVENT

2.30pm | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

The nation's favourite undercover economist returns. *The Logic of Life: Uncovering the New Economics of Everything* is a mind-opening journey through everything from our most intimate decisions to the large structures of cities, a dazzling and entertaining explanation of the patterns and underlying forces of our lives.

society

Val McDermid

CRIME FICTION

4.30pm | RBS Main Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

The queen of crime returns. Whether writing stand-alone thrillers or for her bestselling series, Val McDermid's novels show a deep understanding of humankind's dark psychological complexities. Join her for a memorable hour of riveting and wide-ranging conversation, humour and insight. Chaired by **Brian Taylor**.

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crime

Eva Figes & Ladislaus Löb

JEWS IN THE WORLD

3.30pm | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Remarkable accounts of Jews escaping the Nazis. Eva Figes tells of the fate of their family housemaid, despised in Palestine as a German Jew – a new and polemical perspective on Israel. Ladislaus Löb was rescued from Bergen-Belsen by a deal made between Rezső Kasztner and Adolf Eichmann. *Dealing With Satan* examines the contradictions of Kasztner, later murdered by an extremist gang in Israel.

history

Paulus Hochgatterer & Marek Krajewski

WRITERS OF THE WORLD

4.30pm | Writers' Retreat | £6.00 £4.00

Dark, seductive and gripping – introducing two European masters of the psychological thriller. Acclaimed Polish award-winner Marek Krajewski's *Death in Breslau* conjures a city in the grip of the Gestapo. Paulus Hochgatterer, an Austrian child psychiatrist, utilises his professional knowledge in *The Sweetness of Life*, the tale of a traumatized child in an Alpine village.

world writing

Mark Leonard & Rana Mitter

FOCUS ON CHINA

5.00pm | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

We are delighted to bring back to Edinburgh two of the foremost commentators on contemporary China in this critical year of the Beijing Olympics. The extraordinarily rapid transition to modernity and its profound ramifications for the rest of the world are explored by two exceptional young experts. Chaired by **Iain Macwhirter**.

nations

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 9 August to Sunday 17 August at 4.00pm. 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. A perfect companion to our brand new free ten minute readings at ten o'clock each morning in the Writers' Retreat – see daily listings.



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Sunday 10 August **events for adults** *continued*

Amnesty International Imprisoned Writers Series

society

RIGHT TO PEACEFUL ASSEMBLY & ASSOCIATION

5.30pm – 6.15pm | Peppers Theatre

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

Our daily free readings in solidarity with writers facing persecution for their thoughts and words. Today: The right to form a trade union is denied to millions, including the writers we hear from this afternoon. Our featured readers include **Maggie O'Farrell**.

Mick Inkpen

masterclass

THE ART OF ILLUSTRATING

5.30pm – 7.00pm | RBS Workshop Tent | £12.00 £10.00

Mick Inkpen's distinct illustration style is exemplified by his beautifully rendered children's book creations *Kipper* and *Wibbly Pig*. This is a brilliant opportunity to learn from a hugely successful and talented illustrator of children's books; gain a unique insight into the balance between word and picture, and the importance of white space. *[Maximum 20 places]*

Preeta Samarasan & Yasmina Traboulsi

world writing

WRITERS OF THE WORLD

6.00pm | Writers' Retreat | £6.00 £4.00

Stunningly rich and beautifully realised debut novels from Malaysia and Brazil. Preeta Samarasan's *Evening Is The Whole Day* is a magical, sweeping portrait of generations of a Malaysian family; Yasmina Traboulsi's *Bahia Blues* superbly conjures the voices of an impoverished community living in the old quarter of Salvador da Bahia.

Tariq Ali

nations

EAST AND WEST

6.30pm | RBS Main Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

One of the most impassioned and eloquent orators and thinkers of them all, Tariq Ali's events are unmissable. As highlighted in his memoir of the Sixties, *Streetfighting Years*, South America has had a great impact on Tariq Ali's life. In *Pirates of the Caribbean*, he revisits the continent and examines the new political rise of countries such as Venezuela and Chile, and analyses the social and cultural challenges facing this vast land. Chaired by **Ruth Wishart**.

Simon Garfield

biography

LIVED LIVES

6.45pm | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

A lovely, engrossing memoir of unfulfilled longing. Simon Garfield's bestselling *Mass Observation* trilogy revealed the lives of others; now he looks at his own, including his yearning boyhood passion for stamp collecting, a symbol of male obsession and desire.

Alternative Medicine

science

MEDICINE AND SOCIETY

7.00pm – 8.15pm | Highland Park Spiegeltent | £9.00 £7.00

Come and join in the discussion as three experts consider alternative medicine. Is it just an expensive placebo for the gullible middle class? What is the actual advantage over orthodox medicine? Scientist **Simon Singh** assesses the evidence, **Roberta Bivins** looks at the long history of the search for alternative approaches and **Rose Shapiro** in *Suckers* launches a polemical attack.

Karen Joy Fowler & Maggie O'Farrell

fiction

FINE FICTION

7.00pm | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

A glorious double bill of popular literary fiction. We are delighted to welcome from the States Karen Joy Fowler, whose *The Jane Austen Book Club* was a worldwide bestseller and film. Her brand new novel looks at a young woman moving to California to investigate her secretive crime-writer godmother. Maggie O'Farrell also looks at family secrets in her acclaimed fiction.

Nury Vittachi

world writing

WRITERS OF THE WORLD

7.30pm | Writers' Retreat | £6.00 £4.00

Writer and stand-up comedian Nury Vittachi is Hong Kong's most popular author writing in English and was a huge hit at last year's festival. His delightful and original series *The Feng Shui Detective* puts a whole new slant on East-West relationships as investigator CF Wong is lumbered with a loud-mouthed Australian sidekick. Expect crafty plotting, quirky humour and Asian philosophy.

Richard Holloway

philosophy

MATTERS OF THE MIND

8.00pm | RBS Main Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Who better to open our philosophy, psychology and ethics series than the former Bishop of Edinburgh, Richard Holloway, one of the most respected thinkers in the land? *Between The Monster and The Saint: Reflections on the Human Condition* is a major new enquiry into how humans can find their moral place on our endangered earth.

Laura Marney & Pauline McLynn

fiction

COMEDY AND FICTION

8.30pm | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Effervescent comedy, a tonic for the brain. Irish writer and actor Pauline McLynn, famed for playing Mrs Doyle in the TV series *Father Ted*, brings acute observation of human foibles to her latest novel *Bright Lights and Promises*. Scot Laura Marney's wonderfully humorous *My Best Friend Has Issues* will win her yet more devoted fans.

John Gimlette

travel

TRAVEL AND ADVENTURE

8.30pm | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

A chance encounter with an American veteran led award-winning travel writer John Gimlette on an astonishing journey which showed how Europe has changed since the Second World War. *Panther Soup* travels through spectacular landscapes, explores old camps, delves into the murky subculture of the war, and visits towns still reeling from the trauma.

Spiegelbar MUSIC

From 9.00pm | Highland Park Spiegeltent | Free – open to all

Come and enjoy a relaxing drink with live music in our atmospheric travelling ballroom. A great place to end your festival day. The band line-up is available from the Information Desk in the Entrance Tent.

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Sunday 10 August events for children



CHERUB: The General with Robert Muchamore

AGE 9 – 12 | 10.00am | RBS Main Theatre | £3.50

CHERUB agents are trained professionals with one essential advantage: adults never suspect that children are spying on them! Be the first to hear about the CHERUB's latest mission, *The General*, and then put your CHERUB knowledge to the test in this action-packed event.

Goblins with David Melling

AGE 5 – 8 | 10.00am | RBS Corner Theatre | £3.50

Join the charming David Melling and his group of goblin friends for an exciting look at their hidden worlds. Gentle, amusing illustrations and irreverent, silly characters make the hidden land of the goblins well worth exploring. Come and create your own goblin adventure with the expert!

Think Pink with Lisa Clark

AGE 8 – 12 | 10.30am | RBS Imagination Lab | £3.50

This isn't pink and fluffy nonsense, it's the everyday girl's guide to growing up and being fabulous! Lola Love wasn't always a chic hipster known for dispensing sage advice and awesome fashion tips. Witness Lola blossom into her own girl-power girl in this exciting 'how-to' event.

Charlie Fletcher & Derek Landy

AGE 8 – 12 | 11.30am | RBS Corner Theatre | £3.50

Join two of the most exciting new voices in children's adventure-writing for tales of skeleton detectives, living gargoyles and kids on the run. Visit the seedy underbelly of Derek Landy's *Skulduggery Pleasant* and get caught up in the battle between the moving statues of Charlie Fletcher's *Stoneheart*. By turns amusing, thrilling and terrifying!

Poetry Time

ALL AGES | 12 noon – 12.45pm | RBS Imagination Lab

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

Inspirational and entertaining poetry for all ages with award-winning Edinburgh poet and story writer **Diana Hendry**.

Harris Finds His Feet with Catherine Rayner

AGE 3 – 6 | 12.30pm | RBS Workshop Tent | £3.50

Augustus and His Smile heralded the arrival of one of the most talented young children's book illustrators in the UK. Come and hear Catherine Rayner talk about her new friend Harris the hare and create your own creatures in this friendly, interactive workshop.

workshop

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The Hidden Secrets of your Favourite Stories

AGE 7 – 10 | 1.30pm | RBS Corner Theatre | £3.50

Cinderella is based on a Chinese tale over one thousand years old. *Star Wars* was inspired by one of the world's oldest tales. Harry Potter is a boy wizard, but what was the first boy wizard story? Literary detective **Nury Vittachi** tracks down the origins of today's best-known stories and creates new legends in this fascinating, interactive event.

Happy Birthday Kipper!

AGE 3 – 6 | 1.30pm | RBS Imagination Lab | £3.50

Can you believe that everyone's favourite puppy is celebrating his 18th birthday? This lively event is chock-full of games and stories, but the icing on the cake is a special appearance by award-winning author and illustrator **Mick Inkpen**!

Meg Rosoff

TEENS | 3.00pm | RBS Corner Theatre | £3.50

Fantastic storyteller Meg Rosoff returns to the festival with her latest book. *What I Was* is the story of a boy at a bleak boarding school by the sea who finds adventure and unexpected companionship one fateful summer. Meg will enchant young and old alike with this poignant and haunting portrait of friendship with a surprising twist in the tale!

Where the Wild Things Are

AGE 3 – 7 | 3.00pm – 4.30pm | RBS Workshop Tent | £3.50

workshop

Come and hear Maurice Sendak's classic tale of Max, King of the Wild Things, and then create your own monster crafts with artist **Julie Dawson**. Dress as a scary monster with gnashing teeth and slashing claws and let your imagination run wild...

Poetry Time

ALL AGES | 3.00pm – 3.45pm | RBS Imagination Lab

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

Another chance for some inspirational and entertaining words with award-winning Edinburgh poet and story writer **Diana Hendry**.

Tristan & Iseult

ADULTS & 12+ | 5.00pm | RBS Corner Theatre | £3.50

Ruth Kirkpatrick and **Peter Snow** weave a spell of words, accompanied by **Clare Lynn Rose** on the lute, to convey this epic tale of forbidden love and treacherous bloodshed. Look forward to a fascinating and captivating event.

Rainbow Magic

AGE 5 – 8 | 5.00pm | RBS Imagination Lab | £3.50

Calling all Rainbow Magic fans! Join the newest collection of fairy friends, The Sporty Fairies, as they whisk you on an adventure to Fairyland. Dress as your favourite fairy to celebrate! (Also on 11 Aug)

Creative play and early literacy

Young children learn through hands-on play and interaction with the world around them. In our series of workshops and interactive events, daily storytelling sessions and our free drop-in Activity Corner (at the back of the RBS Children's Bookshop), your children can explore stories in a variety of ways designed to foster an early love of reading.



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events for adults

Ten at Ten

FICTION AND POETRY

10.00am – 10.10am | Writers' Retreat | Free – book in advance

A short and perfect start to the morning: a ten minute reading, free, in our lovely Writers' Retreat in the trees. A story, or poetry – a literary surprise each day. Check the screen in the Entrance Tent to find out who will be reading today.

Andrew Crumey & Andrew Greig

WAKE UP TO WORDS

10.15am | Highland Park Spiegeltent | £9.00 £7.00

Two supremely talented writers. Andrew Greig is a poet, mountaineer, memoirist, novelist. His *Romanno Bridge* is superb storytelling, spun around the search for the Stone of Destiny. Award-winning Andrew Crumey incorporates quantum mechanics and general relativity into his fiction – *Sputnik Caledonia* is an exuberant tale of childhood, space travel and telepathy.

Free coffee and pastries. Sponsored by Green Mountain Coffee Roasters

Anna Beer

LIVED LIVES

11.00am | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

John Milton is one of our greatest writers, a cornerstone of literature, but little is known about him beyond his masterpiece *Paradise Lost*. 400 years after his birth, Anna Beer details the complexity of Milton's life, revealing the many conflicting aspects of his public and private character and celebrating his magnificent body of literature.

Writing Poetry

POETRY WORKSHOP

11.00am – 12.30pm | Writers' Retreat | £12.00 £10.00

Following Emily Dickinson's dictum to 'tell it slant', award-winning poet **Diana Hendry** will draw out your creativity by encouraging you to write poems about people using a personal possession as a prompt – such as your mother's handbag. (Maximum 20 places)

Richard Dawkins

THE TIMES AND SUNDAY TIMES SCOTLAND EVENT

11.30am | RBS Main Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

One of the most important figures of our age, brilliant evolutionist, polemical in his attack upon religion as an explanation of our world, Richard Dawkins returns undaunted to the fray. Here he talks to **Paula Kirby**, atheist and former Christian.

literature

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literature

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science

James McCarthy & Katherine Swift

NATURE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

12 noon | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Gardens and gardeners explored. Through her experience of creating a garden at Morville Hall, Shropshire, Katherine Swift, in a work of great beauty based on the Medieval Book of Hours, shows how English gardens have changed over the centuries. James McCarthy tells of one of the greatest plant hunters, Scot Archibald Menzies, responsible for introducing the monkey puzzle tree to Europe.

Keith Laidler & Kieron O'Hara

HUMAN RIGHTS

12.30pm | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Security versus liberty. Do we now have no privacy, no control and no consent? Surveillance society is the new norm – our every move, our very identity tracked through credit cards, mobile phones, computers, even clothes. Keith Laidler asks if this can be justified; Kieron O'Hara also reveals the extent and potential of the hypersurveillance affecting every one of us.

environment

society

Gavin Esler, Allan Little & Jim Muir in conversation with Tony Grant

MEDIA AND SOCIETY

1.30pm | RBS Main Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

BBC Radio 4's *From Our Own Correspondent* is essential listening for those seeking top quality reportage from around the world. Now gathered into a new volume are more dispatches from celebrated reporters, bringing remarkable stories from the four corners of the earth.

David Erdal & Martin Wishart

THE VALVONA & CROLLA EVENT

2.00pm | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

The stories behind two hugely successful Scottish businesses. David Erdal gives an inspiring account of how Loch Fyne Oysters was rescued by employee ownership to become a leading UK business. Premier chef and food writer Martin Wishart started his eponymous Michelin-starred Edinburgh restaurant in 1999; he shares his innovative approach to modern French cuisine.

food & drink

After Picture Books

WRITING WORKSHOP

2.00pm – 3.30pm | Writers' Retreat | £12.00 £10.00

When children move beyond picture books their needs become more complex, which offers many opportunities and challenges for writers. **Linda Strachan**, bestselling children's writer and author of *Writing for Children*, offers practical tips on how to make the most of writing for this exciting age group. (Maximum 20 places)

workshop

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Steve Fuller & Dan Hind ENLIGHTENMENT AND SOCIETY

2.30pm | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

society

A fascinating continuation of the day's debate on intelligent design and where reason lies. Steve Fuller's *Dissent Over Descent* argues that evolutionist arguments are not the ones which have driven science. Dan Hind condemns 'militant atheists' in *The Threat to Reason* and says that not religion, but governments and multinationals are the true enemies of Enlightenment values.

Katharine Whitehorn

MEET THE AUTHOR

3.00pm | RBS Main Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

biography

Universally respected and much-loved journalist Katharine Whitehorn pioneered the now ubiquitous personal column. Her autobiography, *Selective Memory*, is frank, funny, observant and often moving, telling of her long and distinguished career and the front line of family life, including becoming a widow. Chaired by Ruth Wishart.

Robert Crawford & Kirsty Gunn

THE SALTIRE SOCIETY EVENT

3.30pm | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

literature

An essential double bill of multi-talented writers. Robert Crawford is one of our finest poets and critics; his new collection *Full Volume* enchants and enlightens. Kirsty Gunn's beguiling poetic prose in the coming-of-age novella *The Boy and the Sea* won her the inaugural Sundial Scottish Arts Council Book of the Year Award.

Fuchsia Dunlop

FOCUS ON CHINA

4.00pm | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

food & drink

Spellbinding insight into the real China from one of the greatest Western experts on Chinese cuisine. Fuchsia Dunlop describes her life in remote areas, learning to become fluent in the language, as she encountered the strange diversity of Chinese food – vipers, bear's paws, live caterpillars – and immersed herself slowly in the Chinese world-view.

Gerard Donovan, Chrissie Gittins & Gerard Woodward

STORIES

4.30pm | Writers' Retreat | £6.00 £4.00

fiction

Stories can pack intense humanity and observation into a compact space. Gerard Donovan's *Country of the Grand* is a wonderfully elegiac collection set in his native Ireland. Chrissie Gittins traces fragile connections between people, and Gerard Woodward's exquisite *Caravan Thieves* leads us skilfully from apparent normality to the unsettling and surreal.

Sybil Le Fleur & Derek Flory

LIVED LIVES

5.00pm | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

biography

The inspirational account of sisters parted during the bombing of Rangoon in 1941. Sybil Le Fleur fled Burma, married a Scottish soldier and settled in Aberdeenshire. Sixty six years later her son, Derek Flory, tracked down her long-lost sister in Calcutta. Join Sybil and Derek as they tell their heart-warming story.

Amnesty International Imprisoned Writers Series

RIGHT TO FREEDOM OF OPINION AND EXPRESSION

5.30pm – 6.15pm | Peppers Theatre

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

society

Our daily free readings in solidarity with writers facing persecution for their thoughts and words. Today: A fundamental right for all authors is the right to freedom of opinion and expression, yet it is one which is often denied them. Featured literature today comes from writers from Iran, Burma, China and the UK. Book Festival authors reading today include **Alastair McIntosh**.

The Art of Bookmaking

BOOKMAKING WORKSHOP

5.30pm – 7.00pm | RBS Workshop Tent | £12.00 £10.00

workshop

The 500th anniversary of printing in Scotland is a momentous occasion. Join artist and bookbinder **Rachel Hazell** for a creative hands-on event as she explores the art of bookmaking and instils an appreciation of the book as an object of beauty. (*Maximum 20 places*)

José Eduardo Agualusa & Uwem Akpan

WRITERS OF THE WORLD

6.00pm | Writers' Retreat | £6.00 £4.00

world writing

Captivating work from Angola and Zimbabwe, sweeping across the African continent. José Eduardo Agualusa, winner of the Independent Foreign Fiction Prize, returns with his magical new novel *My Father's Wives*, filled with women and music. Uwem Akpan's powerful stories in *Say You're One of Them* look at African conflicts and deprivation through the clear eyes of children.

Menzies Campbell

MEET THE AUTHOR

6.30pm | RBS Main Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

biography

One of the most respected politicians in Britain, Sir Menzies ('Ming') Campbell, former leader of the Liberal Democrats, is admired across party lines for his honesty and integrity. In his autobiography he talks of his early years as a top athlete, his later victorious battle with cancer and his peers at the forefront of British politics. Chaired by **Brian Taylor**.

Karen Campbell, Gillian Galbraith & Caro Ramsay

SCOTTISH CRIME FICTION

6.45pm | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

crime

A cornucopia of first class Scottish crime writing. Gillian Galbraith has already built a devoted following for her Alice Rice detective series set in Edinburgh; while new authors Karen Campbell (formerly of Strathclyde Police) and Caro Ramsay explore the dark side of Glasgow's mean streets in hugely praised debuts.

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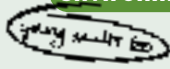
Changing Climate, Changing World

THE ENVIRONMENT SERIES

7.00pm – 8.15pm | Highland Park Spiegeltent | £9.00 £7.00

Come and join the discussion about the profound moral shift which may be required before we can really address the threat of climate change. Environment campaigner **Alastair McIntosh** and Professor of Ethics **Michael Northcott** argue that the cult of consumerism has to end before we can mend our broken world.

environment



Yiyun Li

SCOTTISH PEN LECTURE

7.00pm | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Selected last year as a Granta Best Young American Novelist, Yiyun Li has taken the international literary world by storm with her dazzling debut collection *A Thousand Years of Good Prayers*. These mesmerising stories offer a portrait of modern China facing up to a history of repression and guilt. She talks about her writing and the challenges of being a writer in exile.

world writing

The Music of Language

POETRY AND MUSIC

7.30pm | Writers' Retreat | £6.00 £4.00

Thomas A Clark from Fife and **Lise Sinclair** from Fair Isle are joined by Nordic poets and musicians in a session that draws on their residency at Crear, making music and poems together. The fascinating sounds of different languages and different instruments resonate here.

*Presented by Literature Across Frontiers
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culture

A L Kennedy

COMEDY AND FICTION

8.00pm | RBS Main Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Winner of Britain's most prestigious awards for her breathtaking fiction, A L Kennedy is also increasingly renowned as a stand-up comic. Here in a brand new special monologue, her black, hilarious wit ranges over the many absurdities of a writer's existence with dazzling humour and brilliance. You'll never look at an author the same way again.

culture

Christopher Rush

FINE FICTION

8.30pm | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Sir Ben Kingsley is just one of the admirers of this leading Scottish writer's remarkable new novel on Shakespeare – he has bought the film rights. A departure from his previous territory recalling his upbringing in the East Neuk of Fife, Christopher Rush's *Will* has all his trademark passion for language – and he reads and speaks wonderfully too.

fiction

Ted Jones & Nicholas Murray

TRAVEL AND ADVENTURE

8.30pm | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Travel truly does broaden the mind. Ted Jones's *The French Riviera: A Literary Guide for Travellers* reveals the many great writers who have been inspired by that fabled coast, including Graham Greene, Robert Louis Stevenson and more. Nicholas Murray's *A Corkscrew Is Most Useful* looks at the intrepid travellers of the Empire: Victorians setting out undaunted across an as yet unexplored world.

travel

Spiegelbar

MUSIC

From 9.00pm | Highland Park Spiegeltent | Free – open to all

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Nations Unlimited

One of the most important of our over-arching themes is our deep look into the future of nation states – a matter which affects every one of us. The recent influx of Polish and other Eastern European populations into Britain as the European Union expands; the close and complex relationship between Britain and the USA; the shifting balance of global power towards fast-developing new nations; the continuing repercussions of the break up of the old Soviet Union – all of these issues and more, defining our future and that of our children, are examined in our festival by world experts. Look out especially for our Focus on China, part of China Now in Scotland, continuing our examination of the stunning explosion of economic and cultural growth of that vast nation, coming to a head in this year of the Beijing Olympics.

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Monday 11 August events for children



The Star Faced Crocodile with David Melling

AGE 4 – 7 | 10.30am | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £3.50

Come and be the first to hear about the adventures of *The Star Faced Crocodile* from the creator of *The Kiss That Missed* and *Good Knight Sleep Tight*. Known for his gentle humour and lovingly drawn illustrations, the delightful David Melling will take you on a charming journey through his stories and pictures.

Rainbow Magic

AGE 5 – 8 | 10.30am | RBS Imagination Lab | £3.50

Calling all Rainbow Magic fans! Join the newest group of fairy friends, The Sporty Fairies, as they whisk you on an adventure to Fairyland. Dress as your favourite fairy to celebrate! (Also on 10 Aug)

Puddles, Pants & Poems

AGE 7 – 10 | 11.30am | RBS Corner Theatre | £3.50

Let's Recycle Grandad and I Don't Want an Avocado for an Uncle are chock-full of silly stories, strange relatives and funny words. Join the two award-winning and irreverent poets, **Chrissie Gittins** and **Roger Stevens** as they play havoc with words. Even the poetry-phobic will find something to laugh about in this highly entertaining event.

Story Time

ALL AGES | 12 noon – 12.45pm | RBS Imagination Lab

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

Daily storytelling to lift the spirit, engage the senses and spark the imagination. Today: **Jill Webster**.

Once Upon a Fairy Tale

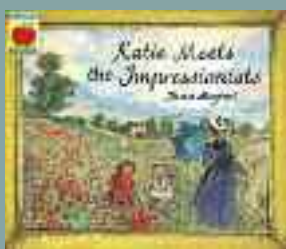
AGE 5 – 8 | 12.30pm | RBS Workshop Tent | Free – book in advance

Once upon a time... they lived happily ever after. Dress as your favourite fairy-tale character and listen to enchanting tales of magic spells, wicked witches and charming princes, then create your own fairy-tale-inspired crafts to take home. With the Edinburgh City Libraries Youth Services team.

Katie and the British Artists with James Mayhew

AGE 5 – 8 | 1.30pm | RBS Imagination Lab | £3.50

Imagine you could climb through a picture frame and explore inside a painting. Well that's exactly what Katie does, although she always gets in a muddle. Author and illustrator James Mayhew will show you how famous paintings can come to life in this imaginative, fun and educational event.



Poetry and play

Nursery rhymes, silly songs, epic sagas and lyric poetry all encourage children to have fun with words and develop valuable language skills. Join Bookstart, Craigmillar Books for Babies or Children's Laureate Michael Rosen, to share an inspiring moment with your children.

BSL

Under African Skies: Folk Tales and Rhythms

AGE 8 – 12 | 3.00pm | RBS Corner Theatre | £3.50

Travel beneath expansive skies as mischievous animal stories, riddles and songs bring the vibrant legends of West Africa to life. Storyteller **Gary Cordingley** and musicians **Ibrahima Sagna** and **Suzanne Amey** create an uplifting, rhythmic journey through the folk tales and myths of Senegal.

Story Time

ALL AGES | 3.00pm – 3.45pm | RBS Imagination Lab

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

Daily storytelling to lift the spirit, engage the senses and spark the imagination. Today: **Jill Webster**.

Baby Bookworms

AGE 3 – 9 months | 3.30pm – 4.00pm | RBS Workshop Tent | £3.50

Foster an early love of reading in your child in this interactive workshop for babies. Even the youngest children can enjoy the rhythm and rhyme of words using hands-on touch books and nursery rhymes to explore texture, shape and sound. (Also on 13 Aug)
Note: Tickets sold in pairs of one adult and one baby. Maximum 2 pairs per person.

Darren Shan

AGE 8 – 12 | 4.30pm | RBS Main Theatre | £3.50

The faint of heart better beware as the master of horror descends upon the Book Festival this summer! Darren Shan's tales are the stuff of nightmares – be prepared for gruesome exploits and edge-of-your-seat suspense as he reads from the latest instalment of the Demonata, *Death's Shadow*.

Flower Fairies

AGE 5 – 8 | 5.00pm | RBS Imagination Lab | £3.50

Dress as your favourite fairy and join our expedition to find the Flower Fairies. Learn how to detect and identify woodland and garden fairies in this enchanting event for youngsters. (Also on 12 Aug for ages 3 – 6)



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12 Tuesday August

events for adults

Ten at Ten

FICTION AND POETRY

10.00am – 10.10am | Writers' Retreat | Free – book in advance

A short and perfect start to the morning: a ten minute reading, free, in our lovely Writers' Retreat in the trees. A story, or poetry – a literary surprise each day. Check the screen in the Entrance Tent to find out who will be reading today.

Chris Cleave, Caitlin Davies & Richard Mason

WAKE UP TO WORDS

10.15am | Highland Park Spiegeltent | £9.00 £7.00

Begin the week with three dazzling fictions inspired by Africa. Chris Cleave follows his debut *Incendiary* with the story of a Nigerian refugee. *Black Mulberries* by Caitlin Davies features two feuding families in Botswana, while in Richard Mason's *The Lighted Rooms* an elderly woman returns to the South Africa of her childhood.

Free coffee and pastries. Sponsored by Green Mountain Coffee Roasters

Robert Peston

THE HERIOT-WATT UNIVERSITY EVENT

10.30am | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Who makes the decisions in this country? The BBC's Business Editor demonstrates that the real power behind the throne lies with the super-rich who pay too little tax, add little value to the economy yet change our lives through their undue influence over our politicians. Chaired by **Iain Macwhirter**.

Roger Crowley

EAST AND WEST

11.00am | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

The Mediterranean was a mighty battleground between the forces of Islam and Christianity. In *Empires of the Sea*, this acclaimed historian brings to life the astonishing period when the immense forces of the Ottoman Empire and Christendom clashed around the shores, setting frontiers and linguistic and religious boundaries which hold to this day.

How to Deal with Solitary Creativity

WRITING WORKSHOP

11.00am – 12.30pm | Writers' Retreat | £12.00 £10.00

A career in writing can feel like a lonely business. Overcoming the biggest obstacles of solitary creativity – time, motivation and isolation – can be the hardest test for a writer. Learn how to rise to the challenge with author, playwright and psychotherapist, **Caroline Dunford**. (Maximum 25 places)

literature

fiction

politics

history

workshop

David Lodge

MEET THE AUTHOR

11.30am | RBS Main Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

A very welcome return visit by one of the UK's pre-eminent novelists and critics. His career has encompassed defining campus novels such as *Nice Work* which he adapted as an award-winning television drama. His latest novel *Deaf Sentence* is a brilliant elegiac portrait of one man's attempt to come to terms with deafness and impending death.

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Jonathan Fenby, John Keay & John Man

FOCUS ON CHINA

12 noon | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

A powerful line-up of leading experts on Chinese history as part of our continuing examination of this mighty world power. John Man travels the length of the Great Wall exploring two millennia of civilisation; John Keay brilliantly sets out the whole history; while Jonathan Fenby has no fewer than three books illuminating fascinating aspects of the development of ancient and modern China.

fiction

history

Anthony King

POLITICS AND POWER

12.30pm | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Who actually runs Britain and what really is the British constitution? In our second event of the day looking at where power lies in the UK, leading academic Anthony King wittily and expertly explores how the constitutional picture has changed profoundly – not least in matters of devolution. Chaired by **Sheena McDonald**.

politics

John Prescott

THE DAVIDSON CHALMERS EVENT

1.30pm | RBS Main Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Working class boy made good, union firebrand turned senior politician, Britain's longest serving deputy Prime Minister John Prescott has had a colourful and forceful life at the forefront of politics – as revealed in his autobiography, *Prezza: Pulling No Punches*. Come and meet the man himself. Chaired by **Iain Macwhirter**.

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biography

John Gribbin & Mary Gribbin

NATURE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

2.00pm | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

The great botanical explorers changed the face of our landscapes, altered our social habits, assisted in the fight against disease and more. Bestselling science writers John and Mary Gribbin here turn their attention to the Flower Hunters who helped bring us tea, quinine, Douglas firs, orchids and discoveries of great scientific and cultural value.

environment

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Dealing with Editors, Agents and the Rest

WRITING WORKSHOP

2.00pm – 3.30pm | Writers' Retreat | £12.00 £10.00

Getting a contract is not the end of the story. Authors must then deal with a plethora of people and problems that can get in the way of writing. On the basis that knowledge is almost everything (a sense of humour is the rest), **Nicola Morgan** gives you the low-down on all the main issues. Bring your questions and problems for this informal, practical discussion. (*Maximum 30 places*)

workshop

James Hamilton & Richard Reeves

LIVED LIVES

4.00pm | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

The John Murray Archive, now housed at the National Library of Scotland, is a breathtaking treasure trove of some of Britain's greatest thinkers. Seven generations of the John Murray family amassed this resonant collection – a story now told by James Hamilton. Another great enlightened mind was John Stuart Mill, Victorian philosopher and firebrand, as revealed by Richard Reeves.

biography

Stewart Conn, Valerie Gillies & Henry Marsh

SCOTTISH POETRY

2.30pm | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Three Edinburgh poets foregather, each immaculately skilled in the sharpness yet gentleness of their observations. Both Stewart Conn and Valerie Gillies have held the post of Edinburgh Makar or poet laureate; while Henry Marsh is praised and published by Alexander McCall Smith.

poetry

Craig Murray

LIVED LIVES

4.30pm | RBS Main Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Fearless Scot Craig Murray gave a no-holds-barred account of his years as British ambassador to Uzbekistan in *Murder in Samarkand*. Now he writes of his earlier Foreign Office posting to Ghana in *The Road to Samarkand*. With characteristic frankness, he reveals the paradoxes of the West's involvement in Africa, peppered with wry anecdote. Chaired by **Ruth Wishart**.

biography

Elisabeth MacDonald & Mary Warnock

MEDICINE AND SOCIETY

3.00pm | RBS Main Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Is there a case for assisted dying? *Easeful Death* by one of Britain's most eminent moral philosophers, Baroness Mary Warnock, and experienced doctor Elisabeth MacDonald, examine the moral minefield of euthanasia and evidence from other countries where the practice is legal. One conclusion is that, whatever the law, compassion is the key.

society

Eugenijus Ališanka, Gintaras Grajauskas & Sigita Parulskis

WRITERS OF THE WORLD

4.30pm | Writers' Retreat | £6.00 £4.00

Lithuanian poetry has changed since independence in 1991; the new generation is more concerned with aesthetics than political themes. Come and hear some of the brightest poetic talents: Eugenijus Ališanka is a director of an international poetry festival, Gintaras Grajauskas is a jazz musician and Sigita Parulskis is an award-winning novelist.

poetry

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Norman Lebrecht

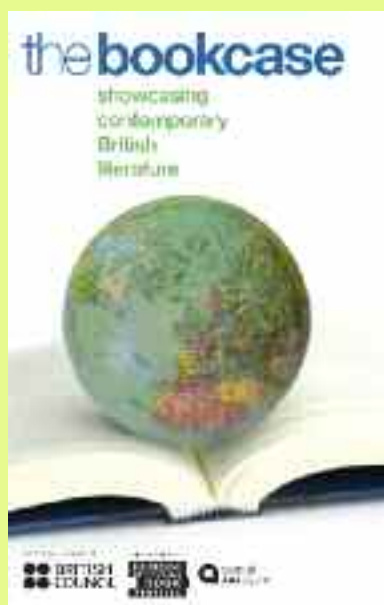
MUSIC AND SOCIETY

3.30pm | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Ever fearless and provocative, Norman Lebrecht is the country's best-known music critic. In his much discussed *Maestros*, *Masterpieces* and *Madness* he gives a colourful and controversial picture of the classical music recording industry; its egos, excess and likely imminent demise.

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culture



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We bring writers from all over the world but we bring other special visitors too – publishers, festival directors, literature lovers and professionals who come to Edinburgh to discover the very best of our writing and offer fantastic new opportunities, including touring and being published abroad, to the writers they hear and meet. Every second year we work closely with the British Council, committed to promoting the very best of British culture across the world. With their support and that of the Scottish Arts Council, we offer a series of events for the public and for invited delegates alike, a stunning showcase within the greater showcase of the festival itself. Come and share the discoveries. Look out especially, on the middle Saturday of the festival and Bookcase, for our 'Expo' event enabled by funding from the Scottish Government – brand new work specifically commissioned from four top Scottish writers, to be premiered in Edinburgh, published, and then toured to Norway for Stavanger's inspirational year as City of Culture 2008.

Look out for A BOOKCASE EVENT in event listings.

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Amnesty International Imprisoned Writers Series RIGHT TO A FAIR TRIAL

5.30pm – 6.15pm | Peppers Theatre

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

Our daily free readings in solidarity with writers facing persecution for their thoughts and words. Today: We hear the work of writers from Azerbaijan, Pakistan and China, the right to a fair trial is abused the world over.

Our featured readers today include **David Lodge**.

society

Brian Morton ROBIN JENKINS MEMORIAL LECTURE

7.00pm | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Robin Jenkins was one of Scotland's greatest writers. To mark the launch of the Robin Jenkins Literary Award, the first environmental literary award in this country to celebrate writing inspired by Scotland's natural landscape, the author, journalist and broadcaster, Brian Morton, who was a close friend of Robin Jenkins and is one of the Award judges, will talk about Jenkins's life and writing.

The Robin Jenkins Literary Award is sponsored by Forestry Commission Scotland

literature

Bernardo Atxaga & Emilio Calderón

WRITERS OF THE WORLD

6.00pm | Writers' Retreat | £6.00 £4.00

We are overjoyed to welcome back to the festival the giant of Basque literature, Bernardo Atxaga with a major new novel, *The Accordionist's Son*. Personal and profound, it reflects on the backdrop and legacy of the Spanish Civil War – a time also evoked in Spaniard Emilio Calderón's *The Creator's Map*, a thrilling intrigue set in 1930s and 1940s Europe.

world writing

Mohammed Hanif & Robin Yassin-Kassab

EAST AND WEST

7.30pm | Writers' Retreat | £6.00 £4.00

Our East and West theme is fascinatingly explored in these two debut novels. Mohammed Hanif, head of the BBC's Urdu service, has provocative fun in *A Case of Exploding Mangoes*, spinning a magical tale around the real-life plane crash which killed Pakistan's military dictator in 1988. Robin Yassin-Kassab's *The Road From Damascus* explores journeys towards and away from Islam in a multi-faith UK.

world writing

A Picture Worth a Thousand Words WRITING WORKSHOP

6.00pm – 8.00pm | RBS Workshop Tent | £12.00 £10.00

Take inspiration from paintings to help you with your writing, with artist **Andrew Mackenzie** and author **James Mayhew**. Together they explore the stories behind some well-known (and not so well-known) works of art to help get your creative juices flowing. (*Maximum 15 places*)

In association with the National Galleries of Scotland

workshop

Steven Berkoff

THE BALFOUR + MANSON EVENT

8.00pm | RBS Main Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Stunning performer and actor, Steven Berkoff commands the stage and film sets he has inhabited for more than forty years. His books have covered theatre and travel; the latest encompasses eating also – the world's food, as he tours, becoming his comfort and lover. A Book Festival event like no other.

food & drink

Gavin Esler

THE FACULTY OF ADVOCATES EVENT

6.30pm | RBS Main Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Co-presenter of *Newsnight*, one of Britain's foremost commentators, Scottish broadcaster and writer Gavin Esler knows better than most what goes on behind the scenes in politics. His new novel *A Scandalous Man* looks at a man hungry for power but undone when his private life is exposed through twenty four hour media. Timely, topical, pertinent. Chaired by **James Jauncey**.

fiction

Annie Hawes & Lois Pryce

TRAVEL AND ADVENTURE

8.30pm | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Inspirational adventures in Africa. Lois Pryce crossed the entire continent, war zones, deserts and all, alone on her motorcycle as enthrallingly related in *Red Tape and White Knuckles*. Annie Hawes returned to North Africa seeking an oasis from her youth, and describes with warmth and wit entering deep into that scented, beguiling, complex land.

travel

Clare Francis & Philip Kerr CRIME FICTION

6.45pm | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Two complete masters of their genres. Clare Francis, former round-the-world sailor turned international bestselling crime novelist, creates taut and atmospheric suspense in *Unforgotten*. Scottish superstar Philip Kerr sets his thrillers on the world stage – *A Quiet Flame* questions the true extent of Argentina's Nazi collaboration.

crime

Spiegelbar MUSIC

From 9.00pm | Highland Park Spiegeltent | Free – open to all

Come and enjoy a relaxing drink with live music in our atmospheric travelling ballroom. A great place to end your festival day. The band line-up is available from the Information Desk in the Entrance Tent.

Sponsored by Highland Park

The Right to Die MEDICINE AND SOCIETY

7.00pm – 8.15pm | Highland Park Spiegeltent | £9.00 £7.00

Come and join in the debate in the second of the day's events on the highly emotive and controversial subject of euthanasia. Does it guarantee personal dignity or set us on a slippery slope? Distinguished moral philosopher **Mary Warnock** and clinical expert **Elisabeth MacDonald** are joined by trained nurse and lecturer-turned-novelist **Hazel McHaffie**. Chaired by **Richard Holloway**.

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events for children



Flower Fairies

AGE 3 – 6 | 10.30am | RBS Imagination Lab | £3.50

Celebrate summer in the garden of the Flower Fairies. Dress as your favourite fairy, learn the magical secrets of the fairy people and discover the wonders of the natural world. *(Also on 11 Aug for ages 5 – 8)*

Story Time

ALL AGES | 12 noon – 12.45pm | RBS Imagination Lab

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

Daily storytelling to lift the spirit, engage the senses and spark the imagination. Today: **Donnie Henderson Shedlarz**.

Joan Lingard

AGE 8 – 12 | 1.30pm | RBS Corner Theatre | £3.50

Ma Bigsby always swore she'd never have more than ten under her roof, but when Elfie appears on her doorstep there's no turning back. The launch of a new novel by Joan Lingard is always cause for celebration – come and hear all about *The Eleventh Orphan*.

Jemima Puddleduck and Friends

AGE 4 – 7 | 1.30pm | RBS Imagination Lab | £3.50

All your favourite Beatrix Potter characters are gathering to celebrate Jemima Puddleduck's centenary. This delightful interactive puppet show brings Mr McGregor, Peter Rabbit and all your furry friends to life. Come and join the fun!

Greek & Roman Mythology

AGE 5 – 10 | 3.00pm | RBS Corner Theatre | £3.50

Join engaging author and storyteller **Saviour Pirotta** for epic tales of adventure from classical mythology. Delve into the fascinating legends of Greek heroes, Roman gods and even Pegasus the flying horse – this is a thrilling ride for fans and newcomers alike.

A Picture Worth a Thousand Words

AGE 8 – 14 | 3.00pm – 4.30pm | RBS Workshop Tent | £3.50

Have you ever wondered what a particular painting is all about? Artist **Andrew Mackenzie** and author **James Mayhew** will help you explore some famous paintings and provide inspiration for your own creative writing in this interactive workshop.

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Stop in the Name of Pants!

TEENS | 5.00pm | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £3.50

The fabby-fab **Louise Rennison** is back! Not only is the wisdomosity of Georgia Nicolson appearing on the big screen this summer, but her latest confessions can be heard here, in the flesh, at the Book Festival. You lucky, lucky people. Come on this laugh-a-minute ride (which will probably include at least one funky strut of the Viking Disco Inferno Dance)!

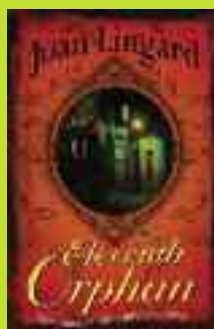
Mad About Ladybird

AGE 4 – 7 | 5.00pm | RBS Imagination Lab | £3.50

Become a lightning-quick detective in this exciting, interactive fact-finding event. Challenge your powers of perception with the new Ladybird books which are bursting with all sorts of facts, including the low-down on dinosaurs and ballerinas, butterflies and pirates. Come and play super sleuth!

Free for all

We have plenty of free events for visitors – both adults and children. Every day children can play in our Activity Corner (at the back of the RBS Children's Bookshop) or fill in the puzzles in our Book Festival activity booklet. There are also free events including nursery rhymes, poetry, storytelling and craft workshops. Please note: some of these events need to be booked in advance, while others are drop-in – check event listings for more details.



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events for adults

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Philip Hensher & Helen Walsh

WAKE UP TO WORDS

10.15am | Highland Park Spiegeltent | £9.00 £7.00

Ordinary family lives compassionately revealed in two wonderful novels of late twentieth century Britain. Philip Hensher, one of Granta's Best of Young British Novelists, begins his survey of a changing country in Sheffield in 1974. Helen Walsh, hugely praised for her debut *Brass*, sets her new tale of a mixed race family in Warrington in 1975. Involving and unforgettable.

Free coffee and pastries. Sponsored by Green Mountain Coffee Roasters

Harriet Harvey Wood & Raymond Tallis

MATTERS OF THE MIND

10.30am | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

What makes us who we are as individuals? Memory is a building block of our identities – Harriet Harvey Wood's enthralling anthology on the subject ranges through literature and many other disciplines. Philosopher and medical professor Raymond Tallis takes us on a breathtakingly brilliant tour of our heads, in search of consciousness.

Kate Clanchy & Kapka Kassabova

NATIONS UNLIMITED

11.00am | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Eastern Europe comes to life in these two absorbing accounts, both by acclaimed poets here writing brilliantly perceptive memoirs. Kate Clanchy illuminates the life of a Kosovan refugee, escaped from a brutal background into the complexities of contemporary London; Kapka Kassabova delves into the idiosyncrasies of her homeland of Bulgaria.

Dealing with Rejection

WRITING WORKSHOP

11.00am – 12.30pm | Writers' Retreat | £12.00 £10.00

One of the toughest elements to being a writer is having your work rejected. This workshop is a look at key practical and emotional techniques to help you to deal with rejection. With author, playwright and psychotherapist, **Caroline Dunford**. (Maximum 25 places)

literature

Simon Sebag Montefiore

MEET THE AUTHOR

11.30am | RBS Main Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

The multi award-winning historian and television presenter here presents his vast knowledge of Russia in the form of a novel. His work on Stalin is revered for its groundbreaking scholarship; he now goes for a rich narrative sweep in *Sashenka*, illuminating the rise and terrible price of communism through one woman's dramatic story.

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Charles Nicholl

SHAKESPEARE REVEALED

12 noon | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Charles Nicholl's *The Lodger: Shakespeare on Silver Street* has been massively acclaimed for its insight into overlooked aspects of the Bard's brilliant life. Taking his starting point from the moment in history that Shakespeare's words were recorded, Nicholl builds an intricate picture of Shakespeare at forty and a fascinating portrait of Jacobean society.

fiction

fiction

history

Andrew Mawson

BUSINESS MATTERS

12.30pm | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Social enterprise is growing fast. Lord Mawson, once described as the 'Richard Branson of the social sector', and the UK's leading social entrepreneur, shows how the application of business ideas to social problems can produce powerful results – practical, creative and successful. He talks of his inspiring work with **Norman Drummond**.

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society

Patrick Cockburn, Jonathan Steele & Hilary Synnott

EAST AND WEST

1.30pm | RBS Main Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Iraq, five years on. Shocking testimony from two of the most admired correspondents in the field and the most senior British diplomat in Basra. Jonathan Steele powerfully analyses why the occupation was doomed from the start. Patrick Cockburn documents the chilling rise of Muqtada al-Sadr in the civil war; and Sir Hilary Synnott gives a first-hand account of the absurdities and chaos of the Coalition. Chaired by **Ruth Wishart**.

politics

Helen Rappaport & Anthony Read

FOCUS ON RUSSIA

2.00pm | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Our second Russian event of the day, focusing on the tumultuous events of the Bolshevik Revolution. Helen Rappaport's *Ekaterinburg: The Last Days of the Romanovs* brings a dramatic new perspective to the massacre of the Tsar's family; while Anthony Read's *The World On Fire* looks at the battle against Bolshevism in 1919, ideology attacking the West.

history

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Writing Crime Fiction

WRITING WORKSHOP

2.00pm – 3.30pm | Writers' Retreat | £12.00 £10.00

Find out more about the nuts and bolts of crime fiction with bestselling Scottish crime writer **Aline Templeton**, who offers a practical guide to plot, character, location and tension – and warns of the five clichés to avoid. (Maximum 20 places)

workshop

Libby Purves

LIVED LIVES

4.30pm | RBS Main Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

When Libby Purves's son took his life at the tender age of twenty three, he left behind a powerful and poignant collection of journals and poetry capturing his time sailing the Pacific and his private struggles with illness. Interspersed with readings from the book, the leading and much-loved broadcaster and author talks about her son's writing and the challenges of deciding to publish the work. Chaired by **Ruth Wishart**.

biography

John D Barrow

POPULAR SCIENCE

2.30pm | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

From the first graph to the galaxies revealed by the Hubble Telescope, images have deepened our understanding of our world. In *Cosmic Imagery*, eminent cosmologist and bestselling science writer, John D Barrow takes us on a tour through the history of the scientific images that have changed the world, our understanding of who we are and our perceptions of how we live in it.

science

Reginald Hill

CRIME FICTION

4.30pm | Writers' Retreat | £6.00 £4.00

Described by the Independent as the 'best living male crime writer in the English-speaking world', the massively popular Reginald Hill returns with his police duo Dalziel and Pascoe (the BBC drama serial is watched by over ten million people). A new volume of short stories joins his bestselling novels – all beautifully tantalising.

crime

Steve Bloom

NATURE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

3.00pm | RBS Main Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

The stunning wildlife photography of Steve Bloom is technically astounding and emotionally captivating. His tender and remarkable images of elephants reveal that great mammal as never before; the international reach of his work brings us these animals in their natural habitats from across the globe. A sumptuous, breathtaking event.

environment

James Meek

FINE FICTION

5.00pm | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

The People's Act of Love, set in Siberia during the Russian Revolution, was one of 2005's most important and highly acclaimed novels. For the background of his brilliant new novel, *We Are Now Beginning Our Descent*, award-winning Scottish writer James Meek draws on his own experience as a Guardian war correspondent in Afghanistan.

fiction

Liz Lochhead

SCOTTISH WRITING

3.30pm | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Another delight as one of Scotland's most beloved poets and dramatists returns to the Book Festival. Liz Lochhead's plays have been performed to great success in theatres across the world but what happens afterwards, when we are left with the printed word, when the play becomes literature? Join her as she celebrates the literary importance of the dramatic heritage.

literature

The Curriculum for Excellence: Learning for All

CHILDREN AND EDUCATION

5.00pm | RBS Corner Theatre | £5.00

Join **Professor Brian Boyd**, contributor to the groundbreaking report *A Curriculum for Excellence*, for this inspirational event. Also co-founder of the Tapestry Partnership – an organisation which promotes creative, innovative and human-centred education for Scotland – Professor Boyd will discuss how to improve the effectiveness of schools and learning for all.

society

Frances Wilson

LIVED LIVES

4.00pm | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Dorothy Wordsworth was a fascinating, complex figure with a passionate and ambiguous relationship with her beloved poet brother William. In a brilliantly lively new portrait, acclaimed biographer Frances Wilson illuminates the bizarre world of repressed emotion and later madness which engulfed the Wordsworths – far from any conventional Englishness.

literature



Matters of the mind

Philosophy and psychology, the remarkable routes of our minds, are the very stuff of our festival – book quickly, these events sell out fast! Whether examining issues of male and female gender, personality and identity, how to live a moral life, the mysteries of memory or the origins and secrets of charm and seduction, our programme is packed with intriguing insights.

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Gerbrand Bakker & Eshkol Nevo

FIRST FICTION

6.00pm | Writers' Retreat | £6.00 £4.00

Debut fiction from across Europe. Gerbrand Bakker's novel, *The Twin*, is an intense, brooding tale wrestling with the constraints of family ties, set in the beautiful emptiness of the Dutch countryside. Israeli Eshkol Nevo's *Homesick*, is a thoughtful story about family, history and the true meaning of home.

world writing

Jonathan Dimbleby THE RBS EVENT

6.30pm | RBS Main Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

In our third major Russian event of the day, one of Britain's most outstanding journalists and presenters gives a unique insight into the fascinating complexities of a vast land in transition. Jonathan Dimbleby travelled thousands of miles to get to the heart of modern Russia, to find out how it is shaped by its turbulent past and what it means to its people today. Chaired by **Sheena McDonald**.

BSL nations

Storytelling in Schools CHILDREN AND EDUCATION

6.30pm – 8.30pm | RBS Imagination Lab | £5.00

Join storyteller **Bea Ferguson** for a workshop for education professionals on sharing stories with youngsters in a school setting. Whether you're a seasoned pro at story time or still trying to find your feet, she will help to bring out the storyteller in you and help you make the most of your natural skills. (*Maximum 20 places*)

workshop

The Writing Life THE WRITING BUSINESS

6.45pm | Peppers Theatre | £6.00 £4.00

Selfish or self absorbed? Talented or troubled? Whether you are trying to write, or living with someone who is, **Alison Baverstock**'s research throws fresh light on a profession/obsession that many find hard to understand.

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masterclass

Body Shopping SCIENCE AND ETHICS

7.00pm – 8.15pm | Highland Park Spiegeltent | £9.00 £7.00

Private umbilical cord blood banks; women trafficked for their eggs; cells, tissues and organs sought by the burgeoning biotechnology industry: who actually owns our bodies, who profits from them and what are the moral arguments about ownership? Come and discuss the pros and cons with distinguished professor of medical ethics **Donna Dickenson**, who exposes the growth of body shopping; **Graeme Laurie**, Professor of Medical Jurisprudence at the University of Edinburgh; and **James Ironside**, Deputy Chair of the Human Tissue Authority and Professor of Clinical Neuropathology at the University of Edinburgh. Chaired by **Professor Steve Yearley**, Director of the ESRC Genomics Forum.

Supported by the *ESRC Genomics Policy and Research Forum* and the *ESRC Innogen Centre*

society

John Burnside & Romesh Gunsekera

THE JURA SINGLE MALT WHISKY EVENT

7.00pm | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

George Orwell wrote *Nineteen Eighty-Four* hidden away on one of Scotland's most beautiful islands. The Isle of Jura Writer Retreat Programme pays tribute to that inspiring legacy. Scottish poet and fiction writer John Burnside and Sri Lankan-born novelist Romesh Gunsekera describe their recent month-long residencies and tell of the inspiration of the island.

In association with *Scottish Book Trust*

literature

Helen Fitzgerald & Claudia Schreiber

FIRST FICTION

7.30pm | Writers' Retreat | £6.00 £4.00

Feisty, funny debut novels about the perils of love. Helen Fitzgerald, Australian-born and now living in Glasgow, spins a spirited, increasingly dark tale in *Dead Lovely*; while in Claudia Schreiber's *Emma's Luck*, a huge bestseller and film in Germany, a lonely woman on a farm finds a Ferrari, a man and a large amount of cash...

fiction

Iain Banks

THE BIGGART BAILLIE EVENT

8.00pm | RBS Main Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Top Book Festival favourite Iain Banks returns, with his banter, excellent conversation and prodigious imagination. Continuing to alternate between 'mainstream' fiction and science fiction, his most recent title *Matter* explores his remarkable Culture Universe. Come and meet an endlessly inventive brain.

fiction

Danny Wallace

THE YOUNG SCOT EVENT

8.30pm | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Television presenter and writer Danny Wallace makes the world a better place with his madcap, generous schemes – such as saying 'yes' to everything, or encouraging people to perform random acts of kindness. In *Friends Like These* he goes in search of his long-lost best mates, travelling the world with surprising, hilarious and poignant results.

travel

Christopher Somerville

THE SCOTTISH ENVIRONMENT LINK EVENT

8.30pm | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Britain's wild places are explored with love, passion and insight by Christopher Somerville, who also wrote *Coast*. Natural history, culture and practical directions are all offered in this outdoors feast, a tribute to the rare and unadorned places of our crowded island.

environment

Spiegelbar MUSIC

From 9.00pm | Highland Park Spiegeltent | Free – open to all

Come and enjoy a relaxing evening with live music in our atmospheric travelling ballroom. A great place to have a drink and end your festival day. The band line-up is available from the Information Desk in the Entrance Tent.

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Wednesday 13 August

events for children



Great Big Enormous Crocodile

AGE 5 – 8 | 10.00am | RBS Workshop Tent | Free – book in advance

Join in the jungle jamboree! Snip and Snap, the crocodile pals, return to the festival to share their stories and crafts inspired by the animal kingdom. Come on a fun expedition through the wilderness with the Edinburgh City Libraries Youth Services.

Maximum 4 tickets per booking

Ladybird Storytelling

AGE 3 – 7 | 10.30am | RBS Imagination Lab | £3.50

A delightful event full of stories and fun with Ladybird. Hear some of your favourite tales in this friendly interactive event, a pleasure for parents and children alike.

Elephants with Steve Bloom

FAMILIES & 5+ | 11.30am | RBS Corner Theatre | £3.50

Acclaimed wildlife photographer Steve Bloom spent twelve years photographing elephants from the wildest outreaches of Botswana to the teeming cities of India, and the result is his remarkable book *Elephants*. Steve's first-hand knowledge and stunning images reveal much about these gentle giants. A special event for all the family.

BSL

Story Time

ALL AGES | 12 noon – 12.45pm | RBS Imagination Lab

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

Daily storytelling to lift the spirit, engage the senses and spark the imagination. Today: **Eric Brennan**.

Baby Bookworms

AGE 3 – 9 months | 1.00pm – 1.30pm | RBS Workshop Tent | £3.50

Foster an early love of reading in your child in this interactive workshop for babies. Even the youngest children can enjoy the rhythm and rhyme of words using hands-on touch books and nursery rhymes to explore texture, shape and sound. *(Also on 11 Aug)*

Note: Tickets sold in pairs of one adult and one baby. Maximum 2 pairs per person.

Aesop's and Other Fables with Bob Hartman

AGE 6 – 10 | 1.30pm | RBS Corner Theatre | £3.50

Inspired storyteller and author Bob Hartman will take you on an action-packed adventure through the best traditional fairy and folk tales. Expect lots of audience participation and merrymaking!



Sharing stories

In this National Year of Reading, the focus is on reading with children from an early age. Join us for interactive events such as The Big Picture or curl up with your family's favourite stories in our Reading Corner – at the back of the RBS Children's Bookshop.



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Football's Hot Shots

AGE 4 – 8 | 1.30pm | RBS Imagination Lab | £3.50

Our sell-out superstars **Ron Fairweather** and **Fergus McNicol** return with their frantic, feisty football fiesta. With stories, songs, skits and even raps to celebrate the beautiful game, Ron and Ferg's footie events are a must if you love football or just like to have a blast!

First Aid for Fairies and Other Fabled Beasts

AGE 8 – 12 | 3.00pm | RBS Corner Theatre | £3.50

Join **Lari Don** as she dishes up a rich mix of fable and fiction and weaves it into an exciting race through Scotland's diverse landscapes. Along the way, you'll meet a thrilling array of creatures from mythology and folklore. If you love mystical fantasy, you'll love this.

Selkie Stories and Crafts

AGE 5 – 9 | 3.00pm – 4.30pm | RBS Workshop Tent | £3.50

The selkie is a magnificent, majestic creature of the sea. Discover more about selkies with storyteller **Beth Cross** as she weaves legends of power and magic while artist **Kate Leiper** helps you to create your own selkie puppet to take home for further deep sea adventures.

workshop

Story Time

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Amazing Baby Show

AGE 2 – 5 | 5.00pm | RBS Imagination Lab | £3.50

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14 Thursday August

events for adults

Ten at Ten

FICTION AND POETRY

10.00am – 10.10am | Writers' Retreat | Free – book in advance

A short and perfect start to the morning: a ten minute reading, free, in our lovely Writers' Retreat in the trees. A story, or poetry – a literary surprise each day. Check the screen in the Entrance Tent to find out who will be reading today.

Melissa Benn & Eva Hoffman

WAKE UP TO WORDS

10.15am | Highland Park Spiegeltent | £9.00 £7.00

The tensions of politics versus family and the place of art in a violent world are at the centre of these two superb novels. Melissa Benn, daughter of Tony, brings a sharp, heartfelt insider's eye to *One of Us*. Eva Hoffman, herself a musician, tells of a classical pianist and a political exile from Chechnya in her lyrical, passionate *Illuminations*.

Free coffee and pastries. Sponsored by Green Mountain Coffee Roasters

Stuart Clark

POPULAR SCIENCE

10.30am | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

What are time and space? When and how did the universe begin – and how will it end? For leading science writer and broadcaster Stuart Clark, the answer to these profound questions can be found in deep space. Using the very latest and clearest images of the cosmos, he gives a fascinating insight into how humanity is reflected in the stars.

David Day & Charles Freeman

HISTORY AND RELIGION

11.00am | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Turning points in history. Charles Freeman discusses the repercussions of AD381 when it was decreed that Christians must believe in the Trinity – or be branded heretics. David Day explores supplanted societies and violent dispossession in his groundbreaking *Conquest: How Societies Overwhelm Others*.

Nothing But the Poem

POETRY WORKSHOP

11.00am – 12.30pm | Writers' Retreat | £12.00 £10.00

Renew your love of poetry with this fresh approach to reading with the Scottish Poetry Library. In this relaxed discussion you won't need any background knowledge; you'll simply come fresh to the text of single poems, take the time to read deeply and let new discoveries emerge – without the pressure of reviews, criticism and hype. Poems provided. (Maximum 20 places)

literature

fiction

science

history

workshop

James Kelman

MEET THE AUTHOR

11.30am | RBS Main Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

A new novel from James Kelman is a major literary event. The only Scottish writer to win both the Booker and the James Tait Black Memorial Prize, Kelman is a towering figure in world literature. His latest work, *Kieron Smith, Boy* is a powerful, poignant, empathetic evocation of a boy growing up in the new housing schemes at a time of deep social change. Chaired by Brian Taylor.

Ziauddin Sardar

EAST AND WEST

12 noon | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

A brilliantly passionate and stimulating speaker and thinker, Ziauddin Sardar reveals our country anew in *Balti Britain: the British Asian Experience*. Having travelled to the main Asian communities in the UK, including Glasgow, he interweaves what he found there with his own story, straddled between Pakistani and British cultures: funny, unorthodox, thought-provoking.

society

Stephen Bates & Kathleen Burk

NATIONS UNLIMITED

12.30pm | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Powerful perspectives on the USA. Distinguished professor and commentator Kathleen Burk tells the definitive story of Anglo-American relations from the British colonisation to Iraq in *Old World, New World*. Guardian journalist Stephen Bates looks at the impact of right wing evangelical Christianity in the USA – and its growing influence in the UK – in *God's Own Country*.

nations

Tony Benn

THE CORNELIAN ASSET MANAGERS EVENT

1.30pm | RBS Main Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

There are few more delightful ways to spend an hour than in the company of Tony Benn. Passionately dedicated to politics and to ordinary people, his warm, funny, feisty diaries record his trenchant views on the political landscape of the past seven years. Engaging and essential. Chaired by Ruth Wishart.

politics

Robert A Hinde & Marek Kohn

SOCIETY AND ETHICS

2.00pm | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Morality and trust in fast-changing twenty first century society are examined with great brilliance and insight by two leading thinkers. Robert A Hinde looks at new moral conflicts and how people actually behave in *Bending The Rules*; while Marek Kohn shows how trust, or the lack of it, is an increasingly vexing issue in public life – and why it matters so much.

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Marketing and Promoting Yourself as a Writer

workshop

WRITING WORKSHOP

2.00pm – 3.30pm | Writers' Retreat | £12.00 £10.00

Alison Baverstock is a former publisher who now writes about author marketing. A superb and highly experienced tutor, she offers a really practical session on how to promote yourself as a writer. (*Maximum 20 places*)

Adrian Levy & Catherine Scott-Clark with Clare Lockhart

nations

NATIONS UNLIMITED

2.30pm | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Failed states – unstable, war-prone, fomenting terrorism and poverty – are a major problem for the world. Clare Lockhart powerfully suggests that the old autonomous nation-state model does not match the realities of a shifting, globalised world. Adrian Levy and Catherine Scott-Clark look at one dangerously unstable state, Pakistan – and how the West has covertly enabled its nuclear capacity, with terrifying consequences.

Agnes Owens in Conversation with James Kelman

fiction

MEET THE AUTHOR

3.30pm | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

One of the most distinctive voices in Scottish literature, Agnes Owens's darkly humorous stories uncover ordinary working class lives poised between farce and tragedy. Now in her eighties a new complete collection shows her remarkable talent. In conversation with a great admirer and champion of her work, James Kelman.

Hamish Brown & Greg Mortenson

travel

TRAVEL AND ADVENTURE

4.00pm | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

An inspiring hour with two remarkable men who engage with remote mountain communities. Scottish climber and adventurer Hamish Brown has returned to the Berber peoples of the Atlas mountains annually since 1965. American mountaineer Greg Mortenson recounts how a failed attempt to climb K2 led him to build schools in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

G W Dahlquist & Thomas Glavinic

world writing

WRITERS OF THE WORLD

4.30pm | Writers' Retreat | £6.00 £4.00

A dark delicious treat. American novelist G W Dahlquist enthralled readers and reviewers with *The Glass Books of the Dream Eaters*, a vivid fantastic adventure. He now follows it with *The Dark Volume*, equally alluring and unconventional. Austrian Thomas Glavinic's *Night Work* is an eerily compulsive philosophical mystery about a man who wakes entirely alone – the last living being on the planet.

Sergio Della Sala

society

SCIENCE AND EDUCATION

5.00pm | RBS Corner Theatre | £5.00

A fascinating speaker, the much-admired Professor of Human Cognitive Neuroscience at the University of Edinburgh discusses the use and misuse of neuroscience in education. An engaging and accessible journey into the inner workings of the human brain, focusing on the unique relationship between knowledge, learning and understanding. A sell-out at last year's Book Festival, be sure to book tickets early!

Amnesty International Imprisoned Writers Series

society

RIGHT TO ASYLUM

5.30pm – 6.15pm | Peppers Theatre

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

Our daily free readings in solidarity with writers facing persecution for their thoughts and words. Today: Writers driven into exile because of their political or religious opinions struggle to express themselves in alien surroundings and in a different language. This afternoon, we hear the work of these writers read by Book Festival authors including **Ziauddin Sardar**.

Pascal Mercier & Ilya Troyanov

world writing

WRITERS OF THE WORLD

6.00pm | Writers' Retreat | £6.00 £4.00

Two magnificently ambitious German bestsellers. Swiss-born Pascal Mercier's *Night Train to Lisbon* has sold over two million copies, telling of a teacher haunted by an extraordinary Portuguese writer and forging his life anew. Bulgarian-born Ilya Troyanov's *The Collector of Worlds* re-imagines the life of the great Victorian adventurer and scholar Sir Richard Burton, forging new links with the East.



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Alan Johnston

BSL

biography

THE BAILLIE GIFFORD EVENT

6.30pm | RBS Main Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Millions across the world demonstrated their anger when courageous and committed journalist Alan Johnston was kidnapped in Gaza. Eventually released after 114 days in captivity, the Scot speaks movingly of his ordeal, his release, his life in that dangerous, battered land and his new sense of the value of freedom. Chaired by **Allan Little**.

The Best of Times, the Worst of Times – to be an Author

masterclass

THE WRITING BUSINESS

6.45pm | Peppers Theatre | £6.00 £4.00

Our Writing Business strand continues with **Kate Pool** and **Elizabeth Haylett Clark** from the Society of Authors. They will discuss the issues facing writers today in the fast-changing world of publishing, whether paper or electronic books. How can authors survive and thrive amidst such change?

Supported by The Society of Authors

Eco Lives

THE ENVIRONMENT SERIES

environment

7.00pm – 8.15pm | Highland Park Spiegeltent | £9.00 £7.00

How can we live saner, greener lives? **John Naish's** *Enough* argues against over-consumption and overabundance; in *Confessions of an Eco-Sinner*, **Fred Pearce** unearths some startling challenges to eco-orthodoxy on his travels; while **Andrew Simms's** *Do Good Lives Have To Cost The Earth?* shows the small positive changes we can make. Optimistic and empowering.

A C Grayling

philosophy

THE ENCYCLOPAEDIA BRITANNICA EVENT

7.00pm | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

The Encyclopaedia Britannica was first published in Edinburgh in 1768. A C Grayling discusses with Stewart Sutherland, former Principal of the University of Edinburgh, the importance of the Enlightenment in the eighteenth century and how its key philosophical, scientific and democratic ideas have shaped our contemporary society.

In association with Constable & Robinson

George Gunn & Kevin Williamson

poetry

SCOTTISH POETRY

7.30pm | Writers' Retreat | £6.00 £4.00

Founder of the seminal Rebel Inc publishing house, which launched the career of Irvine Welsh among others, Kevin Williamson has been an energetic anti-establishment presence in Scottish contemporary writing. *In A Room Darkened* is his own first collection of poetry and vigorously unorthodox. George Gunn draws inspiration from the landscape and identity of Caithness.

Ian Rankin

THE TIMES AND SUNDAY TIMES SCOTLAND EVENT

crime

8.00pm | RBS Main Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

No Edinburgh International Book Festival is complete without the creator of Rebus, one of the most popular writers in the UK and Edinburgh's favourite son. Come and join him as he reflects on leaving behind his most beloved character and moving into new exciting areas of writing – crime with a different twist.

Robert Deas, Paul Gravett & Emma Hayley

fiction

GRAPHIC NOVELS

8.30pm | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

The comic book version of *Romeo and Juliet* set in modern Tokyo raised a few eyebrows on publication last year. Here to explain how Manga can introduce new young audiences to the Bard are pioneering publisher Emma Hayley, Manga historian and graphic novel expert Paul Gravett and Robert Deas, one of the artists involved in Manga *Macbeth*.

A BOOKCASE EVENT

Joan Barfoot

world writing

FINE FICTION

8.30pm | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

This year the festival is blessed with a great selection of Canadian fiction; Joan Barfoot is one of the best. Her last novel was nominated for the Booker Prize. Her new novel, *Exit Lines*, finds four people caught in a hotel in the middle of the night with secrets to reveal. A darkly comic tale about life, love and everything that matters.

Spiegelbar

MUSIC

From 9.00pm | Highland Park Spiegeltent | Free – open to all

Come and enjoy a relaxing drink with live music in our atmospheric travelling ballroom. A great place to end your festival day. The band line-up is available from the Information Desk in the Entrance Tent.

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Publishing and creative writing

Publishing is being transformed by new technology, digitalisation, print on demand and more; the basic urge to share our own real and imaginative experiences with others through words seems to grow ever stronger. More and more book titles are published in the UK each year and more and more people are using the internet and blogging to reach out to others. We have once more increased our sell-out writing workshop series, and concentrated on some crucial areas in our hugely popular Writing Business series, looking at some of the mechanics of getting into print and staying there.



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Thursday 14 August

events for children



Peter Pan & Wendy

AGE 6 – 10 | 10.00am – 11.30am | RBS Workshop Tent | £3.50

The classic tale of the boy who never grew up is treasured by millions. Artist **Julie Dawson** takes a new look at the story, and will help you to create your own illustrations of the fantastic Neverland in silhouette.

Amazing Baby Show

AGE 2 – 5 | 10.30am | RBS Imagination Lab | £3.50

Join the **Funtastics** performance group for an amazing song-and-dance routine based on the award-winning Amazing Baby series of board books. This highly interactive show is guaranteed to get toes tapping and kids smiling and singing along. *(Also 13 Aug)*

Oodles of Noodles with Diana Hendry

AGE 4 – 7 | 11.30am | RBS Corner Theatre | £3.50

When Mrs Mungo gets a pasta machine it's 'noodles for dinner, noodles for tea, noodles for you and noodles for me!' but the machine has a mind of its own and soon the whole town is totally noodled. A very silly romp with renowned children's writer Diana Hendry and oodles and oodles of noodles!

Story Time

ALL AGES | 12 noon – 12.45pm | RBS Imagination Lab

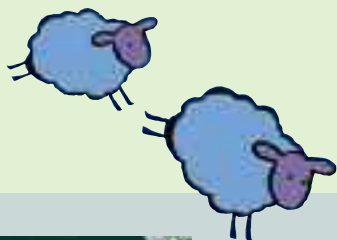
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Myth & Magic with Joe Donnelly

AGE 8 – 12 | 1.30pm | RBS Corner Theatre | £3.50

Travel through the deepest forests and discover the darkest magic in a mysterious land steeped in Celtic myth with Joe Donnelly. Hero Jack Flint fights beasts, ghouls, and powerful mages after falling through an ominous stone circle on to an ancient battlefield in this thrilling series of fantasy adventures.



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Pip's Rainbow Wish with Elizabeth Baguley

AGE 3 – 7 | 3.00pm | RBS Workshop Tent | £3.50

Elizabeth Baguley introduces her newest character, Pip, a shy mouse who longs to play with other mice her age. Pip, Milly and Spike spend a delightful afternoon in the meadows, sharing adventures and chasing rainbows – come and join their gentle world.

Story Time

ALL AGES | 3.00pm – 3.45pm | RBS Imagination Lab

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

Daily storytelling to lift the spirit, engage the senses and spark the imagination. Today: **Bob Hartman**.

Harry Horse's Ogopogo in Picture & Song

Families & 3+ | 3.30pm | RBS Corner Theatre | £3.50

Harry Horse's heart-warming classic, the beloved *Ogopogo*, comes to life in an event the whole family will love. **Dick Lee** is joined by a host of musicians in this interactive concert event, inspired by his improvised collaborations with Harry. Hear the singing sea monster for yourself on this magical, musical adventure!

Rhymes & Reasons with Bookstart

ADULTS | 4.30pm | RBS Imagination Lab | Free – book in advance

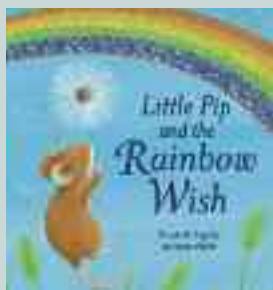
Join Edinburgh's Bookstart team for a relaxed informative event on sharing books, stories and songs with young children. Learn how the use of activity games and nursery rhymes in the early stages of development can help to foster a lifelong love of reading.

Maximum 4 tickets per booking

Monsterology with Dr Drake

AGE 8 – 12 | 5.00pm | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £3.50

Your favourite Dragonologists are back with another exciting collection of extraordinary, magical, mystical beasts in *Monsterology!* Come and get to know this awe-inspiring group of hydras, chimeras, griffons and more!



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15 Friday August

events for adults

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Alan Bissett, Des Dillon & Anne Donovan

WAKE UP TO WORDS

10.15am | Highland Park Spiegeltent | £9.00 £7.00

A super-energising start to the day with three spirited Scottish authors. Anne Donovan, shortlisted for the Orange and Whitbread Prizes for *Buddha Da*, has a life-affirming new novel in *Being Emily*. Multi-talented Des Dillon's *My Epileptic Lurcher* will have you weeping with laughter and emotion, while Alan Bissett is equally full of exuberance, optimism and style.

Free coffee and pastries. Sponsored by Green Mountain Coffee Roasters

David Andress & Adam Nicolson

HISTORY

10.30am | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Pivotal moments in Western civilization brilliantly explored. The prolific Adam Nicolson looks in *Earls of Paradise* at the mighty Earls of Pembroke as a sixteenth century country shifted inexorably away from the medieval. In 1789 David Andress shows a more radical world shift: revolution in the air, the Rights of Man, a new global order and the men who held the future in their hands. Chaired by **Allan Little**.

James Fergusson & Sean Rayment

EAST AND WEST

11.00am | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Afghanistan remains intractable, British troops embroiled in a seemingly unwinnable conflict of complex origin and uncertain purpose. These accounts are from the front line, distinguished journalists bringing testimonies from the soldiers themselves in the killing zones of Helmand – and asking questions about the nature and future of this war.

Contracts: the Fine Print

WRITING WORKSHOP

11.00am – 12.30pm | Writers' Retreat | £12.00 £10.00

Elizabeth Haylett Clark and **Anna Ganley** from the Society of Authors, unpick and offer advice on the finer points of modern publishing contracts. Bring your questions, doubts and contracts! (*Maximum 20 places*)

literature

fiction

Anne Enright

MEET THE AUTHOR

11.30am | RBS Main Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

The Man Booker Prize winner, one of the finest of Irish writers, has deservedly won legions of new fans since her triumph last autumn. Her new stories, *Taking Pictures*, show her at her outstanding, subversive best: shocks of recognition in vivid, sharp prose, the travails of women and families, nailing the distance between messy lives and dreams.

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A BOOKCASE EVENT

Ben Crystal

SHAKESPEARE REVEALED

12 noon | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Shakespearean actor Ben Crystal presents *Shakespeare on Toast*, a breathtaking performance capturing all the life and wonderful language of the Bard, presenting him as never seen before! Shakespeare has never been so real or relevant.

Ben Goldacre & David McFarland

POPULAR SCIENCE

12.30pm | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

An invigorating session on the pseudo-scientific nonsense peddled to us by popular culture as well as philosophical questions about alien minds and artificial intelligence. Ben Goldacre pens the Bad Science column in the Guardian, demolishing spurious 'evidence'. David McFarland asks why and how we ascribe human emotions to animals, and whether robots can feel guilt.

Andrew O'Hagan

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY SERIES

1.30pm | RBS Main Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

One of the most prodigiously gifted writers of his generation, Andrew O'Hagan is a magnificently intelligent essayist, novelist, critic – and mesmerising speaker. *The Atlantic Ocean* collects his reportage on the changing relationship between a declining Britain and a rising America – filled with personal insight and documentary witness, endlessly thought-provoking. Chaired by **Magnus Linklater**.

Stefan Collini & Peter Conrad

SOCIETY AND CULTURE

2.00pm | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Join two leading commentators in a far-reaching discussion about criticism, creativity and culture. Stefan Collini explores the role of the critic in the literary and intellectual culture of Britain. Peter Conrad traces the different concepts of creation and creativity in Western civilization, touching upon religion, art, opera, film, psychology and physics.

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Friday 15 August **events for adults** *continued*

Books, Blogging and the Internet **workshop**

WRITING WORKSHOP

2.00pm – 3.30pm | Writers' Retreat | £12.00 £10.00

How can writers best use the internet to produce and promote their work? Ex-Sunday Times journalist **Helen Fowler**, who secured her first book deal after publishers stumbled on her popular blog (www.motheratlarge.com), guides you through social networking, turning blogs into books and the benefits of an online presence. (*Maximum 20 places*)

Linn Ullmann & Jan Kjaerstad

WRITERS OF THE WORLD

2.30pm | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Two of the finest Norwegian novelists. The superb Linn Ullmann (daughter of Ingmar Bergman and Liv Ullmann) explores adolescent coming-of-age on a remote island in her brand new *A Blessed Child*. Jan Kjaerstad's international bestselling trilogy sweeps energetically through a life, a nation and the latter half of the twentieth century. Intelligence and insight guaranteed.

Mark Cocker & Esther Woolfson

NATURE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

3.30pm | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

A love song to birds. Award-winning Scottish story writer Esther Woolfson and acclaimed nature author Mark Cocker, whose book *Crow Country* is nominated for the Samuel Johnson Prize for Non-fiction, share a passion for crows and rooks – their complex intelligence, their empathy, their raucous song, their place in our landscapes and ecology, the superstition which attaches to them. You will never look at these birds the same way again.

Tibor Fischer

FINE FICTION

4.00pm | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

A wonderful hour of comic writing. Award-winning author Tibor Fischer is back with his sixth novel. In *Good to be God*, his protagonist, tired of failure, runs away to America and creates a new life and identity for himself as someone much more powerful and successful: God.

Tony Black & Jonny Glynn

FIRST FICTION

4.30pm | Writers' Retreat | £6.00 £4.00

Award-winning Edinburgh journalist Tony Black's first novel *Paying For It* follows washed-up hack-turned-investigator Gus Dury as he uncovers a seedy vice ring linked to Eastern European people smugglers. Jonny Glynn's *The Seven Days of Peter Crumb* is a dark and brilliant debut about a serial killer's last week on earth.

New Kolkata Writing

WRITERS OF THE WORLD

5.00pm | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Following the sell-out success of our Bengali authors' visit last summer, we are delighted to welcome to the festival some more of West Bengal's finest writers. Come and connect with Kolkata and discover a new generation of Asian writing, courtesy of the British Council, featuring **Srijato**, **Rimi B Chatterjee** and **Alka Saraogi**.

A BOOKCASE EVENT

Inclusion and Achievement

CHILDREN AND EDUCATION

5.00pm | RBS Corner Theatre | £5.00

Teacher, professor, researcher and now Director of the Inclusive Practice Project, **Martyn Rouse** is one of the leading thinkers on inclusion and special educational needs in Britain. Find out about education strategy and the development of socially inclusive and supportive programmes in schools from an expert in the field.

Fiction, poetry, biography, history – it's all here!

The finest novelists, award-winning poets, chroniclers of lives, insightful historians, crime and cooking, the best business writers, intrepid explorers, writers on religion, culture, nature, theatre and music – they are all here.

The aid industry and the AIDS industry, the troubles of Northern Ireland and the travails of Africa – there is so much richness in our fullest programme ever. We have made many paths for you to follow, themes and strands – or simply pick your own journey through the names and subjects which catch your fancy. Mix the much-loved with the as yet undiscovered – make your own festival of the mind.



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Amnesty International Imprisoned Writers Series

RIGHT TO FREEDOM FROM INTERFERENCE WITH FAMILY, HOME OR CORRESPONDENCE

5.30pm – 6.15pm | Peppers Theatre

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

Our daily free readings in solidarity with writers facing persecution for their thoughts and words. Today: Writers who are imprisoned, exiled, harassed or tortured are denied the right to enjoy a normal family life. This afternoon, we hear the work of these writers read by Book Festival authors including **Stella Duffy**.

society

Adam Foulds & Jamie McKendrick

POETRY

6.00pm | Writers' Retreat | £6.00 £4.00

Remarkable work remembering aspects of Empire. Forward Poetry Prize winning Jamie McKendrick's *Crocodiles and Obelisks* searches through the debris of power; while newcomer Adam Foulds's *The Broken World* is a sequence telling of Britain's repression of the Kenyan Mau Mau uprising – astonishing and original.

poetry

Bookslam

FICTION, POETRY AND MUSIC

6.15pm – 8.15pm | Highland Park Spiegeltent | £9.00 £7.00

Bookslam has escaped its regular night in West London and come to Scotland for August! The best performers, cool music – come and relax with a drink in our opulent Spiegeltent as writers mix with musicians in a unique night of literary entertainment. Featuring, amongst others, leading performance poet **Patience Agbabi**, energetic young Scottish writer **Alan Bissett** and the wit of the award-winning **Dan Rhodes**.

A BOOKCASE EVENT

culture

Matt Frei

THE TURCAN CONNELL EVENT

6.30pm | RBS Main Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

The BBC's charismatic and award-winning Washington correspondent unveils the paradoxes of America's capital: the power and the poverty, the weapons which could obliterate the world and the teenage shooting sprees, the microcosm of the contradictions of the USA. Come and meet an experienced and insightful analyst. Chaired by **Allan Little**.

nations

Salley Vickers

FINE FICTION

6.45pm | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Salley Vickers's *Miss Garnet's Angel* – a resonant story of achieving new life and transformation through art – was a remarkable debut and her reputation has grown with each succeeding novel. Now she reinterprets the myth of Oedipus (she is a former psychoanalyst) in *Where Three Roads Meet* – an enduringly powerful fable about blindness and knowledge. Chaired by **James Jauncey**.

fiction

Fiction on a Pedestal: Is the Novel Overrated?

THE LONDON REVIEW OF BOOKS EVENT

7.00pm | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Is the novel an overrated and moribund art form? Why should we care about it and where is it going? An expert and passionate panel discusses whether the novel. Come and join **Anne Enright**, **Andrew O'Hagan**, and **Marina Warner**.

literature

Daniel Clay, Ross Raisin & Mark Wernham

FIRST FICTION

7.30pm | Writers' Retreat | £6.00 £4.00

Come and hear three exceptional new voices of our fractured times. Ross Raisin's *God's Own Country* depicts a misfit Yorkshire teenager on the Moors with richly idiomatic language. Daniel Clay's *Broken* creates a chaotic working class community, leaving a shattered boy and a girl in a coma. Mark Wernham's *Martin Martin's On The Other Side* is a skewed, dystopian vision – hilarious and frightening.

fiction

Quintin Jardine

CRIME FICTION

8.00pm | RBS Main Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Firm festival favourite, Quintin Jardine – another one of Scotland's suspiciously stupendous crime writers – returns with the latest outing for DCC Bob Skinner. In *Aftershock*, told with all his mastery and flair, a young woman on a golf course appears to be the victim of a serial killer. It is all getting very close to home...

crime

Stories in Stone

LITERATURE AND LANDSCAPE

8.30pm | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Our beautiful capital is a city built on books, uniquely recognised by UNESCO as both a World Heritage Site and City of Literature. Take a tour around the Old and New Towns exploring the literary resonance of Edinburgh's historic buildings, streets and spaces, with narrators, exquisite images, discussion and more. Author and director of the Scottish Storytelling Centre **Donald Smith**, and acclaimed Scottish writers **Stewart Conn** and **James Robertson**, uncover the heritage, hidden secrets and literary power of what lies around us.

In association with Edinburgh World Heritage
and Edinburgh UNESCO City of Literature

A BOOKCASE EVENT

literature

Gavin Francis & Francis Spufford

THE TOWNHOUSE COLLECTION EVENT

8.30pm | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

The Arctic and Antarctic exert their inexorable attraction in this unmissable event. Edinburgh writer Gavin Francis travels throughout Arctic Europe in *True North*; while Francis Spufford has gathered together the finest writing on polar exploration past and present, and the eerie hold of the regions of (melting) ice over our collective imagination.

travel

Spiegelbar MUSIC

From 9.00pm | Highland Park Spiegeltent | Free – open to all

Come and enjoy a relaxing evening with live music in our atmospheric travelling ballroom. A great place to have a drink and end your festival day. The band line-up is available from the Information Desk in the Entrance Tent.

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Friday 15 August

events for children

Rhymetime

BABIES & UNDER 3s | 10.00am – 10.30am | RBS Imagination Lab
Free – book in advance

Interactive pirate songs and stories for babies and toddlers with Bookstart Edinburgh and Craigmillar Books for Babies in their incredibly popular event designed to engage your youngsters. (Also on 9, 19, 20, 25 Aug).

Maximum 4 tickets per booking

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Maximum 4 tickets per booking

The Littlest Dinosaur with Michael Foreman

AGE 4 – 8 | 11.30am | RBS Corner Theatre | £3.50

Delicately realised in pastel colours, Michael Foreman's *The Littlest Dinosaur* is a heart-warming tale of courage and friendship which is bound to appeal to readers, whether big or small. Join this outstanding illustrator as he shares his gentle fable in this delightful family-friendly event.

Story Time

ALL AGES | 12 noon – 12.45pm | RBS Imagination Lab
Free: Tickets available from the Box Office on the day of the event

Daily storytelling to lift the spirit, engage the senses and spark the imagination. Today: **Ruth Kirkpatrick**.

Posy with Catherine Rayner

AGE 4 – 7 | 12.30pm | RBS Workshop Tent | £3.50

Posy is such an energetic kitten! She bounds everywhere, having all sorts of adventures along the way. Join talented illustrator Catherine Rayner for an event of drawing and craftwork based on frolicking kittens.

workshop

Intrigue and Deception with Sally Gardner

AGE 8 – 12 | 1.30pm | RBS Corner Theatre | £3.50

The drama of the French Revolution forms a compelling backdrop for *The Red Necklace*, which shines like Sally Gardner's previous book, the phenomenally successful *I, Coriander*. Full of love, revenge, blackmail and mysterious threads of magic, this is a tremendous adventure.

The Secret, Undercover Puzzler

AGE 7 – 10 | 1.30pm | RBS Imagination Lab | £3.50

Minnie Piper is a top class code-cracker. Author **Caroline Juskus** creates a mystery tour full of intricate riddles and puzzles designed to challenge your brain. Come and untangle the mind-bending cryptic clues in this totally interactive event!

Archaeology Detectives

AGE 8+ | 3.00pm | RBS Corner Theatre | £3.50

How do we know what life was like for people 100, 1000 or even 5000 years ago? These questions are answered by archaeology detective **Simon Adams** in an exciting hands-on exploration of the detective work, problem-solving and sheer luck involved in our understanding and uncovering of the great civilizations of the past.

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Hamish McHaggis and The Lost Prince

AGE 5 – 7 | 3.00pm | RBS Workshop Tent | £3.50

Join Hamish McHaggis (the talking haggis!) and all his friends as they embark upon another exciting Scottish adventure, this time in search of the mysterious lost prince. Author **Linda Strachan** leads this interactive workshop starring her most famous creation.

workshop

Story Time

ALL AGES | 3.00pm – 3.45pm | RBS Imagination Lab
Free: Tickets available from the Box Office on the day of the event

Daily storytelling to lift the spirit, engage the senses and spark the imagination. Today: **Ruth Kirkpatrick**.

Dinosaur Cove!

AGE 5 – 9 | 5.00pm | RBS Imagination Lab | £3.50

Step into the late Cretaceous period when dinosaurs roamed the earth with illustrator **Mike Spoor**. Two friends fall through an ancient beach cave into a world of dinosaurs in this exciting interactive event with games and stories all about your favourite prehistoric giants.

Jackie Kay

AGE 12+ | 6.30pm | RBS Corner Theatre | £3.50

Award-winning story writer and poet, Jackie Kay is a Book Festival favourite and her events are always profoundly entertaining. Her infectious enthusiasm and powerful lyrical style captivates all ages. Come and be inspired in an event spanning the world and contained inside a seashell.



Facts and fun

Discover fascinating facts on your favourite subjects in our expanded offering of non-fiction events for budding young explorers, detectives, archaeologists and scientists.



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events for adults

Ten at Ten

FICTION AND POETRY

10.00am – 10.10am | Writers' Retreat | Free – book in advance

A short and perfect start to the morning: a ten minute reading, free, in our lovely Writers' Retreat in the trees. A story, or poetry – a literary surprise each day. Check the screen in the Entrance Tent to find out who will be reading today.

literature

Christopher Brookmyre

MEET THE AUTHOR

11.30am | RBS Main Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Our first opportunity this weekend to experience the dazzlingly funny Scottish crime writer and Spirit of Scotland winner who returns with *A Snowball In Hell*. Expect no-holds-barred wit, satire and some choice language as Christopher Brookmyre reveals the adventures of his talent-show contestant-cum-professional assassin Simon Darcourt. Chaired by **Brian Taylor**.

fiction

Kathleen Jamie, Jean Sprackland & Samantha Wynne-Rhydderch

WAKE UP TO WORDS

10.15am | Highland Park Spiegeltent | £9.00 £7.00

To begin a day rich in poetry, a dazzling line-up from Scotland, England and Wales. Kathleen Jamie's award-winning work is lyrical, subtle, alert to rhythms of the natural world; Costa-winning Jean Sprackland's *Tilt* depicts a slipping world where survival is still possible; and Samantha Wynne-Rhydderch is a prodigiously talented new Welsh voice.

Free coffee and pastries. Sponsored by Green Mountain Coffee Roasters

A BOOKCASE EVENT

poetry

John Burnside, Janice Galloway, A L Kennedy & Don Paterson

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY EVENT

12 noon | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

A stunningly high quality showcase of the finest contemporary Scottish writing – commissioned especially by the festival. We asked four of Scotland's most highly acclaimed writers of prose and poetry to create brand new work for this event, which will later be presented in Norway, in Stavanger City of Culture 2008. Come and hear the very best.

Supported through the Scottish Government's Edinburgh Festivals Expo Fund

A BOOKCASE EVENT

literature

Jackie Kay

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY SERIES

11.00am | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

An hour with Jackie Kay is an hour of purest pleasure. Poet, playwright, novelist, story writer, children's author, broadcaster, all of her many award-winning genres are infused with the kind of passion for life which simply makes the world a better place. Her latest poetry collection *Darling* gets to the heart of love with exquisite literary skill.

poetry

Stella Duffy, Rodge Glass & William Sutcliffe

FINE FICTION

12.30pm | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

A young man from a dysfunctional family pursues adventure in *Hope For Newborns*, showing all Rodge Glass's narrative skill. Stella Duffy's beautiful *The Room Of Lost Things* is a love letter to the hidden lives that pass through a dry cleaning shop. In William Sutcliffe's hilarious *Whatever Makes You Happy* three mothers sort out their thirty-something year old sons.

fiction

Self-esteem for Writers

WRITING WORKSHOP

11.00am – 12.30pm | Writers' Retreat | £12.00 £10.00

Writers all need self-esteem – to get started, to keep going and to actually enjoy the process of becoming a published author. Have your thoughts and feelings help not hinder you and learn a short practical relaxation technique to move you from frazzle to flow. Find out how to build the self-belief and determination you need to succeed with renowned teacher and author **Patricia Cleghorn**. (Maximum 20 places)

workshop

Terry Pratchett

THE SCOTTISHPOWER EVENT

1.30pm | RBS Main Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

The inimitable Terry Pratchett takes us on an enlightening tour of his most famous creation, Discworld, in the year of its 25th anniversary. For fans from eight to eighty, this is a pleasure not to be missed at any cost.

fiction

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Writing Poetry

POETRY WORKSHOP

2.00pm – 3.30pm | Writers' Retreat | £12.00 £10.00

How to be a black belt in haiku! Learn the rules of good poetry, and more importantly, how to break them. **Kevin MacNeil** wrote the international award-winning collection *Love and Zen in the Outer Hebrides* and his poetry is widely anthologised. *(Maximum 20 places)*

In association with Arvon tutors at Moniack Mhor Writers' Centre

workshop

Michael Burleigh

WAR AND TERROR

4.00pm | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Blood and Rage: A Cultural History of Terrorism is a magisterial and essential survey of the origins of contemporary terrorism from the precursors of the IRA to the Islamist threat. Leading historian Michael Burleigh, winner of the Samuel Johnson prize, gives a profound insight into the mindset of those who use violence to further political or religious ends.

history

Helen Dunmore & Katie Hickman

FINE FICTION

2.30pm | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Two of our finest writers reveal history through fiction. Katie Hickman is a leading historian; in *The Aviary Gate* she thrillingly recreates the secret intrigues of sixteenth century Constantinople. Helen Dunmore, prolific author and Orange Prize winner, conjures ancient Rome and the love affair between Catullus and his mistress in the mesmerising *Counting The Stars*.

fiction

Jenni Murray

MEET THE AUTHOR

4.30pm | RBS Main Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

One of Britain's most admired and beloved broadcasters, Jenni Murray's work is forthright, honest and thought-provoking. *Memoirs of a Not So Dutiful Daughter* is a deeply personal account of her relationship with her mother and of the terrible year in which both her parents died within six months of each other and she was diagnosed with breast cancer. Chaired by **Sheena McDonald**.

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biography

A C Grayling

THE SCOTTISHPOWER EVENT

3.00pm | RBS Main Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Perhaps no other philosopher speaks so eloquently, accessibly and illuminatingly about our everyday lives and ethics. A C Grayling is one of the festival's most ardently welcomed guests – book very fast! In *The Choice of Hercules* he speaks of the tension between pleasure and duty, and the necessary balance between them in the twenty first century.

philosophy

Gary Geddes

& Bernard O'Donoghue

WRITERS OF THE WORLD

4.30pm | Writers' Retreat | £6.00 £4.00

Remarkable poetry from Canada and Ireland. Gary Geddes is a leading Canadian literary figure and powerful political poet. His Commonwealth award-winning *The Terracotta Army* evokes those Chinese soldiers frozen in time. Whitbread winner Bernard O'Donoghue contrasts his Cork childhood and the exile of adulthood in a selection of twenty years of superb work.

poetry

The Art of Nature Writing

THE GRANTA EVENT

3.30pm | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Granta magazine contains some of the best reportage and also some of the finest nature writing. It is a resurgent genre – writing which seeks to reveal and re-establish our connection with the natural world. **Kathleen Jamie's** *Findings* engaged deeply with the Scottish landscape; **Mark Cocker's** *Crow Country* is a lyrical celebration of birdlife in Britain; leading correspondent **Isabel Hilton** joins her to discuss this growing and vital field.

literature

Medicine and society

Extraordinary advances in medical science have transformed our lives in ways unthinkable a generation ago. But with each new development – stem cell technology for instance – comes a new ethical dilemma. This year we look at the amazing impact and implications of medicine upon society and individuals. Moving from the first mapping of contagious diseases, to the reborn enthusiasm for (arguably unproven) alternative medicine to the thorny moral issues surrounding euthanasia, the Book Festival provides a unique forum to discuss these vital matters. Look out too for our genomics series, where writers and thinkers explore, with you, the fascinating questions and challenges arising from our new understanding of the genetic codes of life.



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New Norwegian Writing

WRITERS OF THE WORLD

5.00pm | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

As part of our vibrant exchange with Norway, we are delighted to welcome leading writers from Stavanger City of Culture 2008. A remarkable range of writing has flourished in that beautiful region and today we launch a special anthology featuring **Kjartan Fløgstad, Sigmund Jensen, Tore Renberg, Øyvind Rimbereid, Einar O Risa** and **Torild Wardaenar**. Come and meet the finest talent from just across the North Sea.

world writing

Amnesty International Imprisoned Writers Series

RIGHT TO FREEDOM OF THOUGHT, CONSCIENCE AND RELIGION

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society

David Roberts

THE ART OF ILLUSTRATING

5.30pm – 7.00pm | RBS Workshop Tent | £12.00 £10.00

One of the most distinctive illustrators working today, David Roberts is as versatile as he is prolific; his designs spanning fashion to book illustration. Come and meet the outstanding and delightful artist behind some of the quirkiest children's book characters around (Dirty Bertie, Tyrannosaurus Drip and Eddie Dickens to name a few) and let him show you how it's done. *(Maximum 20 places)*

masterclass

Joe Dunthorne & Robert Lewis

FINE FICTION

6.00pm | Writers' Retreat | £6.00 £4.00

Meet two of the brightest new talents to emerge from Wales. *Submarine* by Joe Dunthorne has been called 'the sharpest, funniest, rudest account of a periodically troubled teenager's coming-of-age since *The Catcher in the Rye*'. Robert Lewis's second novel *Swansea Terminal* is a dark, funny and poignant thriller.

A BOOKCASE EVENT

fiction

Alexander McCall Smith

THE NAPIER UNIVERSITY EVENT

6.30pm | RBS Main Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

One of the most entertaining, engaging and genial of all authors, beloved by millions across the world, Alexander McCall Smith continues to charm with his wise, beautifully observed novels set in Botswana and Scotland. A life-enhancing hour guaranteed.

fiction

Sophie Hannah & Gregory Norminton

FINE FICTION

6.45pm | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Two wonderful novels with undetected crime at their heart. Sophie Hannah is a prize-winning poet as well as acclaimed thriller writer. *The Point of Rescue*, a woman alone meeting a stranger, is addictively chilling. Edinburgh resident Gregory Norminton describes the haunting return of an intense school friendship in *Serious Things*.

fiction

The Book of Life

SCIENCE AND ETHICS

7.00pm – 8.15pm | Highland Park Spiegeltent | £9.00 £7.00

The mapping of the human genome is one of the most important scientific achievements of recent years. Scottish poet **Gillian Ferguson** spent four years producing her own literary celebration of this monumental achievement: *The Human Genome: Poems on the Book of Life*. Join her, and the rest of our distinguished panel, to discuss the relationship between science and art. **Professor Susan Lindee**, from the University of Pennsylvania, is an expert on the cultural meanings of DNA. **Professor Grahame Bulfield** is a leading molecular geneticist and Head of the College of Science and Engineering at the University of Edinburgh. Chaired by **Dr Steve Sturdy**, Deputy Director of the ESRC Genomics Forum.

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Lloyd Jones & Deirdre Madden

FINE FICTION

7.00pm | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Mister Pip, Lloyd Jones's tale of survival by Dickensian storytelling on a war-threatened Pacific island, was Man Booker shortlisted, Richard & Judy selected, beloved by readers. In *Molly Fox's Birthday* by celebrated Irish writer Deirdre Madden, a struggling playwright is mistaken for her famous actor friend.

fiction

Nick Harkaway & Richard T Kelly

FIRST FICTION

7.30pm | Writers' Retreat | £6.00 £4.00

Two of the most talked about debuts of the year. Nick Harkaway, son of John Le Carré, pours massive exuberance into his giddy fantasy of a post-apocalyptic Britain, *The Gone-Away World*. Richard T Kelly's equally ambitious *Crusaders* is a socio-political epic, people struggling to survive in the run-down, swift-changing North of England.

A BOOKCASE EVENT

fiction

Chuck Palahniuk

THE SKINNY EVENT

8.00pm | RBS Main Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

A very special visit from the States and a Book Festival event like no other as we launch *Snuff* by famed literary provocateur and creator of *Fight Club*, Chuck Palahniuk. His hair-raisingly outrageous new novel is about a world record attempt in the porn industry. Expect bad taste, props, hilarity. Not for the easily offended. **Over 18s only.**

fiction

Doug Johnstone & Toby Litt

MUSIC AND FICTION

8.30pm | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Bands on the road, band mates together, sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll: two great novels about rock musicians on tour. Doug Johnstone plays in a band; his new novel *The Ossians* is a rock odyssey around modern Scotland. Toby Litt's *I play the drums in a band called okay* follows a Canadian band on tour – very true to life and very funny.

fiction

Andrew Miller & Alan Spence

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY SERIES

8.30pm | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Exquisite fiction set in Japan by two award-laden authors. Alan Spence, director of Aberdeen's Word festival, tells of the Scot who helped found modern Japan in *Pure Land*. Andrew Miller's *One Morning Like A Bird* is set in Tokyo in 1940 – a tale of growing up and a great city on the brink of catastrophe.

fiction

Spiegelbar

MUSIC

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Horrid Henry with Francesca Simon & Miranda Richardson

THE SCOTTISHPOWER EVENT

AGE 7 – 10 | 10.00am | RBS Main Theatre | £3.50

Take a whirlwind ride through all of Horrid Henry's best jokes and worst capers with author Francesca Simon and actress Miranda Richardson (who narrates the Horrid Henry audio books). This wickedly fun and wildly entertaining event will include excerpts from Henry's most recent adventure, *Horrid Henry Wakes the Dead!*

Flying Cottages and Bags of Bones with Vivian French & Kaye Umansky

AGE 8 – 12 | 10.00am | RBS Corner Theatre | £3.50

Come for a spellbinding treat chock-full of evil queens, clumsy sidekicks, charming bats and cantankerous garden furniture with two great writers of fiction. Gracie Gillipot and Clover Twig are the enchanting, sprightly heroines of their chaotic, magical adventures which are ripe for discovery.

Sir Charlie Stinky Socks

AGE 4 – 8 | 10.00am | RBS Workshop Tent | £3.50

Follow the brave Sir Charlie Stinky Socks through the wild wood where trees groan, beasties moan, and witches and dragons lie in wait. Author and illustrator **Kristina Stephenson** will whisk you on an adventure full of excitement and giggles.

workshop

101 Fascinating Things

AGE 8 – 12 | 10.30am | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £3.50

Tracey Turner, part of the insanely brilliant team behind *101 Things You Wish You'd Invented...*, takes you on an interactive trivia tour through some awesome facts and bizarre inventions. Put your thinking cap on and prepare for a challenge. Quick-witted quiz masters might even win prizes!

Island Adventures with Julia Golding

AGE 8 – 12 | 11.30am | RBS Corner Theatre | £3.50

Julia Golding returns with two new exciting escapades. Darcie Lock is back in *Empty Quarter* – a daring Mediterranean thriller, while the all-new *Dragonfly* is an epic adventure set in exotic locales. Join this intriguing author on her most thrilling journeys yet!

Story Time

ALL AGES | 12 noon – 12.45pm | RBS Imagination Lab

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

Daily storytelling to lift the spirit, engage the senses and spark the imagination. Today: **Ken Shapley**.

Michael Catchpool

AGE 4 – 7 | 12.30pm | RBS Workshop Tent | £3.50

In Michael Catchpool's *That Yucky Love Thing*, Sam is surrounded by mushy lovey-doveyness, even in the depths of the jungle and at the bottom of the sea, and he's mighty fed up with it. Hear more from this fresh and funny author whose charming events are a delight for young readers.

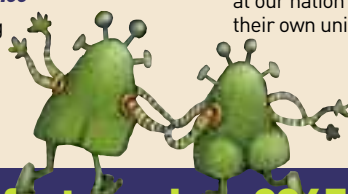
workshop

Terry Pratchett

THE SCOTTISHPOWER EVENT

Families & 8+ | 1.30pm | RBS Main Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

The inimitable Terry Pratchett takes us on an enlightening tour of his most famous creation, Discworld, in the year of its 25th anniversary. For fans from eight to eighty, this is a pleasure not to be missed at any cost.



Stories from Around the World

AGE 10+ | 1.30pm | RBS Corner Theatre | £3.50

Travel to distant, exotic lands with three of the most compelling novelists writing for children today, **Jamila Gavin**, **Sally Grindley** and **Elizabeth Laird** – but don't expect the tourist route. Intricate and heartfelt, the people and places rendered in their touching stories from India to the Middle East are utterly human and easy to identify with.

Old MacDonald with Jane Cabrera

AGE 3 – 6 | 1.30pm | RBS Imagination Lab | £3.50

Jane Cabrera's bright, cheerful retelling of classic nursery rhymes will thrill youngsters again and again. Join this delightful author for an interactive event of stories, songs and fun.

Dirty Bertie with David Roberts

AGE 5 – 9 | 2.00pm | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £3.50

Mischievous, silly and downright dirty; Bertie is a hilarious troublemaker to rival the likes of Horrid Henry. Join his creator David Roberts for an hour of wickedly funny stories and games about the grubbier boy in town.

Heroes vs Villains: Mark Walden vs Andy Briggs

AGE 8 – 12 | 3.00pm | RBS Corner Theatre | £3.50

Are good guys always good? Do you secretly cheer for the dastardly villains rather than the dashing heroes? The authors of the action-packed H.I.V.E. and Hero.com series will be locked in fierce debate of 'Heroes vs Villains' and you, the audience, will judge the winner! Back by popular demand, come and cast your vote in this battle of wits.

Story Time

ALL AGES | 3.00pm – 3.45pm | RBS Imagination Lab

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

Daily storytelling to lift the spirit, engage the senses and spark the imagination. Today: **Ken Shapley**.

Michelle Magorian

AGE 10+ | 5.00pm | RBS Corner Theatre | £3.50

Michelle Magorian's debut novel, *Goodnight Mister Tom*, has become one of the best-loved modern children's classics. Join Michelle for an exclusive look at her first book in ten years, *Just Henry*, a gripping mystery-thriller set in post-war Britain. This is a once-in-a-lifetime treat.

Stories from the Billabong with Francis Firebrace

AGE 7 – 10 | 5.00pm | RBS Imagination Lab | £3.50

Francis Firebrace is an aboriginal elder from Australia's Yorta Yorta tribe. This exceptional storyteller, musician and artist takes you on a tour of some of the ancient legends of his people in a fascinating and uniquely engaging event.

King Arthur & Robin Hood

AGE 10+ | 6.30pm | RBS Corner Theatre | £3.50

Philip Reeve's *Here Lies Arthur* cleverly re-imagines the early days of King Arthur. *Hood*, *Scarlet* and *Tuck* comprise **Stephen R Lawhead's** gripping trilogy which retells Robin Hood's escapades. Join these master storytellers for a look at our nation's most famous legends and their own unique interpretations of history.

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17 Sunday August

events for adults

Ten at Ten

FICTION AND POETRY

10.00am – 10.10am | Writers' Retreat | Free – book in advance

A short and perfect start to the morning: a ten minute reading, free, in our lovely Writers' Retreat in the trees. A story, or poetry – a literary surprise each day. Check the screen in the Entrance Tent to find out who will be reading today.

Don Paterson & Robin Robertson

WAKE UP TO WORDS

10.15am | Highland Park Spiegeltent | £9.00 £7.00

The perfect pairing of two of the profoundest Scottish poets: revelatory, complex and world class. Robin Robertson's fabled gifts now offer a powerful modern version of that greatest of tragedies, *Medea*; while Don Paterson, also internationally renowned, gives us fleeting, bright aphorisms of our lonely human consciousness in *The Blind Eye*.

Free coffee and pastries. Sponsored by Green Mountain Coffee Roasters

A BOOKCASE EVENT

Melanie Jarman, Mark Levene & Ian Whyte

THE ENVIRONMENT SERIES

10.30am | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Climate change, past and present. Ian Whyte reveals how past societies coped with environmental disasters, Mark Levene calls for an epochal change in the way we engage with the climate crisis, and Melanie Jarman sets out the choices we face to ensure the health of the planet.

Emma Tennant

FINE FICTION

11.00am | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

An overdue return to the Book Festival from a noted doyenne of British writing, controversial chronicler of Ted Hughes and Sylvia Plath amongst others. Here she reflects on a long and distinguished career and on *The Autobiography of the Queen*, her delightful new jeu d'esprit, in which Her Majesty finds herself retired in the Caribbean. Chaired by Jackie McGlone.

Inspire Yourself!

WRITING WORKSHOP

11.00am – 12.30pm | Writers' Retreat | £12.00 £10.00

Don't wait for inspiration to strike! Learn how to calm your mind, body and emotions to reach a deeply relaxed, receptive state. Using special guided practical meditations you'll discover inspiration for your writing and your vision for yourself as a writer. With renowned teacher and author **Patricia Cleghorn**. (Maximum 20 places)

literature

Hanif Kureishi

MEET THE AUTHOR

11.30am | RBS Main Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

One of the most distinctive and fearless writers in Britain, Hanif Kureishi has been a major and vital presence since *The Buddha of Suburbia*. Sex, middle-age, love, longing, race, regret, psychoanalysis: the messy, delicate, daily business of living – wholly present in his latest, *Something To Tell You*. Come and meet a charismatic force.

A BOOKCASE EVENT

Michael Billington

SOCIETY AND CULTURE

12 noon | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

The highly distinguished and ever perceptive theatre critic of the Guardian has been a major commentator on this country refracted through its culture for over three decades. *State of the Nation* is a deeply intelligent look at post-war Britain, from Atlee to Blair, as reflected in the theatre and its creative, questioning artists.

fiction

culture

Torbjörn Tännsjö & Frank Trentmann

POLITICS AND SOCIETY

12.30pm | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Two leading commentators offer urgently needed understanding about the way the world interacts with itself. Torbjörn Tännsjö argues the case for a world government to solve global issues such as war and the environment. Frank Trentmann's history of Free Trade and its contribution to democracy, offers a fascinating perspective on current globalisation issues.

politics

How to Create Picture Books

PICTURE BOOK WORKSHOP

2.00pm – 3.30pm | Writers' Retreat | £12.00 £10.00

Have you ever thought you'd like to write or illustrate a picture book? This is the perfect opportunity to try out ideas, experiment, and hear about the pitfalls and pleasures. With **Sue Heap** and **Vivian French** who have over forty years of experience between them. (Maximum 25 places)

workshop

Ken MacLeod

FINE FICTION

2.30pm | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

One of the most imaginative science fiction writers of our times, Scottish author Ken MacLeod always connects his alternative universes tightly into our own, shedding new light. His brand new book *The Execution Channel*, is a futuristic thriller set in a war-torn Middle East where a father fights to rescue his soldier-son and protester-daughter.

fiction

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Sunday 17 August **events for adults** *continued*

George Steiner

LITERATURE AND CULTURE

3.00pm | RBS Main Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

We are delighted and honoured to welcome one of the world's leading intellectuals to the Book Festival. In his 80th year the renowned thinker and influential critic outlines in *My Unwritten Books* the seven books he has never written, but always wanted to write, revealing much of his remarkable life along the way. Chaired by **Magnus Linklater**.

culture

Lisa Appignanesi

MATTERS OF THE MIND

5.00pm | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

From the depression suffered by Virginia Woolf and Sylvia Plath to the anguish and addictions of Zelda Fitzgerald and Marilyn Monroe. From Freud to women-centred therapies. Lisa Appignanesi discusses her brilliant and brave study of the relationship between women, mental illness and the mind doctors. *Mad, Bad and Sad* was recently nominated for the Samuel Johnson Prize for Non-fiction.

philosophy

Julian Baggini & Steve J Martin

MATTERS OF THE MIND

3.30pm | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

We love to moan – but do we complain about the things that really matter? How can we best persuade others to say 'yes' to our requests? Julian Baggini examines why and how we complain; Steve J Martin reveals the psychology of persuasion – and how to be more influential in everyday life.

society

**Amnesty International
Imprisoned Writers Series**

**RIGHT TO TAKE PART IN THE GOVERNMENT
OF ONE'S COUNTRY**

5.30pm – 6.15pm | Peppers Theatre

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

Our daily free readings in solidarity with writers facing persecution for their thoughts and words. Today: Many writers have been persecuted for their political opinions and denied access to government. The writing today comes from Ethiopia, Iran and Afghanistan and our featured readers include **Ken MacLeod**.

society

Jenny Colgan

COMEDY AND FICTION

4.00pm | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

The witty and highly popular chronicler of the life and loves of the young British woman is at her sparkling best in *Diamonds Are A Girl's Best Friend*. A girl about town is down at heel when daddy cuts off her allowance – perhaps becoming a photographer will improve her fortunes? A funny and invigorating hour of entertainment.

fiction

David Park & Glenn Patterson

FOCUS ON NORTHERN IRELAND

6.00pm | Writers' Retreat | £6.00 £4.00

Northern Ireland brilliantly explored. In *Once Upon a Hill* Glenn Patterson researches his grandparents' marriage, and discovered how his own life was shaped by events long ago. In David Park's *The Truth Commissioner* old loyalties and future freedoms are tested as a fictional Commission is set up to examine the province's troubled past.

nations

Roy Hattersley

BRITISH HISTORY

4.30pm | RBS Main Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

One of our most popular, entertaining and erudite visitors returns. Join the politician, commentator and author as he continues his journey through twentieth century Britain with a masterly assessment of Britain between the wars, a time of uneasy peace, the General Strike, turmoil in India and Ireland, and a royal abdication.

history

Christopher Brookmyre

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY SERIES

6.30pm | RBS Main Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Our second dose of the brilliant Christopher Brookmyre. With *A Snowball in Hell*, the acclaimed crime writer takes on celebrity culture and reality television with a deadly comic touch.

BSL

fiction

A BOOKCASE EVENT

**Christopher Hope
& Sara Maitland**

FINE FICTION

4.30pm | Writers' Retreat | £6.00 £4.00

Glittering short stories from two acknowledged masters of the form. Christopher Hope gives us seductive stories on the themes of alienation and belonging in *The Garden of Bad Dreams*. Sara Maitland offers modern traditional tales in *Far North*; the title story, based on an Inuit myth, will shortly be released as a major film.

fiction

Xiaolu Guo

FOCUS ON CHINA

6.45pm | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

A captivating snapshot of modern China escaping the past. Xiaolu Guo is a leading Book Festival favourite and won international praise for *A Concise Chinese-English Dictionary for Lovers*. She draws on her own experience as a film-maker in her next novel, *20 Fragments of a Ravenous Youth* about a young woman who travels 1800 miles from her dusty village to seek her fortune as an extra in Beijing.

world writing



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Freedom of Expression **HUMAN RIGHTS**

7.00pm – 8.15pm | Highland Park Spiegeltent | £9.00 £7.00

Is the right to freedom of expression absolute? Is nothing sacred? When does mocking and abusing another's religion become unacceptable? Join our expert panel including **Lisa Appignanesi**, editor of essays on censorship, to debate a matter that affects every one of us.

In association with Scottish PEN and English PEN

society

Ron Butlin, Linda Cracknell & Angus Dunn

fiction

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY SERIES

8.30pm | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Superb short stories by Scottish writers. In *No More Angels* Ron Butlin – the new Edinburgh Makar – explores individual lives with a lightness of touch that cuts right to the heart. Linda Cracknell's stories in *The Searching Glance* are multi-layered and brood with longing. At the heart of Angus Dunn's *The Perfect Loaf* is a young man thinking about his life as he bakes bread.

A BOOKCASE EVENT

The Edwin Morgan International Poetry Competition

poetry

POETRY PRIZE

7.00pm | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

One of Europe's newest, richest and most prestigious poetry prizes is named in honour of Edwin Morgan, Scotland's first national poet, the Scots Makar.

Join three of this year's judges, themselves garlanded poets, **Donny O'Rourke, Richard Price** and **Colette Bryce**, with fellow poet **David Kinloch** as they announce the winning entries.

In association with The University of Strathclyde

Caroline Oulton & Carol Topolski **FIRST FICTION**

fiction

7.30pm | Writers' Retreat | £6.00 £4.00

A double bill of arresting new fiction writers. Caroline Oulton's collection *Unsafe Attachments* is a witty, observant exploration of the interlinking relationships of Londoners. Carol Topolski is a psychoanalytic psychotherapist; her debut *Monster Love* is a shocking story of child neglect told in the voices of neighbours, police and social services.

Susan George & Anand Menon **POLITICS AND SOCIETY**

politics

8.00pm | RBS Main Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Two highly influential and internationally acclaimed leading commentators come together to look at the future of the European Union – a future which will profoundly affect us all. Anand Menon assesses what the Union is, what it does and how well it does it. Susan George explains how the Constitution would affect our lives and her distinctive vision for Europe's future.

Andy Cave

travel

TRAVEL AND ADVENTURE

8.30pm | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

A compelling journey into the mind of an extreme mountaineer and the impossibly remote and savage places he seeks. Former miner Andy Cave's first book *Learning To Breathe* won major awards; *Thin White Line* is the sequel, examining his relationship with the mountains, death and the adventurers around him.

Spiegelbar **MUSIC**

From 9.00pm | Highland Park Spiegeltent | Free – open to all

Come and enjoy a relaxing drink with live music in our atmospheric travelling ballroom. A great place to end your festival day. The band line-up is available from the Information Desk in the Entrance Tent.

Sponsored by Highland Park

The environment

The Edinburgh International Book Festival has been at the very vanguard of environmental thinking and action. Long before climate change was on everyone's lips, it was a major subject with us. As well as constantly striving to improve our own environmental practices (see page 71) we have provided an important forum for discussion on the ecological future of our planet. This year we have a special focus on individual responsibility – what can each of us do to take the small but vital steps which will make a difference to our personal and collective futures and, in the end, the survival of our species? In addition, we have a number of events looking at aspects of the natural world – from birds to botany – also vital elements of our environment.



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events for children



Tiddler & Tyrannosaurus Drip with Julia Donaldson

THE BIG ISSUE EVENT

AGE 4 – 7 | 10.00am | RBS Main Theatre | £3.50

Join the inimitable Julia Donaldson for an exciting performance of some of her most famous stories, featuring your favourite characters. Renowned not just for her writing but also for her magical events, Julia will bring cheer to the whole family. Come along, dress as your favourite character and join in!

Fairy Fun at Glitterwings Academy

AGE 6 – 9 | 10.30am | RBS Imagination Lab | £3.50

Twink is starting her first term at Glitterwings Academy and is worried she won't make friends or pass her first flying test. Dress as your favourite fairy and join Twink on her adventures through the enchanted forest in this delightfully sparkly new series with author **Titania Woods**.

BSL

Uncle Montague's Tales of Terror

AGE 10+ | 11.30am | RBS Corner Theatre | £3.50

Uncle Montague has a curious library full of horrible secrets and long-forgotten stories. **Chris Priestley** invites you to come and sit by the fireside and listen to Uncle Montague's tales of terrible mischief and monstrous deeds. A chilling, spine-tingling treat!

Story Time

ALL AGES | 12 noon – 12.45pm | RBS Imagination Lab

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

Daily storytelling to lift the spirit, engage the senses and spark the imagination. Today: **Mara Menzies**.

Minutka's Word Workshop

AGE 5 – 8 | 1.00pm | RBS Workshop Tent | £3.50

Minutka is a very special dog who loves her family, likes to play outside and can speak both Polish and English! Author **Anna Mycek-Wodecki** leads a hands-on, accessible workshop of language and play with her loveable bilingual creation.

workshop

Scots Rhymes for Wee Folk

BABIES & UNDER 3s | 1.00pm – 1.30pm | RBS Imagination Lab

Free – book in advance

Bring your wee bairns for a rollicking singalong which will include all of your favourite Scots rhymes and stories. With Craigmillar Books for Babies. *Maximum 4 tickets per booking.*

Horrible Science with Nick Arnold

AGE 6 – 14 | 1.30pm | RBS Main Theatre | £3.50

Join Nick Arnold for a gruesome, gory peek inside the Horrible Science series. Jam-packed with nasty goings-on, this interactive show will explode with fascinating facts to both tickle your funny bone and test your gag reflex! Illustrator **Tony De Saulles** will also be available for signing after the event.

Hocus Pocus with Paul Kieve

AGE 8 – 12 | 1.30pm | RBS Corner Theatre | £3.50

Magnificent! Amazing! Paul Kieve is both master magician and Physical Magic Consultant on the Harry Potter films. Here he performs exciting tricks and illusions to baffle your mind and overload your senses, and takes you on a tour of the greatest magicians from past and present.



Mr Gum is Back! with Andy Stanton

AGE 7 – 12 | 2.00pm | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £3.50

Zany, quirky and downright mad, Andy Stanton's wit and verve is reminiscent of Roald Dahl and Monty Python. Join this one-man wonder for an exclusive sneak preview of *Mr Gum* and the *Dancing Bear* as the series snowballs into one giant, hilarious treat!

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Fun with Pants and Cavemen!

AGE 7 – 10 | 3.00pm | RBS Corner Theatre | £3.50

The truly odd and incredibly funny **Kjartan Poskitt** and **Philip Reeve** bring you *Murderous Maths*, *Urgum the Axeman* and *Pantsacadabra!*, a madcap collection of pant-related magic tricks! Hold on to your seats!

Bookmaking with Jessica Souhami

workshop

AGE 6 – 10 | 3.00pm – 5.00pm | RBS Workshop Tent | £3.50

Join storyteller, illustrator and puppeteer Jessica Souhami for a hands-on bookmaking workshop. Create your own masterpiece to take home and get the inside scoop on books as part of our celebrations of the 500th anniversary of printing in Scotland.

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Taking Liberties: History & Fiction

AGE 10+ | 5.00pm | RBS Corner Theatre | £3.50

Celia Rees, **Julia Golding**, and **Katie Grant** all write exciting fictional adventures set in the past, featuring highway robbers, revolutionaries and valiant knights. What can fiction reveal about history? And what liberties do authors take when retelling past events? Come and be inspired to write your own historical fiction by these three gifted novelists.

The Black Cloak

AGE 6 – 10 | 5.00pm | RBS Imagination Lab | £3.50

A thief, a king, impossible riddles and a black cloak. Master storytellers **Ron Fairweather** and **Fergus McNicol** pull out all the stops in this darn good yarn about a trickster-thief's adventures. Give yourself over to this daring duo's highly enjoyable interactive escapades!

Illustrating Truth and Freedom

FAMILIES & 7+ | 6.30pm | RBS Corner Theatre | £3.50

How do you draw freedom? **Axel Scheffler**, **Debi Gliori** and **Jessica Souhami** share their illustrations from *We Are All Born Free*, a picture book depicting the UN's Declaration of Human Rights. Learn how they conveyed the issues surrounding freedom through their drawing in this involving, family-friendly, special preview event. Chaired by **Janetta Otter Barry**.

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literature

Norman Bissell & Gerry Loose

WAKE UP TO WORDS

10.15am | Highland Park Spiegeltent | £9.00 £7.00

Two Scottish poets with a deep relationship to nature. Norman Bissell's *Slate, Sea and Sky* travels from Glasgow to the open spaces of an Atlantic island – accompanied by the great Oscar Marzaroli's photographs. Gerry Loose also combines photography and poetry inspired by Glasgow's Botanic Gardens.

Free coffee and pastries. Sponsored by Green Mountain Coffee Roasters

poetry

Susan George

POLITICS AND POWER

10.30am | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

George Bush leaves the White House in January 2009 and the United States goes back to 'normal', right? Wrong, argues highly influential and internationally renowned commentator Susan George. *Hijacking America* is her chilling account of the way the American secular and religious right has made its 'long march through the institutions' and fundamentally changed the way Americans think. Chaired by **Richard Holloway**.

politics

John Calder

WRITING AND POETRY

11.00am | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

John Calder – writer, publisher, translator – has been a seminal figure in late twentieth century literature. Friend and publisher of Samuel Beckett, translator of such greats as Goethe, Zola and Tolstoy and the first to publish William S Burroughs in the UK. Come and join him as he talks about his life and reads from his new collection of poetry.

literature

Business Writing

WRITING WORKSHOP

11.00am – 12.30pm | Writers' Retreat | £12.00 £10.00

Business writing that is engaging and imaginative makes a better connection with its audience, whoever that may be, and whatever the message. In this hands-on workshop, leading business writer and novelist **James Jauncey** helps you discover how to put more of YOU into what you write at work. (Maximum 20 places)

workshop

A L Kennedy

THE BAILLIE GIFFORD EVENT

11.30am | RBS Main Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

A not-to-be-missed hour in the company of one of the foremost writers of our time. Her fifth novel *Day*, winner of the Costa Book of the Year, is a brilliantly realised and moving exploration of the simple brutality of war.

A BOOKCASE EVENT

fiction

Lawrence Freedman & David Ryan

WAR AND TERROR

12 noon | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

US foreign policy under close scrutiny: Lawrence Freedman discusses the complex context of America's predicament in the Middle East; David Ryan analyses the aftermath of the Vietnam War and the evolution of US policy in Iraq throughout the 1980s and the first Gulf War.

politics

Kenan Malik

SOCIETY AND CULTURE

12.30pm | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

The debate about race is back – and with a vengeance. In the past, scientific ideas of race reflected political ideas of inferiority and superiority, whereas today it reflects contemporary notions of diversity. Kenan Malik challenges both ideas, and argues that it's through our political obsession with identity that the issue of race is again catching fire. Chaired by **Iain Macwhirter**.

society

Mark Billingham

CRIME FICTION

1.30pm | RBS Main Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

A not-to-be-missed hour with the top stand-up comedian and leading crime writer: His Book Festival appearances are always massively popular – come and discover why! *In The Dark*, his first stand-alone thriller, is set in the ganglands of London, where secrets are uncovered as fast as bodies.

crime

Researching and Writing Biography

WRITING WORKSHOP

2.00pm – 3.30pm | Writers' Retreat | £12.00 £10.00

A practical workshop on research techniques and ways of structuring biography. Bring along ideas about your projects and work in progress. With **Brian Osborne**, author of the A&C Black Writing Handbook *Writing Biography and Autobiography*. (Maximum 20 places)

workshop

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Giles Bolton & Elizabeth Pisani

politics

MEDICINE AND SOCIETY

2.30pm | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

To what extent are international efforts to stop poverty and eradicate AIDS a sham? Former aid worker Giles Bolton reveals how the West's campaigns, pop concerts and promises are failing the world's poor, while straight-talking epidemiologist Elizabeth Pisani reveals the ideologies which hinder work preventing the spread of HIV.

**Charlotte Mosley
with Deborah Devonshire**

biography

LIVED LIVES

3.00pm | RBS Main Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

The extraordinary story of the legendary Mitford sisters is revealed through their collected correspondence, written over eight decades. Youngest sister Deborah, now the Dowager Duchess of Devonshire, joins editor Charlotte Mosley to present an intimate and moving portrait of six extraordinary and controversial women at the centre of twentieth century life, whose friends included Evelyn Waugh and Adolf Hitler. Chaired by **Magnus Linklater**.

Susan Pinker

society

MATTERS OF THE MIND

3.30pm | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Psychologist Susan Pinker examines how fundamental sex differences play out in the workplace. By comparing fragile boys who later succeed with high-achieving women who opt out, she overturns several assumptions: that the sexes are biologically equivalent, that intelligence is all it takes to succeed, and that men and women have identical goals. A crucial contribution to the gender debate.

**The Forum with
BBC World Service**

literature

WRITING AND LITERATURE

3.30pm | RBS Corner Theatre | Free – book in advance

The Forum is an ideas discussion programme broadcast weekly on the BBC World Service, presented by the BBC's diplomatic correspondent **Bridget Kendall**. This year they present, record and later broadcast, a special event from Charlotte Square Gardens. Join three Book Festival authors for an exclusive discussion on literature and ideas.

Meaghan Delahunt & Joan Smith

fiction

FINE FICTION

4.00pm | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Brilliant fiction rooted in real political and social events. Edinburgh-based Australian Meaghan Delahunt returns with the long-awaited *The Red Book* in which a photographer, a monk and an alcoholic have their lives changed by the legacy of Bhopal. Joan Smith, outspoken journalist and human rights campaigner, sets *What Will Survive* in occupied Lebanon.

Jen Hadfield & Donny O'Rourke

poetry

MUSIC AND POETRY

4.30pm | Writers' Retreat | £6.00 £4.00

A double bill of spellbinding poetry. Jen Hadfield is an English poet living in Shetland; her second collection *Nigh-no-Place* has been widely acclaimed. Outstanding Scottish poet Donny O'Rourke reads from *Cleft in My Heart*, and introduces a suite of show-tune lyrics. With music by guitarist **Dave Whyte** of Ceolbeg.

Trends in Publishing

literature

THE PUBLISHING SCOTLAND EVENT

5.00pm | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Should writers follow their own heart and interests or is it better to follow the trends and write a bestseller? Leading Scottish publishers explain how and why they publish, what they look for in a manuscript, and the difficulties of chasing trends. Chaired by agent **Jenny Brown**.

**Amnesty International
Imprisoned Writers Series**

society

RIGHT TO FREEDOM FROM TORTURE

5.30pm – 6.15pm | Peppers Theatre

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

Our daily free readings in solidarity with writers facing persecution for their thoughts and words. Today: Torture is absolutely prohibited by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, yet is suffered by writers in many countries, as demonstrated today in work from Zimbabwe, Malaysia and Guantanamo. Our featured readers this afternoon include **Julie Myerson**.

**Jennifer Clement
& Amanda Michalopoulou**

world writing

WRITERS OF THE WORLD

6.00pm | Writers' Retreat | £6.00 £4.00

Exceptional writing from Mexico and Greece. Jennifer Clement's *The Poison That Fascinates* is a tale of murderous Mexican women, steeped in superstition and faith. Amanda Michalopoulou writes award-winning fiction for children and adults; *I'd Like*, a collection of interlinked stories, is her first to be translated into English.

First fiction

This festival is all about the spirit of discovery and we bring you the freshest, newest, most vivid voices in fiction. It has been an incredibly strong year for debut novelists and the best of them are in Charlotte Square Gardens. So committed are we to this mind-opening voyage, that again we offer the lowest ticket prices possible so you can afford to be amazed by the energy and imagination of tomorrow's stars today.



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Monday 18 August **events for adults** *continued*

Dan Cruickshank

THE PINSENT MASONS EVENT

6.30pm | RBS Main Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

The Catherine Palace near St Petersburg, the Hanging Temple in China's Shanxi, the Lupanare brothels in Pompeii, and an igloo in Greenland – hugely popular broadcaster Dan Cruickshank tells the story of architecture in all its diversity through buildings which have impressed, astonished or changed our perception of the world.

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culture

David Kinloch & Richard Price

SCOTTISH POETRY

7.30pm | Writers' Retreat | £6.00 £4.00

A glorious double bill featuring two of Scotland's leading poets. David Kinloch reads from his new series of poems about Scottish painters and their relationship with France. Richard Price's latest collection *Greenfields* lyrically evokes a childhood in Renfrewshire.

poetry

**Lin Anderson, Alex Gray
& Aline Templeton**

CRIME FICTION

6.45pm | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Three of our finest crime writers reveal their influences. Lin Anderson's latest novel *Easy Kill* centres on the killing of young prostitutes, and Alex Gray's *Pitch Black* features the brutal stabbing of a footballer. Aline Templeton's DI Fleming investigates two murders in rural Galloway in *Lamb to the Slaughter*.

crime

Tom Devine

SCOTTISH HISTORY

8.00pm | RBS Main Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

What was Scotland's role in the British slave trade and the campaign to abolish it? The pre-eminent authority on modern Scottish history turns his attention to Scotland's relationship to slavery and reflects that Scotland is only now, reluctantly, starting to reflect on the less heroic aspects of its involvement in the Empire. Chaired by **Iain Macwhirter**.

history

The Politics of Food

FOOD AND SOCIETY

7.00pm – 8.15pm | Highland Park Spiegeltent | £9.00 £7.00

Join leading figures in a discussion on the food cycle, from safeguarding the livelihoods of farmers, the inexorable rise of the supermarket, to sourcing the best produce locally. **Harriet Lamb** heads the UK's Fairtrade Foundation, **Graham Harvey** is a food campaigner, and leading environmental writer **Carolyn Steel**'s book examines the relationship between the growth and function of cities and the production of food.

environment

Charles Leadbeater

SOCIETY AND CULTURE

8.30pm | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

An in-depth exploration of how the web is changing our world. Charles Leadbeater has advised governments and companies on innovation, and his latest book *We-think: the power of mass creativity* charts the rise of mass, participative approaches to innovation from science and open source software, to computer games and political campaigning.

society

Andrew Brown & Daniel Kalder

TRAVEL AND ADVENTURE

8.30pm | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Travel writing with a twist. In *Dreaming of Sweden*, Andrew Brown describes his love-hate relationship with the country while examining the end of the Swedish Utopian dream. In *Strange Telescopes* Scottish writer Daniel Kalder relates his bizarre and comic adventures as he pursues a treasure hunt through the former Soviet Union.

travel

Language Quiz

THE CHAMBERS EVENT

7.00pm | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

We are delighted to have the extremely popular Chambers Language Quiz at the festival for another year! Come and join our panel guests, including **Christopher Brookmyre**, as they battle their brains against the weirdest and most wonderful language questions and conundrums. Chaired by **Mark Billingham**.

culture

Spiegelbar

MUSIC

From 9.00pm | Highland Park Spiegeltent | Free – open to all

Come and enjoy a relaxing drink with live music in our atmospheric travelling ballroom. A great place to end your festival day. The band line-up is available from the Information Desk in the Entrance Tent.

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Food and society

Food production, air miles, intensive farming, the dominance of supermarkets, the search for fresh and authentic food – our eating habits have become a political, ethical and environmental barometer. We've invited the leading experts to talk about how what was once a matter of basic survival now brings troubling industrial and moral conundrums. And we celebrate, with joy, the Year of the Potato!

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Monday 18 August events for children



Stick Man with Julia Donaldson & Axel Scheffler

AGE 4 – 7 | 10.00am | RBS Main Theatre | £3.50

Join the super-talented team who brought you *The Gruffalo*, *Room on the Broom* and *Tiddler* for an exclusive look at their new book. With costumes, props and musical interludes, this show-stopping event will get your toes tapping and your heart racing!

Fantastical Beasts Workshop

AGE 8 – 14 | 10.00am – 12 noon | RBS Workshop Tent | £3.50

Create your own imps, ogres, sprites and fairies out of clay, with artist **Linda McCann**. Glean inspiration from the exciting *Spiderwick Chronicles* or dream up your own elaborate creatures and let your imagination run wild.

Julie Hegarty

AGE 7 – 11 | 10.30am | RBS Imagination Lab | £3.50

Julie Hegarty – creator of the lively Michelle Crabbit series – launches her new book *Uncle and Aunt Clockwise*, a story which helps young children to tell the time. Join Julie and all her best-loved characters for this playful, interactive event. (Includes a peek at the latest Michelle title!)

Team Read

AGE 5 – 12 | 11.00am – 3.00pm | RBS Children's Bookshop | Free & drop-in

Come along for a day full of crafts and fun to celebrate Team Read, the Reading Agency's Summer Reading Campaign. **Dr Recommenda Book** will be on hand to give out book prescriptions throughout the day.

Fairy Feast with Sue Heap

AGE 3 – 7 | 11.30am | RBS Corner Theatre | £3.50

The Queen of the Fairies invites you to her midnight feast, but the Queen's mischievous monkey, Maurice, threatens to muddle everything up! Dress up in your own glittering gown and join the celebrations in this whimsical romp through fairyland with Sue Heap.

Story Time

ALL AGES | 12 noon – 12.45pm | RBS Imagination Lab
Free: Tickets available from the Box Office on the day of the event

Daily storytelling to lift the spirit, engage the senses and spark the imagination. Today: **Mario Iván Martínez**.

Smelly Peter the Great Pea Eater

AGE 5 – 7 | 1.00pm | RBS Workshop Tent | £3.50

Peter loves peas. He eats nothing but peas, peas, peas – until one day he turns pea green! Author **Steve Smallman** takes you on a journey to outer space, where the aliens think green Peter is rather wonderful, in this rhyming adventure!

How to Draw Cartoons

AGE 8 – 12 | 1.30pm | RBS Corner Theatre | £3.50

Illustrator and cartoonist **Tony De Saulles** gives a step-by-step guide to creating your own cartoon strip using his illustrations from the gruesome *Horrible Science* series as a guide. Come and be amazed at what you can draw in this inspirational event.



Building a Book

AGE 9+ | 1.30pm | RBS Imagination Lab | £3.50

French illustrator **Delphine Durand** and translator **Sarah Adams** collaborated closely to bring Delphine's imaginative, quirky and hilarious book *My House* to a British audience. Part story and part cartoon, it introduces us to the bizarre characters which populate one colourful house. This is a fascinating look at the way in which books are created and the relationship between pictures and words.

Alexander McCall Smith THE PAPER TIGER EVENT

FAMILIES & 6+ | 2.00pm | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £3.50

Both international phenomenon and genial storyteller, Alexander McCall Smith's visits to the Book Festival are always much anticipated and cherished. His children's stories such as *Akimbo and the Elephants* and *The Five Lost Aunts of Harriet Bean* delight readers of all ages. Bring the family along for a fun-filled afternoon which includes a special look at his newest title *Akimbo and the Baboons*.

The Black Book of Colours

AGE 5 – 8 | 3.00pm | RBS Workshop Tent | £3.50

What does red taste like? How does purple smell? If you were unable to see, what would colours mean to you? Author **Jennifer Clement** uses the international, award-winning *The Black Book of Colours* to explore the senses by playing games about colour, vision and understanding.

Story Time

ALL AGES | 3.00pm – 3.45pm | RBS Imagination Lab
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Daily storytelling to lift the spirit, engage the senses and spark the imagination. Today: **Mario Iván Martínez**.

Michael Morpurgo's Legends

FAMILIES & 7+ | 4.30pm | RBS Main Theatre | £3.50

Our oldest tales and best-loved stories stand the test of time; they change, grow and adapt through being retold by different generations. The captivating Michael Morpurgo tours the myths and breathes new life into age-old legends from *Beowulf* to *King Arthur* and beyond in what promises to be an invigorating and exciting event.

Philip Reeve

AGE 10+ | 5.00pm | RBS Corner Theatre | £3.50

The inestimable Philip Reeve descends on the Book Festival for an extraordinary tour of his best-loved creations. The inventive *Mortal Engines* quartet, enchanting *Larklight* adventures and the truly remarkable *Here Lies Arthur* – a highly engaging new vision of the legendary King Arthur – all firmly cement his position as a versatile master of young adult fiction.

James Jauncey

TEENS | 6.30pm | RBS Corner Theatre | £3.50

Be the first to hear exclusive pre-publication readings of *The Reckoning*, a gripping literary thriller in which eighteen year old Fin Carpenter finds something rotten at the heart of his remote island community. James Jauncey, the bright new voice of teen fiction who brought us last year's *The Witness*, delivers another thrilling tale of intrigue and determination.

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19 Tuesday August

events for adults

Ten at Ten

FICTION AND POETRY

10.00am – 10.10am | Writers' Retreat | Free – book in advance

A short and perfect start to the morning: a ten minute reading, free, in our lovely Writers' Retreat in the trees. A story, or poetry – a literary surprise each day. Check the screen in the Entrance Tent to find out who will be reading today.

Sophie Cooke, Adam Mars-Jones & Julie Myerson

WAKE UP TO WORDS

10.15am | Highland Park Spiegeltent | £9.00 £7.00

An hour of spellbinding fiction featuring teenagers by three dazzlingly talented novelists. Children are on the run in Julie Myerson's *Out of Breath* to escape troubled family life. In acclaimed Scottish writer Sophie Cooke's *Under the Mountain*, a young girl witnesses the impact of first love when older cousins come to stay. In Adam Mars-Jones's *Pilcrow*, lines are blurred between fiction and reality as a young boy copes with his disability in the 1950s.

Free coffee and pastries. Sponsored by Green Mountain Coffee Roasters

Solomon Hughes, Jeremy Scahill & Bob Shepherd

WAR AND TERROR

11.00am | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Who are the winners in the War on Terror? It may well be the commercial companies involved. Investigative reporter Solomon Hughes reveals the corporate profiteering from the politics of fear and Jeremy Scahill traces the rise of Blackwater, the world's most powerful mercenary firm. Ex-SAS soldier Bob Shepherd gives an inside account of how commercial security companies undermined the War on Terror.

Writing Poetry in Scots

POETRY WORKSHOP

11.00am – 12.30pm | Writers' Retreat | £12.00 £10.00

From stooshies to stramashes, from a guid girn to a hairtelt blether, poet Liz Niven unlocks the lyrical magic of the Scots language and invites you to come and experiment with Scots' voices. (Maximum 20 places)

Michael Holroyd

MEET THE AUTHOR

11.30am | RBS Main Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

The greatest living British biographer and enthralling raconteur, turns his attention to the theatre legends of the nineteenth century, Henry Irving and Ellen Terry, and the remarkable lives of their children.

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biography

Bill Bell, David Finkelstein & Alistair McCleery

BOOKS AND SOCIETY

12 noon | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

As Scotland celebrates 500 years of printing, editors David Finkelstein, Bill Bell and Alistair McCleery reveal the remarkable contribution to publishing and literary culture made by Scotland over the last 120 years – a period covering momentous changes in writing, publishing technology, bookselling, readership and of course, book festivals.

Hugh Aldersey-Williams & Nick Davies

MEDIA AND SOCIETY

12.30pm | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

The truth behind the headlines: while warning us of new calamities daily, the newspaper industry is in crisis, undermined by PR propaganda. Hugh Aldersey-Williams, co-author of *Panicology* offers rational sense in an age of manufactured anxiety. Investigative reporter Nick Davies exposes the impact of a corrupted news media on society.

literature

society

Susan Greenfield

SCIENCE AND ETHICS

1.30pm | RBS Main Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Our individuality is under attack as never before. New technology and the rise in fundamentalism threaten to control our minds and affect the way society functions. We are honoured to welcome Baroness Susan Greenfield, one of the world's foremost neuroscientists, as she discusses how to safeguard individuality from modern living. Chaired by Ruth Wishart.

society

Alison Weir

BRITISH HISTORY

2.00pm | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Katherine Swynford was a royal mistress with four children by her lover John Gaunt, and the subject of great scandal in the fourteenth century. Acclaimed historian and a favourite of festival audiences, Alison Weir brings to life a remarkable medieval woman who left a legacy that has shaped the history of Britain.

history

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Translating Literature

WRITING WORKSHOP

2.00pm – 3.30pm | Writers' Retreat | £12.00 £10.00

Discovering literature in another language is a true delight but how is it done and how can it be done well? **Martin Sorrell** is Professor of Literary Translation at Exeter University and an award-winning translator of fiction, plays and poetry. He offers an insight into the skills and techniques required to do a foreign text justice whether it be fiction, poetry or drama. *(Maximum 20 places)*

workshop

Edna Fernandes

JEWS IN THE WORLD

2.30pm | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

An overlooked and marginalised community is brought back to life in *The Last Jews of Kerala: The 2,000 Year History of India's Forgotten Jewish Community*. Following last year's highly successful event on Indian fundamentalism, Edna Fernandes illuminates a rich and little-known part of India's teeming diversity.

nations

Richard Holmes

LIVED LIVES

3.00pm | RBS Main Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Bestselling military historian Richard Holmes delivers an expertly written and exhilarating account of the life of John Churchill, Duke of Marlborough, Britain's finest soldier. In doing so, he captures in searing detail the wars, politics and history of Britain and Europe in the seventeenth century.

history

Alice King & Stephanie Merritt

LIVED LIVES

3.30pm | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Two acclaimed journalists discuss their unflinchingly honest accounts of descent into and victory over illness. In *High Sobriety* Alice King describes how, as a leading wine writer, her drinking spiralled terrifyingly out of control. Stephanie Merritt writes about her lifelong battle with bipolar illness and depression in *The Devil Within*.

biography

Mavis Cheek & Philippa Gregory

FINE FICTION

4.00pm | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

First class historical fiction from two magnificent writers. In Mavis Cheek's *Amenable Women* a widow researches Anne of Cleves and discovers resonances with her own marriage. Philippa Gregory takes us back to the turbulent period when Mary Queen of Scots was placed under house arrest, and fought to regain her kingdom. Chaired by **Jackie McGlone**.

fiction

Kate Mosse with Rita Monaldi & Francesco Sorti

FINE FICTION

4.30pm | RBS Main Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Gripping historical thrillers. Kate Mosse's *Sepulchre* is rich in mystery and revenge as it follows the story of two women separated by a century but linked by a mysterious discovery. Rita Monaldi and Francesco Sorti's bestselling and controversial *Imprimatur* is a stunning novel of alchemy, astrology and baroque music, drawing on revelatory papers discovered in Vatican archives.

fiction

Adriaan Van Dis & Alain Claude Sulzer

WRITERS OF THE WORLD

4.30pm | Writers' Retreat | £6.00 £4.00

Private passions and public lives clash in post-war Europe in two beautifully realised novels. Dutch author, Adriaan Van Dis's inventive *Repatriated* sees an adolescent boy trying to fight free of his deranged, paranoid father and acidic mother and sisters; Alain Claude Sulzer's waiter cannot escape his past in Switzerland and the turmoil of a love affair in the 1930s.

fiction

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society

Xavier-Marie Bonnot & Dominique Manotti

WRITERS OF THE WORLD

6.00pm | Writers' Retreat | £6.00 £4.00

Join two enthralling and award-winning writers from France. In Xavier-Marie Bonnot's *The First Fingerprint*, the discovery of a prehistoric underwater cave painting leads to a mystery that dates back to the Ice Age. Dominique Manotti's *Lorraine Connection* is a stylish and compelling thriller-noir about corporate corruption.

world writing

Alex Salmond

THE NATIONAL LIBRARY

OF SCOTLAND DONALD DEWAR LECTURE

6.30pm | RBS Main Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

A major political occasion and Book Festival exclusive: the Rt Hon Alex Salmond MSP, First Minister of Scotland, speaks of his hopes and vision for the country in one of our most prestigious events.

Scotland's political and cultural landscape has been transformed since devolution. Come to hear, and question, the first ever Scottish National Party leader of the land. Chaired by **Brian Taylor**.

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Sue Palmer

DETOXING CHILDHOOD

6.30pm | RBS Corner Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

When Sue Palmer's controversial *Toxic Childhood* burst onto the scene it stirred up a national debate, after her seminal appearance at our festival, about the detrimental influences affecting child development. Now, in her practical hands-on guide to a safer, healthier childhood, she addresses the crucial next step: creating a beneficial, developmental environment in the modern world.

society

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Writing for the Radio

THE WRITING BUSINESS

6.45pm | Peppers Theatre | £6.00 £4.00

Turning a novel into a radio play poses some interesting challenges. Novelist and playwright **Chris Dolan** and BBC Radio Drama Producer **Bruce Young** explore the ups and downs of dramatisation. Chaired by writer-producer **David Ian Neville**.

masterclass

Human Beings and Technology

SCIENCE AND SOCIETY

7.00pm – 8.15pm | Highland Park Spiegeltent | £9.00 £7.00

How do we adapt our society to the relentless pace of technology? As we become more literate, interactive and mobile with our use of technology, how is our society and culture changing? How can we maximise its potential while avoiding its perils? Join the leading cultural commentator **Charles Leadbeater** and others as they discuss the effect of technology on the individual and society. Chaired by **Brian Baglow** of the Edinburgh Interactive Festival and creator of the first *Grand Theft Auto*.

society

Jeff Randall

& Mary Turner Thomson

THE SCRA EVENT

7.00pm | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Meet two Edinburgh writers who secured publication at the 2006 Book Festival. *Love Hurts* by Jeff Randall is the powerful story of a tormented childhood, attempted suicide, and of a man coming to terms with his past. Mary Turner Thomson's *The Bigamist* is an astonishing account of her marriage to a sociopath. Searing personal accounts. Chaired by **Jackie McGlone**.

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.

biography

Carlos Alba, Billy Cowie & Chris Hannan

FIRST FICTION

7.30pm | Writers' Retreat | £6.00 £4.00

A trio of debut fiction by writers highly accomplished in their own field. Composer Billy Cowie explores a violinist who discovers his unborn twin still within him in *Passenger*; playwright Chris Hannan writes about nineteenth century saloon girls in *Missy*; in journalist Carlos Alba's *Kane's Ladder* a young boy rails against his seemingly normal middle-class family.

fiction

Alexander McCall Smith

THE CORNELIAN ASSET MANAGERS EVENT

8.00pm | RBS Main Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

An hour of utter delight in the company of the global phenomenon and most beloved author. Whether writing about Botswana or his native Edinburgh, Alexander McCall Smith's novels celebrate compassion, moral certainty and warmth. Don't miss this final chance to hear him this festival.

fiction

Dave McKean

ILLUSTRATION AND DESIGN

8.00pm | RBS Corner Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Illustrator, photographer, comic book artist, graphic designer, film-maker and musician, Dave McKean is a true polymath. Best-known for his graphic novel illustration, he's worked on Neil Gaiman's *Black Orchid* and *The Sandman*, D C Comic's *Hellblazer* and his own ambitious project, *Cages*, a graphic novel exploring artists and creativity which has been six years in the making. McKean's debut feature film *MirrorMask* came out in 2005 and he has also worked as conceptual artist on the Harry Potter films. Come and meet this truly talented artist. Perfect for teens as well as adults.

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masterclass

Patrick McGrath & Colm Tóibín

FINE FICTION

8.30pm | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

A dream team of two of the most powerful and beguiling artists of fiction at work today. Unsettling and sensuous, Patrick McGrath's fiction often centres on damaged people (as in *Spider*, made into a David Cronenberg movie). His new novel *Trauma* explores a lonely and grieving psychiatrist. Colm Tóibín is a master at work, as proved by his recent stories *Mothers and Sons*.

fiction

Martin Buckley

& Robin Hanbury-Tenison

TRAVEL AND ADVENTURE

8.30pm | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Great journeys of the past and present. Robin Hanbury-Tenison, one of the greatest explorers of his generation, looks at epic travellers from Marco Polo and Alexander the Great to Arctic adventurers. Martin Buckley crosses India and Sri Lanka as he retraces the mighty voyage at the heart of the *Ramayana*, an astonishing and revealing quest.

travel

Spiegelbar

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Popular science

It is the UN's Year of Planet Earth; fascination with our planet, the cosmos in which it nestles and the many unfolding mysteries of science grows apace. Our series this year encompasses science writing which has transformed our thinking as well as examinations of artificial intelligence – can robots have feelings? – and the vexed notions of intelligent design.



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events for children



Mestizo: Legends of the Aztecs

AGE 6 – 9 | 10.30am – 12.30pm | RBS Imagination Lab | £3.50

Be transported to the fascinating world of the ancient Aztecs with storyteller **Mario Iván Martínez** and artist **Adriana Amaya** – both all the way from Mexico. An exhilarating morning of performance and crafts based on the ancient legends of these extraordinary people.

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Mad Scientists with Gill Arbuthnott

AGE 8 – 12 | 1.30pm | RBS Corner Theatre | £3.50

From hare-brained schemes to downright dangerous experiments, this whirlwind tour with Gill Arbuthnott will reveal some of the most astounding discoveries in modern science. Just be careful – she'll be looking for volunteer guinea pigs to experiment on in this highly engaging and interactive event!

Eliot Jones, Midnight Superhero!

AGE 5 – 7 | 1.30pm | RBS Workshop Tent | £3.50

Eliot Jones may seem like a mild-mannered boy to his parents but at the stroke of midnight he is transformed into the planet-saving super sleuth everyone adores. Join illustrator **Alex T Smith** for an event that will take you to the highest peaks and the deepest seas.

Jockanory: Scottish Folk Tales

AGE 3 – 7 | 1.30pm | RBS Imagination Lab | £3.50

Join **Ron Fairweather** and **Fergus McNicol** for a braw brew o' stories, songs and legends from our bonnie land. There'll be beasties, monsters and a muckle great giant, so girdle up yer hurdies and come and join in!

One Thousand and One Arabian Nights

AGE 5 – 8 | 3.00pm – 4.30pm | RBS Workshop Tent | £3.50

Julie Dawson whisks children away on a mystical, magical adventure to the exotic, spice-tinged markets of the Middle East. Hear some of Scheherazade's most exciting stories from *Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves* to *Aladdin and the Wonderful Lamp*, then create your own magic carpet to fly home on!

Story Time

ALL AGES | 3.00pm – 3.45pm | RBS Imagination Lab
Free: Tickets available from the Box Office on the day of the event

Daily storytelling to lift the spirit, engage the senses and spark the imagination. Today: **Mio Shapley**.

workshop

Rhymetime

BABIES & UNDER 3s | 4.00pm – 4.30pm | RBS Imagination Lab
Free – book in advance

Come along for an event of interactive songs and stories for babies and toddlers. Join Bookstart Edinburgh and Craigmillar Books for Babies in their incredibly popular event designed to engage your youngsters. (Also on 9, 15, 20, 25 Aug).

Maximum 4 tickets per booking.

The Mozart Question with Michael Morpurgo

FAMILIES & 7+ | 5.00pm | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £3.50

Join the inspiring, the masterful Michael Morpurgo for a unique dramatisation of his beautiful story *The Mozart Question*. From the great halls of Europe to Nazi internment camps, this moving event of lyrical readings and evocative music touches on what it is to be human. A must-see for young and old.

Hidden Secrets & Red Herrings

AGE 12+ | 5.00pm | RBS Corner Theatre | £3.50

The novels of **Anne Cassidy**, **Linda Newbery** and **Jenny Valentine** often contain mind-blowing discoveries, making them utterly compelling reads. Join these three suspenseful authors for a look at the forgotten pasts and lost identities that create the subtle, thrilling atmospheres in their novels.

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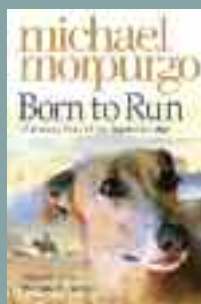
Maximum 4 tickets per booking.

Dave McKean

TEENS & ADULTS | 8.00pm | RBS Corner Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

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Illustrator, photographer, comic book artist, graphic designer, film-maker and musician, Dave McKean is a true polymath. Best-known for his graphic novel illustration, he's worked on Neil Gaiman's *Black Orchid* and *The Sandman*, D C Comic's *Hellblazer* and his own ambitious project, *Cages*, a graphic novel exploring artists and creativity which has been six years in the making. McKean's debut feature film *Mirrormask* came out in 2005 and he has also worked as conceptual artist on the Harry Potter films. Come and meet this truly talented artist. Perfect for teens as well as adults.



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20 Wednesday August

events for adults

Ten at Ten

FICTION AND POETRY

10.00am – 10.10am | Writers' Retreat | Free – book in advance

A short and perfect start to the morning: a ten minute reading, free, in our lovely Writers' Retreat in the trees. A story, or poetry – a literary surprise each day. Check the screen in the Entrance Tent to find out who will be reading today.

literature

Peter Kerr & Paul Torday

WAKE UP TO WORDS

10.15am | Highland Park Spiegeltent | £9.00 £7.00

Involving fiction from two bestselling writers. Entertaining chronicler of Mallorcan life, Peter Kerr reads from his Bob Burns detective novel *The Cruise Connection*. We are delighted to welcome back Paul Torday, author of *Salmon Fishing in the Yemen*, with a bittersweet tale of loneliness and wine: *The Irresistible Inheritance of Wilberforce*.

Free coffee and pastries. Sponsored by Green Mountain Coffee Roasters

fiction

Susan McKay & Kevin Myers

FOCUS ON NORTHERN IRELAND

10.30am | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Personal stories from the Northern Irish Troubles. In his memoir *Watching the Door*, nominated for the Samuel Johnson Prize for Non-fiction, Kevin Myers recalls working as a young journalist in 1970s Belfast, powerfully evoking a society on the brink of civil war. Susan McKay explores the legacy for the families and friends of those killed, giving a voice to people overlooked in political histories.

nations

Richard Overy & Laurence Rees

WAR AND HISTORY

11.00am | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

A compelling portrait of the impact of the Second World War on individuals, and on a nation. Laurence Rees's electrifying encounters with victims and perpetrators offer insight into human beings in crisis. Richard Overy presents the Government's extraordinary 1945 document informing the British people what had been done in their name during the war.

history

Writing Poetry

WRITING WORKSHOP

11.00am – 12.30pm | Writers' Retreat | £12.00 £10.00

Small is beautiful but with poetry, often the most difficult. Poet Liz Niven will help you create brief but beautiful poems to capture all occasions. (Maximum 20 places)

workshop

Alan Sillitoe

MEET THE AUTHOR

11.30am | RBS Main Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

We are delighted to welcome one of the great names of writing in the year of his 80th birthday. His groundbreaking fiction, such as *Saturday Night and Sunday Morning*, chronicled the disillusionment of post-war Britain, and his latest book *Gadfly in Russia* is a compelling account of the Soviet Union during the Cold War.

fiction

Hugh Miles

EAST AND WEST

12 noon | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Newly-arrived in Egypt, Hugh Miles became the confidante of women in a card circle. *Playing Cards in Cairo* is a fascinating sideways look at what it means to be a young Muslim woman, dating, dieting and divorcing in a country where traditional Islamic values are now once again in the ascendant.

nations

Dorothy Crawford & Mary Dobson

MEDICINE AND SOCIETY

12.30am | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Why did the cholera microbe, a local inhabitant to the Ganges Delta for millennia, suddenly go global in 1817? What caused the outbreak, then disappearance, of the Black Death in Europe? Mary Dobson and Dorothy Crawford debate our efforts to combat infection, and whether we have brought disease on ourselves by lifestyle changes.

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Esther Rantzen

THE AEOLUS EVENT

1.30pm | RBS Main Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Join the much-loved campaigner and broadcaster Esther Rantzen for the first of today's look at ageing. Her book *If Not Now, When?* celebrates life for the UK's seventeen million baby boomers, and gives an insightful, invigorating and inspiring account of what it's like to enter the third age. Chaired by Ruth Wishart.

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Wednesday 20 August **events for adults** *continued*

Susie Dent & Henry Hitchings

LITERATURE AND CULTURE

2.00pm | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

'Shampoo' from Hindi and 'kiosk' from Turkish – English is nothing if not promiscuous, absorbing words from 350 other languages. Word experts Susie Dent and Henry Hitchings reveal the latest to enter the language, the fascinating cultural significance of loanwords, and chart how English continues to be on the move.

culture

Andrew Lycett & Laura Thompson

LIVED LIVES

4.00pm | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

A revealing look at the lives of two giants of crime fiction. Laura Thompson investigates the mysteries still surrounding Agatha Christie's life, including her disappearance in 1926. Andrew Lycett presents a portrait of Arthur Conan Doyle, doctor, spiritualist, cricketer – and creator of Sherlock Holmes.

literature

Writing for the Radio

WRITING WORKSHOP

2.00pm – 3.30pm | Writers' Retreat | £12.00 £10.00

Writing for the radio offers the writer unique possibilities and challenges whether it be drama or fiction. Professor **Martin Sorrell** is an award-winning radio dramatist and short story writer who will explore the potential of writing radio drama. (*Maximum 20 places*)

workshop

Steven Galloway & Dan Vyleta

FINE FICTION

4.30pm | Writers' Retreat | £6.00 £4.00

Two exciting new voices from Canada. Steven Galloway's novel is an elegant tale of humanity's transcendence in war-torn Sarajevo. In *Pavel and I*, Dan Vyleta thrillingly captures the turmoil of post-war Europe and the dawn of the new Cold War.

world writing

Wendy Cope & Ruth Fainlight

POETRY

2.30pm | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

A stunning poetic double bill. Wendy Cope's witty lyrics and rueful wisdom have made her one of the UK's most cherished poets. Born in the US, Ruth Fainlight is an award-winning poet whose work is marked by an intense self-scrutiny and focus on the minutiae of the everyday.

poetry

Rita Carter & Daniel Nettle

MATTERS OF THE MIND

5.00pm | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

We think of ourselves as having a particular personality type: introvert, extrovert, ambitious or laid back. But often we feel like different people in different contexts. Leading psychological writers Rita Carter and Daniel Nettle offer new and vital understanding of personality, how to identify different versions of ourselves, and how personalities stem from our biological make-up.

philosophy

Jonathan Powell

THE MURRAY BEITH MURRAY EVENT

3.00pm | RBS Main Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Former Chief of Staff Jonathan Powell was at Tony Blair's elbow throughout his reign as Prime Minister. Hear fascinating inside accounts and anecdotes. In *Great Hatred, Little Room* – nominated for the Samuel Johnson Prize for Non-fiction – he illustrates Blair's determination to look at Northern Ireland afresh, achieving a crucial legacy of peace, and shows how far we have come in a decade. Chaired by **Brian Taylor**.

BSL

politics

Sharing Stories with Children

STORYTELLING WORKSHOP

5.00pm – 7.00pm | RBS Imagination Lab | £12.00 £10.00

Join storyteller **Bea Ferguson** for a two-hour interactive workshop on sharing stories with youngsters. Whether you work with children, or just want to improve your bedtime storytelling skills, she will bring out the storyteller in you and help you to make the most of your natural ability. (*Maximum 20 places*)

workshop

Diana Athill

LIVED LIVES

3.30pm | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

In the second of our events today on ageing, we are delighted to welcome the sparkling and insightful leading editor and nonagenarian Diana Athill. In her clear-eyed memoir *Somewhere Towards the End* she addresses what it means to face death daily, yet still live with resilience and optimism. Chaired by **Jackie McGlone**.

biography

Amnesty International Imprisoned Writers Series

FREEDOM OF THOUGHT, CONSCIENCE AND RELIGION

5.30pm – 6.15pm | Peppers Theatre

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Our daily free readings in solidarity with writers facing persecution for their thoughts and words. The work being read today has been chosen by members of Scottish PEN, Scotland's first international organisation for freedom of expression. Our featured readers include **Sebastian Barry**.

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Writers of the World

Internationalism is our passion. We believe that in our increasingly globalised but also increasingly fragmented and uncomprehending world, knowing what other countries and cultures read, write and think is the greatest key to empathy and understanding. We therefore actively seek to bring writers from all over the world to the heart of Scotland – many of them would never otherwise visit the UK. Look out for our Writers of the World series in our lovely Writers' Retreat at a special low price. Amazing new novelists and poets from other lands await your discovery – the very heart of what the festival is for.



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Wednesday 20 August **events for adults** *continued*

Rabih Alameddine

WRITERS OF THE WORLD

6.00pm | Writers' Retreat | £6.00 £4.00

Astonishing and bewitching storytelling from the Middle East. Rabih Alameddine's latest novel *The Hakawati* is an Arabian Nights for the twenty first century – an exuberant family saga which takes us from the shimmering dunes of ancient Egypt to the war-torn streets of modern Lebanon.

world writing

Martin Bell

THE ANDERSON STRATHERN EVENT

6.30pm | RBS Main Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

We continue our strand looking at the legacy of New Labour. Outstanding former war correspondent and politician Martin Bell analyses a decade of what he sees as deception, dishonesty and abuse of power and argues that on the issue of public trust in public life, New Labour's record was unforgivably negative. Chaired by **Allan Little**.

politics

Self-Publishing, Vanity or Sanity?

THE WRITING BUSINESS

6.45pm | Peppers Theatre | £6.00 £4.00

Writers write and publishers publish, don't they? Not necessarily, says author **Keith A Charters**: new technology is opening up alternative publishing models. Self-publishing isn't right for everyone. How do you go about it? And is it right for you?

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masterclass

Life in the Third Age

SOCIETY AND AGE

7.00pm – 8.15pm | Highland Park Spiegeltent | £9.00 £7.00

In almost every country, the proportion of people over sixty is growing faster than any other age group. Come and discuss the third age. Publishing doyenne **Diana Athill** and broadcaster **Esther Rantzen** are joined by life coach **Keren Smedley** to challenge stereotypes about ageing, and discuss life for the baby boom generation.

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Deborah Cameron

SOCIETY AND CULTURE

7.00pm | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

After decades striving to eradicate gender barriers, why do men still dominate business, politics and the most highly paid jobs? Do men and women literally speak different languages? The complexities of the gender gap at work and in communication are explored by language expert Deborah Cameron.

society

Ewan Morrison & Cynthia Rogerson

SCOTTISH FICTION

7.30pm | Writers' Retreat | £6.00 £4.00

Two Scottish-based writers looking to America. Cynthia Rogerson, a Californian who has made the Highlands her home, weaves a funny, touching tale of humanity in *Love Letters from my Death-bed*; while Ewan Morrison explores passion, sex and obsession in *Distance*, a love affair started in New York then conducted by phone across the Atlantic.

fiction

Jasper Fforde

COMEDY AND FICTION

8.30pm | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

The prodigiously popular, hugely inventive and hilarious Jasper Fforde makes a welcome return with *First Among Sequels*, the latest in his zany literary detective series featuring Thursday Next.

fiction

Robert Penn & Antony Woodward

NATURE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

8.30pm | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

It's no wonder the Brits are obsessed with the wind, rain, snow and sun – no other country has such unpredictable weather. Join the authors of *The Wrong Kind of Snow* as they present an entertaining celebration of intriguing weather trivia and anecdotes.

environment

Spiegelbar MUSIC

From 9.00pm | Highland Park Spiegeltent | Free – open to all

Come and enjoy a relaxing drink with live music in our atmospheric travelling ballroom. A great place to end your festival day. The band line-up is available from the Information Desk in the Entrance Tent.

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International line-up

In this 25th anniversary year we are overjoyed to be welcoming authors from a record more than forty different lands, including: Angola, Austria, the Basque country, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Colombia, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, India, Iran, Israel, Italy, Lebanon, Malaysia, Mexico, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Palestine, Poland, Russia, Serbia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Syria, Turkey, Ukraine, USA.



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events for children



Medusa Jones with Ross Collins

AGE 7 – 10 | 10.00am | RBS Workshop Tent | £3.50

Meet Medusa Jones. Why won't the other kids just treat her like a normal little girl? Is it anybody's business that she has snakes for hair? So her best friend is a centaur. So her puppy has three heads... Join the inventive author and illustrator Ross Collins for a fun session of reading and drawing that will turn Greek mythology on its head!

Nature's Playground

PARENTS & ADULTS | 11.30am | RBS Corner Theatre | £3.50

Nature's Playground is full of activities, crafts and games which encourage your children to enjoy the great outdoors. Join authors **Fiona Danks** and **Jo Schofield** to discover the wonders which the natural world has to offer.

Story Time

ALL AGES | 12 noon – 12.45pm | RBS Imagination Lab

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

Daily storytelling to lift the spirit, engage the senses and spark the imagination. Today: **Lari Don**.

Rhymetime

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Mexican Stories and Art

AGE 5 – 8 | 3.00pm | RBS Workshop Tent | £3.50

Explore the art of Mexico with renowned artist **Adriana Amaya**. *When The Viceroy Came* tells of excited preparations made by an eighteenth century Mexican city in order to celebrate their new chancellor. Adriana will teach you how to create your own intricate decorations for the festivities using the traditional Mexican craft technique of *papel picado* (literally meaning 'punched paper').

workshop

Story Time

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Maisie with Aileen Paterson

FAMILIES & 6+ | 4.30pm | RBS Main Theatre | £3.50

Maisie the kitten is one of Edinburgh's best-loved creations. Join delightful author and illustrator Aileen Paterson to hear about Maisie's extraordinary adventures around Scotland and across the world.

Planet Earth's Most Fascinating Creatures

AGE 7 – 12 | 5.00pm | RBS Corner Theatre | £3.50

Have you ever wondered how dolphins communicate? Did you know there are thousands of parasites living in your body right now? Discover some amazing facts about the plants and animals with which we share our planet in a revealing event with zoologist and author **Nicola Davies**.

Bookmaking with Alice Melvin

AGE 9+ | 5.30pm | RBS Workshop Tent | £3.50

Come along and make a book filled with your own designs based on the clever, interactive illustrations in Alice Melvin's *A to Z Treasure Hunt*. This workshop is part of our series of events to celebrate the 500th anniversary of printing in Scotland.

workshop

Our Year of Planet Earth

Discover the wonder of our planet in our series of events celebrating the natural world. Our Activity Corner (at the back of the RBS Children's Bookshop) and our workshop events use lots of recycled materials for crafts and activities. Come to discover your own creativity and learn about our breathtaking planet.



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Sebastian Barry & Hugo Hamilton

WAKE UP TO WORDS

10.15am | Highland Park Spiegeltent | £9.00 £7.00

A sublime hour of fiction from two acclaimed Irish writers. In Sebastian Barry's exquisitely written *The Secret Scripture* an elderly woman recounts her life to her psychiatrist, a past which echoes Ireland's own history. *Disguise* by Hugo Hamilton is the compelling search for a young man's true identity in post-war Berlin.

Free coffee and pastries. Sponsored by Green Mountain Coffee Roasters

Charles Allen

LIVED LIVES

11.00am | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

The renowned colonial historian turns his attention to a major reassessment of Rudyard Kipling and his time in India. An engaging portrait emerges of a complex young man whose scrapes with pukka hill station society and skirmishes with Lahore low-life are at odds with his later august reputation.

Nothing But the Poem

POETRY WORKSHOP

11.00am – 12.30pm | Writers' Retreat | £12.00 £10.00

Renew your love of poetry with this fresh approach to reading with the **Scottish Poetry Library**. In this relaxed discussion you won't need any background knowledge; you'll simply come fresh to the text of single poems, take the time to read deeply and let new discoveries emerge – without the pressure of reviews, criticism and hype. Poems provided. (Maximum 20 places)

A A Gill

THE GREEN MOUNTAIN COFFEE ROASTERS EVENT

11.30am | RBS Main Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Meet the unashamedly intolerant perfectionist whose witty observations and scathing criticism have been required Sunday reading for many years. In *Table Talk*, an idiosyncratic selection of his writing about food, he delights in decoding what lies behind the food on our plates.

literature

Rose Prince & John Reader

FOOD AND SOCIETY

12.30pm | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Glorious writing on great British foodstuffs. Rose Prince celebrates local produce and charts a new geography of British food. In UN Year of the Potato, John Reader traces its influence on society, and discusses the role of the spud at a time of rising world population and environmental concern.

food & drink

Sameem Ali & Ayşe Önal

SOCIETY AND ETHICS

2.00pm | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

17,000 women each year in the UK alone are victims of honour violence linked to forced marriage. Sameem Ali writes courageously about her own forced marriage then motherhood at the age of thirteen, and her eventual escape from her abusive family. Turkish journalist Ayşe Önal has interviewed men convicted of killing their mothers, sisters and daughters – a work banned in Turkey. Chaired by **Yasmin Alibhai-Brown**.

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Writing History

WRITING WORKSHOP

2.00pm – 3.30pm | Writers' Retreat | £12.00 £10.00

Widely published 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 alike. (Maximum 20 places)

workshop

Gary Mead

LIVED LIVES

2.30pm | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Douglas Haig was a popular commander of the British Army in France during the First World War; it was only later that he was recast in the role of the unthinking butcher sending his cheerful Tommies to slaughter. In a major re-evaluation of Haig, Gary Mead presents a balanced portrait of an enigmatic cavalryman.

biography

Simon Hoggart

POLITICS AND SOCIETY

3.00pm | RBS Main Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Simon Hoggart, the acclaimed Guardian columnist, provides a refreshing antidote to the media spin of contemporary politics, capturing the high drama and comedy of the soap opera that is British politics. His latest book provides a unique account of Tony Blair and his cronies' weird, farcical and occasionally alarming decade in power.

politics

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Thursday 21 August **events for adults** *continued*

Mark Hanson & Felicity Lawrence

FOOD AND SOCIETY

3.30pm | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

We are what we eat but who makes us eat it? Two startling perspectives on our lifestyles, eating habits and general well-being in modern society. Mark Hanson proposes that the lifestyle we have created for ourselves no longer matches our natural evolutionary development. Leading food writer Felicity Lawrence critiques modern food production and the negative effect it is having on our lives.

food & drink

Bengt Ohlsson & Klas Östergren

WRITERS OF THE WORLD

6.00pm | Writers' Retreat | £6.00 £4.00

Two masters of Swedish fiction. Bengt Ohlsson's prize-winning *Gregorius* is a retelling of the Swedish classic *Doctor Glas*, told from the perspective of the murdered rather than the murderer. Klas Östergren is an author, playwright, translator and leading star of Swedish literature; his debut novel, *Gentleman*, is published in English for the first time. A darkly comic tale of espionage which plays with truth, fact, fiction and everything in-between.

world writing

Ted Nield

POPULAR SCIENCE

4.00pm | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

How did Earth's seven continents emerge from the wreckage of one supercontinent? Ted Nield reveals geologists' search for a continent lost 250 million years ago, and how the world continues to be on the move – the physical gulf between Europe and North America increases every day.

science

Irvine Welsh

THE KPMG EVENT

6.30pm | RBS Main Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

The celebrated controversial writer is back with a brand new novel. *Crime* tells the tale of Ray Lennox who is cast adrift in Florida, and befriends a young girl in jeopardy. A shocking and gripping story about the corruption and abuse of the human soul and the possibilities of redemption.

fiction

Yasmin Alibhai-Brown

LIVED LIVES

4.30pm – 5.40pm | RBS Main Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Exuberant and feisty journalist and political commentator Yasmin Alibhai-Brown explores her lifelong love of Shakespeare. Beginning with her experience of playing Juliet as a teenager in 1960s Uganda, in *Nowhere to Belong: Tales of an Extravagant Stranger* she captures with warmth and grit how theatre and Shakespeare helped change her life.

biography

Writing for Children: From Tinies to Teens

THE WRITING BUSINESS

6.45pm | Peppers Theatre | £6.00 £4.00

Writing for children is far harder than it looks but highly successful authors **Nicola Morgan**, **Linda Strachan** and **Vivian French** will try to reveal both pitfalls and practical opportunities. They have enormous expertise and acclaim in all areas: picture books, educational books, series fiction, chapter books, short novels and teenage fiction and non-fiction. Come to be informed, inspired and have your questions answered.

masterclass

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Gordon Burn & Glyn Maxwell

FINE FICTION

4.30pm | Writers' Retreat | £6.00 £4.00

A dazzling double bill of two multi-talented and experimental writers. Gordon Burn weaves the events from the bleak summer of 2007 into a blistering novel about the news in *Born Yesterday*. Glyn Maxwell's satire on celebrity culture, *The Girl Who Was Going to Die*, is told entirely in dialogue.

fiction

Amnesty International Imprisoned Writers Series

RIGHT TO FREEDOM FROM DISCRIMINATION

5.30pm – 6.15pm | Peppers Theatre

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

Our daily free readings in solidarity with writers facing persecution for their thoughts and words. Today: Authors from Romania, Iran, Turkey and Guatemala movingly describe the discrimination suffered by their people. Our featured readers include **Michael Symmons Roberts**.

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Spin and Media

MEDIA AND SOCIETY

7.00pm – 8.15pm | Highland Park Spiegeltent | £9.00 £7.00

Come and debate our relationship with the media. Is it in crisis? And how far is corporate spin responsible? **William Dinan** and **David Miller**, editors of *Thinker*, *Faker*, *Spinner*, *Spy*, uncover the PR trade, and **Adrian Monck** gives an insider's view of the forces that shape our media. Chaired by **Yasmin Alibhai-Brown**.

society

East and West

A defining, timely and essential strand of our festival for the past several years has been an in-depth examination of relations between the Western world and the East – especially, though not exclusively, Islam. In this 60th anniversary year of the founding of the state of Israel, we have a special focus on the Nakbah – the displacement of the Palestinians to make way for the new population, and the seemingly intractable problems which resonate to this day. Equally, we examine Jewish experience and some of the horrors of the Holocaust in Jews in the World. We also offer vital first-hand accounts of British Asian experience: troubling, funny, difficult, frightening, forward-looking and completely part of the fabric of our land.



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Thursday 21 August **events for adults** *continued*

Raja Shehadeh

THE ORWELL PRIZE EVENT

7.00pm | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

The 2008 winner of The Orwell Prize for Political Writing, leading Palestinian human rights lawyer and writer Raja Shehadeh makes a welcome return to the Book Festival. He reveals more of the beautiful but battered landscape of his country in a newly revised edition of his *Palestinian Walks*. Crossing his land on foot, he navigates recent Palestinian history, from Ayn Kenya to the Shukba Caves, the Ramallah hills and the Dead Sea.

nations

Paul Carr & James Harkin

SOCIETY AND CULTURE

8.30pm | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Essential guidance to our bizarre modern life. James Harkin explains where buzz words like 'trans-humanist' or 'metrosexual' come from and what they mean. Paul Carr gives a fascinating exposé of how a strange group of opportunists found instant fortune messing about on the web, and his attempts to follow in their footsteps and find out what lies beyond Web 2.0.

culture

James Miller & Michael Symmons Roberts

FINE FICTION

7.30pm | Writers' Retreat | £6.00 £4.00

A highly successful poet and librettist, Michael Symmons Roberts is also a fine novelist. His second novel *Breath*, set in a country ravaged by civil war, is a disturbing story about grief and violence – the accidental death of a teenager dramatically affecting many lives. James Miller's gripping debut, *Lost Boys*, is an apocalyptic fable of Peter Pan and terrorism – a *Lord of the Flies* for our times.

fiction

Andre Dubus III & Andrew Sean Greer

FINE FICTION

8.30pm | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Two transatlantic tales capturing the fragility and intensity of human love and desire. Andre Dubus III captures America on the cusp of September 11 with a story of love and desperation on the seedier side of Florida. Andrew Sean Greer's *Story of a Marriage* takes us back to racially divided 1950s San Francisco, where the illusion of a happy marriage is all but destroyed when a stranger comes to town.

world writing

Ian Rankin

THE MURRAY BEITH MURRAY EVENT

8.00pm | RBS Main Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

One of the most perennially popular appearances at the Book Festival is that of Ian Rankin, international bestselling phenomenon, in the city he has made his – and Rebus's – own. Join the much-garlanded Scottish genius of crime and genial raconteur in an hour of constant delight.

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crime

Electronic Genetic Profiling SOCIETY AND ETHICS

8.00pm | RBS Corner Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Do you think your genes define you? What implications would there be if your DNA profile was merged with your medical history and personal information and then stored on a computer chip? How could this benefit doctors and scientists? Is our privacy or even our security at risk? Join a panel including the **Scottish Youth Parliament** and **Dr Claudia Pagliari**, Convenor of the eHealth Interdisciplinary Research Group, for an engaging, complex debate.

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Spiegelbar MUSIC

From 9.00pm | Highland Park Spiegeltent | Free – open to all

Come and enjoy a relaxing drink with live music in our atmospheric travelling ballroom. A great place to end your festival day. The band line-up is available from the Information Desk in the Entrance Tent.

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Thursday 21 August

events for children

Mobiles and Wind Chimes

ALL AGES | 10.00am – 2.00pm | RBS Workshop Tent | Free & drop-in

Create your own mobiles and wind chimes from recycled materials in this simple drop-in craft workshop with artist **Linda McCann**. You could base your designs on your favourite storybook characters as a memento of your time spent at the Book Festival.

Drop-in events are limited to 30 people at any one time

Story Time

ALL AGES | 12 noon – 12.45pm | RBS Imagination Lab
Free: Tickets available from the Box Office on the day of the event

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Make a Book Workshop

AGE 7 – 10 | 3.00pm – 4.30pm | RBS Workshop Tent | £3.50

On the 500th anniversary of the first book being printed in Scotland, join bookbinder **Rachel Hazell** to create your own book from craft materials and learn about the amazing process of turning plain paper into books.

(Also on 11 Aug for adults)

Story Time

ALL AGES | 3.00pm – 3.45pm | RBS Imagination Lab
Free: Tickets available from the Box Office on the day of the event

Daily storytelling to lift the spirit, engage the senses and spark the imagination. Today: **Bea Ferguson**.

Little Beauty with Anthony Browne

FAMILIES & 5+ | 5.00pm | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £3.50

Delightfully endearing, Anthony Browne's picture books are something very special. Join the outstanding author and illustrator of *Gorilla* and *Zoo* for a look at his new book *Little Beauty* – about a gorilla and his pet kitten. A charming event for the whole family.

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workshop

Warriors of Legend

AGE 9+ | 5.00pm | RBS Corner Theatre | £3.50

The legends of the past are brought back to life, screaming and kicking, in the intense, gripping novels of **Michael Ford**, **Tanya Landman** and **Graham Marks**. Explore Spartan warriors, Egyptian gods and the infamous last days of the Aztecs in this thrilling event, featuring not one, but three brilliant authors.

Happy Birthday Angelina Ballerina!

AGE 3 – 7 | 5.00pm | RBS Imagination Lab | £3.50

It's twenty five years since Angelina Ballerina first graced our bookshelves. Come and celebrate with author **Katharine Holabird** in this lively birthday event which includes a visit from a surprise guest!

Karen McCombie

AGE 8 – 14 | 6.30pm | RBS Corner Theatre | £3.50

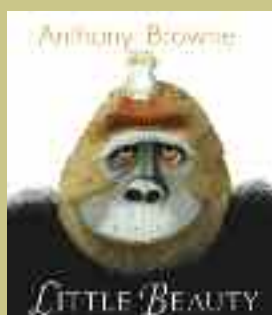
The brilliant scribe behind *Ally's World*, *Stella* etc and so many other remarkable books is back! A delightfully down-to-earth voice, Karen McCombie's funny, heart-warming stories are loved the world over. Come and share the joy.

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Birthdays and anniversaries

As we mark twenty five years of the Book Festival, we have brought together a host of other birthday celebrations. The 25th year of Terry Pratchett's Discworld, the 70th anniversary of The Beano and Jemima Puddleduck's centenary are just a few of the events to look out for in this year's programme.



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22 Friday August

events for adults

Ten at Ten

FICTION AND POETRY

10.00am – 10.10am | Writers' Retreat | Free – book in advance

A short and perfect start to the morning: a ten minute reading, free, in our lovely Writers' Retreat in the trees. A story, or poetry – a literary surprise each day. Check the screen in the Entrance Tent to find out who will be reading today.

literature

James Buchan, Patrick Gale & Adam Thorpe

WAKE UP TO WORDS

10.15am | Highland Park Spiegeltent | £9.00 £7.00

A contemplative start to the day with three superb novelists. James Buchan's *The Gate of Air* is an unsettling ghost story. Patrick Gale's *Notes from an Exhibition* is an involving mosaic portrait of an artist, set in Cornwall. Adam Thorpe writes about a marriage in crisis in *Between Each Breath*. Free coffee and pastries. Sponsored by Green Mountain Coffee Roasters

fiction

Neil Blain & David Hutchison

MEDIA AND SOCIETY

11.00am | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Ownership, devolution, editorial bias, investment: Scottish media is rarely out of the news. In a broad-ranging discussion, Neil Blain and David Hutchison, editors of *The Media in Scotland*, explore the history of the press, broadcasting and cinema, the representation of Scotland, and current issues of politics and governance.

society

Bryan Talbot

GRAPHIC NOVELS

11.00am – 12.30pm | Writers' Retreat | £12.00 £10.00

Bryan Talbot is one of the UK's most influential graphic novelists. His career spans the last three decades, including his newest book *Alice in Sunderland*. Join him for an exclusive masterclass highlighting the history, techniques and tricks of writing graphic novels. (Maximum 20 places)

masterclass

Howard Jacobson

MEET THE AUTHOR

11.30am | RBS Main Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

We are honoured to welcome back celebrated novelist Howard Jacobson, also a leading cultural critic renowned for his ebullient wit and passion for literature and art. In his new novel, *An Act of Love*, Felix believes his happiness lies in his wife's unfaithfulness and doggedly pursues his goal to startling effect! A darkly funny, heartbreaking tale that challenges every preconception we have about love, desire and that age-old institution.

culture

Barbara Gowdy & Elizabeth Hay

WRITERS OF THE WORLD

12.30pm | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Outstanding fiction from Canada. Barbara Gowdy pushes at the boundaries of conventional fiction, and *Helpless* is a provocative study of a parent's worst fears – the abduction of a child. In Elizabeth Hay's award-winning *Late Nights on Air* the lives of four friends change forever on a canoe trip to the Arctic.

world writing

Mark Borkowski

MEDIA AND SOCIETY

2.00pm | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Leading PR practitioner Mark Borkowski, a huge influence on the Fringe as well as elsewhere, reveals the fascinating history of the publicity industry and explores the way the media manipulates society. *The Fame Formula* chronicles the freewheeling anarchic industry from its early days in circus and vaudeville to the corporate billion dollar behemoth it is today.

society

Writing for Video Games

WRITING WORKSHOP

2.00pm – 3.30pm | Writers' Retreat | £12.00 £10.00

As technology advances, the medium of video games presents a unique opportunity for writers. There is growing potential to deliver innovative narratives, to create entire living worlds. Brian Baglow, writer, game designer, screenings director of Edinburgh Interactive Festival, and games obsessive outlines the past, present and future of writing in games. (Maximum 20 places)

workshop

Richard Greene & Halldór Guðmundsson

LIVED LIVES

2.30pm | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Richard Greene's meticulously edited collection of Graham Greene's letters includes never seen material and offers compelling new perspective on Greene's life covering literature, politics, espionage, travel, and his romantic entanglements. Halldór Guðmundsson worked closely with Nobel Prize winner Halldór Laxness's family on his award-winning life of the major Icelandic writer.

biography

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Friday 22 August **events for adults** *continued*

Polly Toynbee & David Walker **POLITICS AND SOCIETY**

3.00pm | RBS Main Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

While city workers earn millions, manual workers earn less than they did thirty years ago. The widening gap is tearing apart the fabric of our society. Leading journalists Polly Toynbee and David Walker present an urgent polemic about attitudes to wealth distribution, and set out an agenda which could revitalise British society.

society

Robert Kagan **THE RSA LECTURE**

3.30pm | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

For the past few years, the liberal world has been divided and distracted by issues both profound and petty. Western liberalism faces new, complex challenges and we need to choose whether we want to shape the future or let others shape it for us. Join the American political commentator, and foreign policy advisor to Senator John McCain, as he poses the urgent questions facing the democratic world today.

politics

Duncan Campbell & Matt Rees **FINE FICTION**

4.00pm | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Brilliant fiction from two leading journalists. Guardian senior correspondent Duncan Campbell's debut *The Paradise Trail* is a witty and poignant tale of hippy travellers in Calcutta. Middle Eastern journalist Matt Rees introduced his Palestinian detective last year to great acclaim, and his second mystery *The Saladin Murders* takes Omar Yussef to Gaza.

fiction

General Sir Mike Jackson **THE TIMES AND SUNDAY TIMES SCOTLAND EVENT**

4.30pm | RBS Main Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Bloody Sunday, Kosovo, Afghanistan, Iraq: Britain's most experienced and respected soldier gives a forthright account of his forty five year career encompassing all the conflicts which have shaped modern history, and voices his concerns for the future of soldiering. Chaired by **Magnus Linklater**.

biography

Sadie Jones & Clare Morrall **FINE FICTION**

4.30pm | Writers' Retreat | £6.00 £4.00

Suspenseful tales from two highly gifted writers. Man Booker shortlisted Clare Morrall tells the absorbing story of a woman out of step with the real world in *The Language of Others*. Orange shortlisted *The Outcast* by Sadie Jones is a devastating portrait of dark secrets set in the repressive home counties of the 1950s.

fiction

Misha Glenny **NATIONS UNLIMITED**

5.00pm | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Organised crime has grown so fast that it accounts for a fifth of the world's gross domestic product. For three years the distinguished journalist Misha Glenny has tracked gun runners in Ukraine, money launderers in Dubai, and cyber criminals in Brazil. In *McMafia* he reveals how globalisation has empowered criminals on a terrifying scale. Chaired by **Allan Little**.

nations

Amnesty International **Imprisoned Writers Series**

THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

5.30pm – 6.15pm | Peppers Theatre

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

Our daily free readings in solidarity with writers facing persecution for their thoughts and words. Today we hear the work of the writers group from the Medical Foundation for Victims of Torture. Our featured readers this afternoon include **Margaret Atwood**.

society

Anthony Browne **THE ART OF ILLUSTRATING**

5.30pm – 7.00pm | RBS Workshop Tent | £12.00 £10.00

Anthony Browne, creator of *Willy the Wimp* and *Little Beauty*, is one of the most celebrated children's picture book artists in the world. Be inspired by his unique and arresting style in this intimate event and come away brimming with ideas and enthusiasm for your own illustrations. Chaired by **Nicolette Jones** of the Sunday Times. (Maximum 20 places)

masterclass



Children and education

We have invited to the Book Festival experts from the world of education for a series of events with a focus on child development. Topics up for discussion include social inclusion, the Curriculum for Excellence and the uses and misuses of neuroscience. These are perfect events for those who work with children and young people or if you simply wish to gain an insight into a complex and fascinating subject.

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Friday 22 August **events for adults** *continued*

Anne B Ragde & Sjón **WRITERS OF THE WORLD**

6.00pm | Writers' Retreat | £6.00 £4.00

Fiction from two leading Nordic writers. Poet Sjón has written lyrics for Björk; his novel *The Blue Fox*, part mystery part fairy tale, takes place against the stark Icelandic landscape. Anne B Ragde's *Berlin Poplars* is a moving family drama set in Northern Norway.

world writing

Rick Wakeman **THE SCOTTISHPOWER SERIES**

6.30pm | RBS Main Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Progressive rock musician, virtuoso classical pianist, football fan, Christian, official Grumpy Old Man, Conservative. A rare chance to meet a legend as he talks candidly about his life and music.

biography

John Connolly, Paul Johnston & David Robinson **CRIME FICTION**

6.45pm | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

In John Connolly's *The Reapers*, trained assassins flee from an elite hit squad. Paul Johnston writes about a crime novelist investigating murder in *The Soul Collector*. In *Cold Ink* sees David Robinson revisit Truman Capote's classic. Three chilling worlds full of truth and lies, where fact and fiction blur.

crime

Shane Koyczan **THE SKINNY EVENT**

7.00pm – 8.15pm | Highland Park Spiegeltent | £9.00 £7.00

The much anticipated return of one of the world's premier spoken word performers. His sheer presence, wit and lyricism made his last visit here one of the highlights of the 2005 Festival when he was as yet unknown in the UK. The Canadian slam star brings enormous vitality and virtuosity to every performance – don't miss him.

poetry

James Tait Black Awards **LITERATURE AND CULTURE**

7.00pm | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

The James Tait Black Awards, presented by the University of Edinburgh, are the UK's oldest and most prestigious literary awards. Past winners include D H Lawrence, Graham Greene and William Golding. Join **James Naughtie** as he announces the 2008 winners for fiction and biography; a unique chance to witness literary history in the making!

In association with The University of Edinburgh

literature

Diane Wei Liang & Chiew-Siah Tei **FOCUS ON CHINA**

7.30pm | Writers' Retreat | £6.00 £4.00

Compelling fiction from China. Diane Wei Liang grew up in a labour camp and protested in Tiananmen Square. *Paper Butterfly* is a gripping crime story which shifts between Beijing's high rises and traditional alleys. In Chiew-Siah Tei's debut *Little Hut of Leaping Fishes* a man is torn between feudal China and the lure of the West.

world writing

Mark Thomas **THE DM HALL EVENT**

8.00pm | RBS Main Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Coca-Cola: the squeaky-clean company that sponsors the Olympics, or the employer of child labour in El Salvador? In a David and Goliath mission, campaigning comedian Mark Thomas turns his investigative eye on global corporation Coca-Cola, exposing its controversial history and its unethical business practices.

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society

Hannah Berry, Alan Grant & Bryan Talbot

GRAPHIC NOVELS

8.30pm | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Alan Grant's Robert Louis Stevenson adaptations have brought the classics to a whole new audience, while Bryan Talbot's *Alice in Sunderland* almost shockingly re-contextualises an old favourite. Joined by Hannah Berry, whose stylised debut encapsulates the subtleties of noir fiction, these three compelling masters discuss literature, genre fiction, comics and beyond in a landmark event.

fiction

Patrick French **LIVED LIVES**

8.30pm | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Patrick French was given unique access to the papers of the great Nobel Prize winning writer V S Naipaul while he was researching his account of the author's life which has caused massive controversy and was recently nominated for the Samuel Johnson Prize for Non-fiction. Here he talks about the responsibilities and loyalties of biographer to a living subject, shocking flaws and all.

biography

Spiegelbar **MUSIC**

From 9.00pm | Highland Park Spiegeltent | Free – open to all

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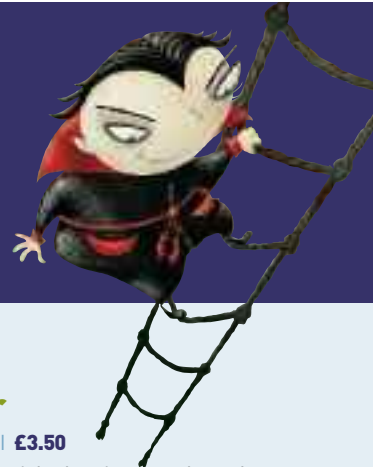
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Friday 22 August events for children



Story Time

ALL AGES | 12 noon – 12.45pm | RBS Imagination Lab
Free: Tickets available from the Box Office on the day of the event

Daily storytelling to lift the spirit, engage the senses and spark the imagination.
Today: **Fergus McNicol**.

Yuck's Big Show with Matt & Dave

AGE 5 – 9 | 3.00pm | RBS Corner Theatre | £3.50

Yuck is a fun-loving prankster to rival Dirty Bertie and Horrid Henry. **Matt Morgan** and **Dave Sinden** will stuff this event with laugh-out-loud gags and surprises; dare to take the Yuck Challenge and go home with a Yuckiness Certificate of Distinction! This is for anyone with a seriously funny funny bone.

Princess Poppy Party!

AGE 3 – 6 | 3.00pm | RBS Workshop Tent | £3.50

Dress up like a princess for this charming event brimming with games, crafts and fun. **Janey Louise Jones** will introduce you to Princess Poppy and all her friends from Honeypot Hill, a place where every little girl is a princess in her own special way.

Story Time

ALL AGES | 3.00pm – 3.45pm | RBS Imagination Lab
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Daily storytelling to lift the spirit, engage the senses and spark the imagination.
Today: **Fergus McNicol**.

workshop

Time-travelling Villains with Linda Buckley-Archer

AGE 10 – 14 | 5.00pm | RBS Corner Theatre | £3.50

Adventure awaits! When two kids get hurled back in time by an anti-gravity machine, they think things can't get any worse. Until the malicious Tar Man steals their machine and catapults himself into our world, that is. Come and meet this dastardly villain, if you can muster the courage!

Araminta's Spooky, Kooky Party

AGE 5 – 9 | 5.00pm | RBS Imagination Lab | £3.50

Araminta Spookie is not your average girl. She lives in a haunted gothic mansion and her best friend is a wizard, with whom she has some totally madcap adventures! Disguise yourself as a ghoul or goblin, play spooky party games and meet author **Angie Sage** on this light-hearted romp through cobwebs and smoke.

Vibrant or Too Violent? The Teen Novel Debate

TEENS & ADULTS | 6.30pm | RBS Corner Theatre | £3.50

From **B R Collins**'s harrowing portrayal of bullying and responsibility to **Anthony McGowan**'s depiction of knife culture and **Kevin Brooks**'s dark explorations of adolescent mistakes and regrets, the teen novel is often filled with gritty, hard realities. Why? Is teen fiction a suitable place to explore society's ills? What is the right age to be introduced to such ideas? Come and hear three masters discuss their work and its controversial position.

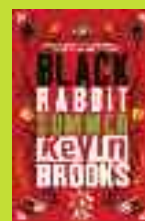
Beast Quest Adventures!

AGE 6 – 9 | 6.30pm | RBS Imagination Lab | £3.50

Calling all valiant knights and questors! Six mystical beasts are guarding magical golden armour for the evil wizard Malvel. Help the good wizard Aduro, in this interactive event, to solve cryptic puzzles and free the beasts from Malvel's evil spell.

500th anniversary of printing in Scotland

Half a millennia ago the first Scottish book was printed. Look out for our series of events celebrating this momentous occasion, including bookmaking and printing workshops for children and families.



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events for adults

Ten at Ten

FICTION AND POETRY

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Susan Irvine, Derek Johns & Kate Muir

WAKE UP TO WORDS

10.15am | Highland Park Spiegeltent | £9.00 £7.00

An enticing start to the day. Derek Johns follows his critically acclaimed debut *Wintering with Wakening*, a coming-of-age novel set in post-war Glastonbury. Journalist Kate Muir's *West Coast* is a wickedly enjoyable novel about a celebrity artist rediscovering his roots in a small Scottish town. Susan Irvine's *Muse* captures the dazzling lights and the dark side of the fashion industry.

Free coffee and pastries. Sponsored by Green Mountain Coffee Roasters

Kei Miller & Roma Tearne

FINE FICTION

11.00am | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Bittersweet tales of immigration and home. Roma Tearne's *Bone China* is an epic novel of a family uprooted from Sri Lanka for a new life in London. Jamaican poet Kei Miller's *The Same Earth* is a humorous debut novel centering on a West Indian village over fifty years.

Developing a Critical Eye

WRITING WORKSHOP

11.00am – 12.30pm | Writers' Retreat | £12.00 £10.00

What makes a piece of writing good, interesting or successful? Author and judge for the 2008 Man Booker Prize, **Louise Doughty** invites you to cast a critical eye on a selection of writings in order to hone your analytical skills and to learn how agents and publishers will be judging your work. Be prepared to criticise and have your own work criticised by others. (Maximum 20 places)

Margaret Atwood

MEET THE AUTHOR

11.30am | RBS Main Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

We are overjoyed to welcome back one of the greatest living writers and one of our most loved visitors. Today, in a Book Festival exclusive, she reads from an unpublished story set in a little-known Scottish settlement in Nova Scotia where her father grew up. An hour not to be missed. Chaired by **Jackie McGlone**.

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literature

Geert Mak & Frank Westerman

EAST AND WEST

12 noon | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Europe to Asia – our East and West theme focuses on Turkey's cultural and geographic furthest reaches. Geert Mak brings the multicultural history of Istanbul to life in a study of the Galata Bridge. In *Ararat*, Frank Westerman explores the myths and realities of the mountain where the Ark ran aground.

nations

Linda Grant & Rose Tremain

FINE FICTION

12.30pm | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Acclaimed novelist Rose Tremain describes the thwarted ambitions of an Eastern European migrant worker in her Orange Prize shortlisted *The Road Home*. Orange Prize winner Linda Grant's *The Clothes on Their Backs* is a coming-of-age tale about the daughter of timid refugee parents who refuse to talk about the past – and how the clothes we wear inform who we are.

fiction

Novel Writing

WRITING WORKSHOP

2.00pm – 3.30pm | Writers' Retreat | £12.00 £10.00

Everyone has a novel in them, but where do you start? This workshop will address the problem of assembling your characters, plots and themes into a publishable work. A confidence and enthusiasm boosting session with **Laura Marney**, who has written four novels including *Only Strange People Go to Church* and *My Best Friend Has Issues*. (Maximum 20 places)

In association with Arvon tutors at Moniack Mhor Writers' Centre

workshop

Joanna Bourke

SOCIETY AND CRIME

2.30pm | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

An unflinching and controversial study of rape, looking not at victims but at rapists. The critically acclaimed author of *Fear* examines the nature of rape, drawing together the work of criminologists, sociologists and psychiatrists to analyse what drives the perpetrators of sexual violence. Chaired by **Ruth Wishart**.

society

40 Years of the Man Booker Prize

LITERATURE AND CULTURE

3.00pm | RBS Main Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

This year is the 40th anniversary of the most important literary award in the English language. An expert panel considers the impact of the prize: **Margaret Atwood**, winner in 2000 with *The Blind Assassin*, 2008 judge and novelist **Louise Doughty**, and **John Mullan**, judge for The Best of the Booker.

literature

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Saturday 23 August **events for adults** *continued*

Martin Rowson & Will Self SOCIETY AND CULTURE

3.30pm | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

What is it about humans that we care so much for Gods and pets when they don't love us back? The celebrated cartoonist Martin Rowson, author of *The Dog Allusion* in conversation with Will Self about the similarities between pet-keeping and religion. Expect an hour of entertaining and outrageous rant.

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Ben MacIntyre LIVED LIVES

4.00pm | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

In the centenary of Ian Fleming's birth, The Times journalist explores how James Bond emerged against the background of the Second World War and the Cold War, and how 007's world was based on the realities (and fantasies) of Fleming's life as a wartime spy-master and peacetime bon viveur.

biography

Mark Watson THE LIST EVENT

4.30pm | RBS Main Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Perrier winning comedian – and green virgin – Mark Watson announced on a blog his intentions to halve his carbon footprint in a year. Within twenty four hours, 500 others had joined. Come and hear the hilarious yet inspiring account of an environmental novice trying to save the world.

environment

K O Dahl & Camilla Läckberg WRITERS OF THE WORLD

4.30pm | Writers' Retreat | £6.00 £4.00

An outstanding double bill with two leading Nordic crime writers. Kjell Ola Dahl comes to the Book Festival with his latest gritty Oslo police mystery *The Man in the Window*. Bestseller in her native Sweden, *The Ice Princess* is the first of Camilla Läckberg's ingenious thrillers to be available in English.

crime

Simon Armitage THE SCOTTISHPOWER SERIES

5.00pm | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

In his first collection of prose writing since the highly praised *All Points North*, acclaimed poet, playwright and broadcaster Simon Armitage, reflecting on a lifetime's gig-going, describes a vast circumference of musical inspiration and influence. *Gig: The Life and Times of a Rock-star Fantasist* is the hilarious and engaging memoir of a life in which music and poetry have been core. In conversation with **Roddy Woomble**.

biography

Amnesty International Imprisoned Writers Series THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

5.30pm – 6.15pm | Peppers Theatre

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Our daily free readings in solidarity with writers facing persecution for their thoughts and words. Today we hear the work of the writers group from the Medical Foundation for Victims of Torture. Our featured readers include Louise Doughty.

society

Giancarlo de Cataldo & Domingo Villar

WRITERS OF THE WORLD

6.00pm | Writers' Retreat | £6.00 £4.00

First class international crime fiction. Domingo Villar's debut *Water-Blue Eyes*, set in Galicia, opens as a young saxophonist is found dead in his swanky flat. Giancarlo de Cataldo, writer and magistrate in Rome, is editor of *Crimini*, an outstanding new collection of Italian crime fiction.

crime

Raj Persaud MATTERS OF THE MIND

6.30pm | RBS Main Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

The leading psychiatrist who understands our most hidden motives cross-examines a surprise guest in this 'in the psychiatrist's chair' session. A huge hit at last year's festival, this will again be one of the most revealing interviews of the summer!

philosophy

Alanna Knight & The Mulgray Twins CRIME FICTION

6.45pm | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Doyenne Scottish crime writer Alanna Knight encouraged identical twin sisters Helen and Morna Mulgray to write their delightful witty thriller series which features an investigator from HM Revenue & Customs. Join the three Edinburgh authors as they discuss collaboration, writing at all stages of life, and the perfect murder.

crime



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Kris Drever, John McCusker & Roddy Woomble

THE HIGHLAND PARK EVENT

7.00pm – 8.15pm | Highland Park Spiegeltent | £9.00 £7.00

Following last year's sell-out performance of *Ballads of the Book*, we are delighted to bring you another groundbreaking musical event – the first ever performance of a brand new folk collective featuring Idlewild's singer Roddy Woomble, celebrated guitarist Kris Drever and virtuoso fiddler John McCusker. A Book Festival exclusive concert.

culture

Janice Galloway

LIVED LIVES

7.00pm | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

We are delighted to launch an outstanding memoir of childhood by one of the UK's finest writers. Against a vividly evoked Ayrshire in the 1960s, *This is Not About Me* describes growing up in a single parent family and how a silent but observant child began to find her voice as an artist. Chaired by Richard Holloway.

BSL

biography

Shona MacLean & Donna Milner

FIRST FICTION

7.30pm | Writers' Retreat | £6.00 £4.00

Captivating debut fiction. The gripping *The Redemption of Alexander Seaton* by Shona MacLean (niece of famed Scottish author Alastair MacLean) takes us to Banff in the 1620s where the search for the murderer of an apothecary's apprentice uncovers the darkness in men's souls. Canadian Donna Milner's *After the River* tells the story of a young girl and her idyllic farm life in 1960s British Columbia which is shattered by a Vietnam War resister on the run – a poignant and moving account of how conflict can devastate lives across generations.

fiction

Carol Ann Duffy

POETRY

8.00pm | RBS Main Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

The joyous return of one of our most popular visitors. Carol Ann Duffy epitomises the very spirit of the Book Festival – generous, open, in love with language. Sit back and listen to one of the most captivating poets in the land.

poetry

John Howe

ILLUSTRATION AND DESIGN

8.00pm | RBS Corner Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

John Howe's meticulously crafted illustrations capture the essence of some of the most exciting narratives in the English language. On this illuminating voyage of illustration and design, he discusses his book illustration work on *Beowulf* and his role as lead artist on *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy.

masterclass

Whisky Tasting

THE HIGHLAND PARK EVENT

8.00pm | Party Pavilion | £9.00 £7.00

An exclusive tutored whisky tasting with Highland Park taking you through their award-winning single malts from Orkney. The combination of traditional whisky-making techniques with obsessive attention to detail have made Highland Park arguably the most respected single malt in the world.

food & drink

Hardeep Singh Kohli

TRAVEL AND ADVENTURE

8.30pm | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Join the Glaswegian chef and journalist as he recounts the search for his roots round India. *Indian Takeaway* is the hilarious story of his attempts to cook his way round the country, dishing up treacle pudding and cock-a-leekie soup to Bollywood film crews and Goan fishermen. Chaired by Ruth Wishart.

travel

The Name's Bond...

THE INHOUSE EDINBURGH EVENT

8.30pm | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

This year marks the centenary of James Bond creator, Ian Fleming's birth. His indefatigable, world famous secret agent continues to go from strength to strength in books and on the big screen. Come and join Young Bond creator Charlie Higson, and Ian Fleming's biographer Ben McIntyre, in a celebration of Bond: the myths, stories, images and icons, gadgets and Bond girls. Shaken not stirred!

literature

Spiegelbar

MUSIC

From 9.00pm | Highland Park Spiegeltent | Free – open to all

Come and enjoy a relaxing drink with live music in our atmospheric travelling ballroom. A great place to end your festival day. The band line-up is available from the Information Desk in the Entrance Tent.

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Illustration and design

Novels open up different worlds to us, but what of pictures? They can tell stories quite as vividly. We explore the world of illustrating and design with renowned children's book illustrators in a series of masterclasses where you can develop your own skills and gain first-hand insight into their work. We also have events featuring some illustrious artists from the worlds of graphic novels and film such as Dave McKean, John Howe and Marc Craste.

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Saturday 23 August events for children



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Jacqueline Wilson

AGE 8+ | 10.00am | RBS Main Theatre | £3.50

A wonderful new story from the pen of the bestselling children's writer is reason to rejoice. Come and hear all about *My Sister Jodie* – a fantastic portrayal of sibling relationships and teenage rebellion which bursts with Jacqueline Wilson's characteristic warmth and empathy. (Also on 24 Aug)

Witch Baby and Me with Debi Gliori

AGE 6 – 9 | 10.00am | RBS Corner Theatre | £3.50

Lily's baby sister Daisy is a witch! Now that they've moved house, will Daisy's antics cause mayhem and disaster? Will she turn the neighbours into slugs – or worse?! Join the delightful Debi Gliori for a mad and magical family adventure.

Perform a Story with Books Alive! **workshop**

AGE 6 – 10 | 10.00am – 11.30am | RBS Imagination Lab | £3.50

Create an interactive performance based on Roald Dahl's *The Minpins* using sound effects, musical instruments and masks with Pam Wardell from Books Alive. Listen to the story, then add costumes, props and fun and watch it spring to life. Grown-ups can come back at 11.15am to see the final production in all its glory – just ask for a free VIP ticket when booking.

Tony Ross

AGE 3 – 7 | 10.30am | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £3.50

The celebrated Tony Ross has drawn dozens of much-loved characters, from the Little Princess to Horrid Henry. Join this brilliant artist for a delightful tour through his clever drawings and hilarious stories – which include his newest works *Old Dog* and *Cottonwool Colin*.

Top Secret: Beastly Creatures!

AGE 8 – 12 | 11.30am | RBS Corner Theatre | £3.50

Shhh! Be the first to discover the top secret Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Beasts – a rescue centre for rare and endangered beasts. This exclusive event is a wild ride with a menagerie of terrible creatures and fantastic monsters. Not for the faint-hearted!

Story Time

ALL AGES | 12 noon – 12.45pm | RBS Imagination Lab

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

Daily storytelling to lift the spirit, engage the senses and spark the imagination. Today: **Beth Cross**.

The Apple-Pip Princess with Jane Ray

AGE 4 – 7 | 12.30pm | RBS Workshop Tent | £3.50

When the Queen died, the land mourned. Now the King has challenged his daughters to save their crumbling kingdom. Can the littlest princess and her tiny apple pip change the world? Author Jane Ray introduces her stunning fable of environmental change, perseverance and inspiration.

Charlie Higson: By Royal Command THE BIG ISSUE EVENT

AGE 8 – 14 | 1.30pm | RBS Main Theatre | £3.50

James Bond needs no introduction. Join the inestimable Charlie Higson for this exclusive preview of his fifth (and last?), Young Bond adventure, where our courageous hero journeys to the Alps and back. Not to be missed!

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Football Face-off!

AGE 7 – 10 | 1.30pm | RBS Corner Theatre | £3.50

Come and hear the hilarious adventures of The Bare Bum Gang (and find out how they got that ridiculous name!). The Gang's secret headquarters are at stake in a footie match against their rivals. Can their ingenious traps and tricks save them? Find out in this event with the marvellous **Anthony McGowan**.

Tony Mitton Plays with Words

AGE 3 – 6 | 1.30pm | RBS Imagination Lab | £3.50

Children everywhere love Tony Mitton's delightfully simple rhyming stories such as *Spookyrumpus* and *All Afloat on Noah's Boat!* Join this infectiously energetic author for an exciting event full of playful fun, in the tone of Dr Seuss and Julia Donaldson.



Aliens (and Dinosaurs!) Love Underpants

AGE 4 – 7 | 2.00pm | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £3.50

Aliens Love Underpants was the breakout picture book hit of last year. Now illustrator **Ben Cort** gives us an exclusive look at his next hilarious undergarment romp, *Dinosaurs Love Underpants*. You may even get to design your own outrageous pants in this interactive event.

Storybook Characters Come to Life! **workshop**

AGE 4+ | 2.30pm – 5.00pm | RBS Workshop Tent | Free & drop-in

Our children's programme this year has showcased fairy tales, myths, legends and fables from across the globe. Create your own puppets inspired by the heroes and villains from your favourite stories in this free, drop-in event with artist **Linda McCann**.

Drop-in events are limited to 30 people at any one time.

Curse of the Vampirates with Justin Somper

AGE 8 – 12 | 3.00pm | RBS Corner Theatre | £3.50

Ahoy Vampirates! Batten down the hatches and prepare for a hurricane of fun in this swashbuckling adventure at sea. Learn the hidden secrets of your favourite nightwalking pirates with Justin Somper, who gives you a top secret sneak preview of *Black Heart* – not out until 2009!

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Carol Ann Duffy

FAMILIES & 7+ | 5.00pm | RBS Corner Theatre | £3.50

Spend an hour in the company of the wonderful Carol Ann Duffy as she journeys through some of her best prose and poetry with musician **John Sampson**. From her elegant fairy tale *The Princess' Blankets* to her heart-warming fable *The Tear Thief*, her well-loved words spoken aloud are a real indulgence.

Swapping Mums with Ceci Jenkinson

AGE 6 – 10 | 5.00pm | RBS Imagination Lab | £3.50

Fed up with your mum and want a new one? Swap her at *The Mum Shop*! But be careful what you wish for... The replacement mums – such as ditzzy Sid and regimental Comrade Getty – create complete havoc and hilarious mayhem in this delightful new novel. Perfect for Jeremy Strong fans!

The Nostradamus Prophecy with Theresa Breslin

AGE 12+ | 6.30pm | RBS Corner Theatre | £3.50

Theresa Breslin blurs fact, fiction and fate in her latest intricately woven historical thriller, *The Nostradamus Prophecy*. Join this captivating author as she examines Nostradamus's catastrophic visions and reveals her own unique readings of these prophecies.

John Howe

TEENS & ADULTS | 8.00pm | RBS Corner Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

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events for adults

Ten at Ten

FICTION AND POETRY

10.00am – 10.10am | Writers' Retreat | Free – book in advance

A short and perfect start to the morning: a ten minute reading, free, in our lovely Writers' Retreat in the trees. A story, or poetry – a literary surprise each day. Check the screen in the Entrance Tent to find out who will be reading today.

literature

Tom Pow & Dilys Rose

WAKE UP TO WORDS

10.15am | Highland Park Spiegeltent | £9.00 £7.00

Two of Scotland's finest and most perceptive poets. Tom Pow's powerful collection *Dear Alice: Narratives of Madness* explores the imaginative legacy of a nineteenth century lunatic asylum. Dilys Rose draws on eerie medical history and myth for her original collection focusing on the human body, *From Olga's Back to Weaver's Bottom*.

Free coffee and pastries. Sponsored by Green Mountain Coffee Roasters

poetry

Alistair Moffat & Marc Morris

ENGLISH AND SCOTTISH HISTORY

11.00am | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

The historic divisions between England and Scotland explored. Broadcaster, author and director of the Borders Book Festival, Alistair Moffat tells the story of Hadrian's Wall, the largest single Roman monument in the world, and its impact on Northern Britain. Marc Morris presents a fascinating portrait of medieval King Edward I, conqueror of Scotland and nemesis of Braveheart.

history

Accessing the Teen Market

WRITING WORKSHOP

11.00am – 12.30pm | Writers' Retreat | £12.00 £10.00

Keith Gray, award-winning author for teenagers and young adults, Scottish Book Trust's virtual writer-in-residence and teen fiction reviewer for the Scotsman, offers valuable practical advice on how to write for this most demanding, and also rewarding, of audiences. (Maximum 20 places)

workshop

Salman Rushdie

THE BAILLIE GIFFORD EVENT

11.30am | RBS Main Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

We are overjoyed to welcome back to the Book Festival one of the world's greatest living writers. His 1993 *Midnight's Children* was judged to be Booker of the Bookers. Now Salman Rushdie returns with another masterpiece, *The Enchantress of Florence*, a sumptuous mix of fable and history set in Mughal India and Renaissance Florence.

fiction

Arkady Babchenko & Åsne Seierstad

THE ANNA POLITKOVSKAYA MEMORIAL EVENT

12 noon | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Anna Politkovskaya, leading Russian journalist and outspoken critic of the Chechen conflict, was assassinated in 2006 not long after her extraordinary and resonant Book Festival appearance. She is remembered today as we hear inside accounts of the Chechen tragedy. Arkady Babchenko gives a riveting account of life as a young soldier at the front line. Acclaimed foreign correspondent Åsne Seierstad returned to Chechnya to find a society brutalised by war in *The Angel of Grozny*.

nations

John Mullan & John Sutherland

LITERATURE AND CULTURE

12.30pm | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Why have writers from Walter Scott to Joe Klein gone to great lengths to hide their identities? What was the original title of *Nineteen Eighty-Four*? Which author had the heaviest brain? John Mullan reveals how anonymity is a sure route to notoriety and John Sutherland divulges diverting literary trivia.

literature

Will Self

THE BIG ISSUE EVENT

1.30pm | RBS Main Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

The prodigiously talented writer of *The Book of Dave* returns with his new novel *The Butt*, a disturbing allegory of the liberal West post-9/11. Set in a distorted world, an innocent discarding of a cigarette butt by a tourist leads to an assault charge.

fiction

Writing Stories

WRITING WORKSHOP

2.00pm – 3.30pm | Writers' Retreat | £12.00 £10.00

Linda Cracknell has just published her long-awaited second collection of short stories, *The Searching Glance*. Join her for some inspiring perspectives and practical exercises on writing stories. (Maximum 20 places)

workshop

Tim Birkhead & Graeme Gibson

NATURE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

2.30pm | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Graeme Gibson and his wife Margaret Atwood are honorary presidents of the Rare Bird Club of BirdLife International. At the last Book Festival he made an impassioned speech following the poisoning of an eagle in the Borders. Today the author of *The Bedside Book of Birds* talks about campaigning for endangered species. Tim Birkhead's beautifully detailed *The Wisdom of Birds: An Illustrated History of Ornithology* describes the lives of birds, and reveals some fascinating truths behind the historical myths.

environment

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Sunday 24 August **events for adults** *continued*

Ffion Hague

LIVED LIVES

3.30pm | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

The wife of the former Conservative leader William Hague is perfectly placed to discuss the role of the politician's spouse. *The Pain and the Privilege: Women in Lloyd George's Life* reveals the intriguing relationships of the eminent Prime Minister who employed the greatest skills of diplomacy to balance two wives for over thirty years.

biography

Oliver James

ALZHEIMER'S AND DEMENTIA

5.00pm | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Inspired by his mother-in-law and her groundbreaking techniques in the management of Alzheimer's, the psychologist Oliver James has written *Remind Me Again*. Written for dementia sufferers and their families it aims to take away the fear so often associated with this currently incurable disease and offers practical solutions to ensure lifelong well-being for those afflicted, and support and understanding for their families.

society

Nadeem Aslam & Anuradha Roy

FINE FICTION

4.00pm | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

The extraordinary third novel from Nadeem Aslam, *The Wasted Vigil*, is an unflinching and beautiful story of modern-day Afghanistan, an eloquent portrait of Islam and of love during war time. Indian writer Anuradha Roy's debut is an intense portrait of three generations of one Indian family, capturing the country's history in the twentieth century – a book which has set the publishing world alight.

fiction

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RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CULTURAL LIFE OF ONE'S COMMUNITY

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society

Posy Simmonds

MEET THE AUTHOR

4.30pm | RBS Main Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

One of the finest chroniclers of contemporary manners, Posy Simmonds has taken the graphic novel to new satirical and emotional heights. Originally serialised in the Guardian, *Tamara Drew* is inspired by *Far From the Madding Crowd*. Set in a writers' retreat, it is a thrilling tale of jealousy and desire; the middle classes perfectly speared and drawn. Chaired by **Ruth Wishart**.

fiction

Alexander Ahndoril

WRITERS OF THE WORLD

6.00pm | Writers' Retreat | £6.00 £4.00

Following the visit of Ingmar Bergman's daughter Linn Ullman to the Book Festival, Alexander Ahndoril discusses his fictionalised portrait of the great film-maker. *The Director* captures Bergman as he was making *Winter Light*. A fascinating and intimate account of creativity, it's the most talked about book in Sweden in recent years.

world writing

Wojciech Tochman

WAR AND TERROR

4.30pm | Writers' Retreat | £6.00 £4.00

Over 100,000 people died during the Bosnian wars, but it was years before bodies were identified and mourning could begin. In a harrowing portrait of a desperate country, outstanding Polish writer Wojciech Tochman's *Like Eating a Stone* tells the stories of those still looking for the families they have lost.

nations

Raj Persaud

MATTERS OF THE MIND

6.30pm | RBS Main Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Some of the most enthralling sessions at the Book Festival are those of Dr Raj Persaud – eminent psychiatrist, prolific broadcaster and bestselling author. In a preview of his forthcoming book *Charm Offensive*, this evening he reveals the secrets behind social success.

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philosophy

Human rights

We commemorate the 60th birthday of the UN's Universal Declaration of Human Rights – its enduring relevance and its universality – with a range of events highlighting the issues. And in solidarity with writers facing persecution for their thoughts and words we offer daily free readings, in association with Amnesty International, which celebrate the work of writers from across the world from Guatemala, Guantanamo, Syria and beyond.



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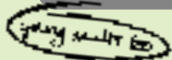
Varmints: From Page to Screen

ILLUSTRATION AND DESIGN

6.30pm – 8.00pm | RBS Corner Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Author **Helen Ward** and BAFTA award-winning animator **Marc Craste** have collaborated to create *Varmints*, a harrowing tale of ecological doom, as both an evocative illustrated book and a stunning animated film. Using clips from the film, Helen and Marc explain the process of creating these two distinct but intricately entwined artworks.

masterclass



Andrey Kurkov

WRITERS OF THE WORLD

6.45pm | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Andrey Kurkov is one of the most joyous and warmly welcomed visitors to our festival. Ukraine's best-known contemporary writer, his blackly comic novels, with their jaundiced views of Ukrainian reality and post-Soviet life, have been widely translated. In *The Good Angel of Death* the chance discovery of a book leads a nightwatchman on a bizarre journey to Kazakhstan. Come and be completely beguiled.

world writing



The Road to Independence

WHERE IS SCOTLAND'S FUTURE?

7.00pm – 8.15pm | Highland Park Spiegeltent | £9.00 £7.00

With the SNP coming to power at the last elections, an independent Scotland has come one step closer to reality; now is the time to properly consider the arguments. What will an independent Scotland really mean for the nation's people? Will an independent Scotland be better, worse, or will we even notice the difference? Come and debate the issues with leading authors on independence **Murray Pittock, Harry Reid and Paul Scott**.

politics

John Freely

TRAVEL AND ADVENTURE

7.00pm | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Experienced travel writer John Freely, the greatest living expert on Turkey, has also been travelling around the Ionian Islands for over forty years. His wonderful new work perfectly captures the history, culture and contemporary society of these seven islands, rich in myth, literature and legend.

travel

Ken Cockburn & Tessa Ransford

SCOTTISH POETRY

7.30pm | Writers' Retreat | £6.00 £4.00

An hour of sublime poetry from two leading Scottish poets. Tessa Ransford, founder of the Scottish Poetry Library, takes inspiration from environmental themes in her latest work. Ken Cockburn's new collection is sparked by inscriptions, graffiti and scribbled notes on the flyleaves of books – Ovid, a guidebook, a superhero comic.

poetry

Oliver James

POLITICS AND SOCIETY

8.00pm | RBS Main Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

The leading psychologist develops the thesis of his groundbreaking *Affluenza. The Selfish Capitalist* is a hard-hitting and thought-provoking examination of why our personal well-being must take precedence over the wealth of a tiny minority if we are to cure ourselves of the widespread malaise and depression caused by greed.

society

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food & drink

Martin MacIntyre

GAELIC FICTION

8.30pm | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Award-winning writer Martin MacIntyre brings a fresh contemporary sensibility to Gaelic fiction. His debut novel *Gymnippers Diciadain* centred on parents meeting while their children are in gym class and their friendship growing into love. Tonight he launches his second Gaelic novel, *An Latha as Fhaide (The Longest Day)*. Gripping, lively and essential.

fiction

Spiegelbar MUSIC

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Come and enjoy a relaxing drink with live music in our travelling ballroom. The band line-up is available from the Information Desk in the Entrance Tent. *Sponsored by Highland Park*



Graphic novels

An intricate blend of image and text, the best graphic novels rival poetry and film in their lyrical composition and depth. All of human experience is brought to life with insight, imagination and page-turning narrative. After the success of our events last year our programme again features some of the best artists working in the field of graphic novels who offer further inspiration and insight. Come and find out why graphic novels have become one of today's most exciting artforms, taking on the world we live in and reflecting it back to us in a thousand different ways – as engaging and powerful as the best fiction.

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AGE 8+ | 10.00am | RBS Main Theatre | £3.50

A wonderful new story from the pen of the bestselling children's writer is reason to rejoice. Come and hear all about *My Sister Jodie* – a fantastic portrayal of sibling relationships and teenage rebellion which bursts with Jacqueline Wilson's characteristic warmth and empathy. (Also on 23 Aug)

Outer Space Adventures with Marcus Chown

AGES 7 – 10 | 10.00am | RBS Corner Theatre | £3.50

When Felicity Frobisher befriends a mischievous, invisible creature from the Aldebaran Galaxy, she is in for a surprise. Reminiscent of the playful stories of Douglas Adams, this high adventure is full of furious fun and fast facts. Join author and New Scientist contributor Marcus Chown on a trip to the galaxy.

Astrosaurs Academy with Steve Cole

AGE 6 – 9 | 10.30am | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £3.50

Captain Teggs wasn't always a first rate pilot and space adventurer. Come and hear all about young Cadet Teggs's very first missions, whilst training to become a fully-fledged Astrosaur, in this interactive, intergalactic event with Steve Cole.

Wendy the Wide Mouthed Frog

AGE 3 – 6 | 10.30am | RBS Workshop Tent | £3.50

The exuberant **Sam Lloyd** delivers an interactive event packed with fun and games. Meet Wendy, the star of her newest title in her bestselling puppet-book series. Part story, part puppet show, these books delight young readers and encourage a playful interaction with stories and words.

Elmer's Party!

AGE 3 – 7 | 10.30am | RBS Imagination Lab | £3.50

Celebrate the world's favourite patchwork elephant! Dress as your favourite jungle creature and join us for a delightful hour of tropical stories, fun and games in honour of Elmer.

The Big Picture Event with Polly Dunbar, David Lucas & Catherine Rayner

FAMILIES & 5+ | 11.30am | RBS Corner Theatre | £3.50

Three of the brightest new illustrators working today present an exciting, family-friendly event incorporating drawing, storytelling and heaps of fun to celebrate the Booktrust's Big Picture Campaign – a picture book initiative about loving reading from the very beginning. Chaired by Children's Laureate **Michael Rosen**.

Story Time

ALL AGES | 12 noon – 12.45pm | RBS Imagination Lab

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

Daily storytelling to lift the spirit, engage the senses and spark the imagination. Today: **Claire McNicol**.

Mrs Floss & Mrs Fleece

AGE 3 – 7 | 12.30pm | RBS Workshop Tent | £3.50

Join the delightful duo, author **Vivian French** and illustrator **Natalie Russell**, for a tale of opposites. The timid Mrs Fleece and her son Reece and the bold Mrs Floss and her son Ross are as different as chalk and cheese. But when the Big Bad Wolf arrives, it is trembling Reece that saves the day!

workshop

Spy Dog to the Rescue!

AGE 6 – 9 | 1.30pm | RBS Corner Theatre | £3.50

Lara is the coolest canine secret agent around; foiling dastardly plots and saving innocent children is all in a day's work for this clever spy dog. Author **Andrew Cope** (who really does have a dog named Lara!) shares his latest daring Spy Dog tale in this engaging event.

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Tall Tales & Tigers with David Lucas

AGE 9 – 12 | 1.30pm | RBS Imagination Lab | £3.50

Like all the best fairy tales, the cleverly crafted *The Lying Carpet* delights readers of all ages. This illustrated novel features a tiger rug who tells various versions of the truth – but which version should be believed? Give yourself over to David Lucas's deceptively simple, moving tales.

Meet Anne Fine

FAMILIES & 7+ | 2.00pm | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £3.50

Anne Fine writes for all ages, for all voices. Strongly crafted and endlessly engaging, her work is lauded the world over. Learn how this master of modern children's literature gets her ideas and why she started writing in this intimate event for readers of all ages.

Michael Rosen's A to Z of Poetry

FAMILIES & 5+ | 3.00pm | RBS Main Theatre | £3.50

Join the electrifying and infectious **Michael Rosen**, **Carol Ann Duffy**, **Tom Pow** and musician **John Sampson** for a unique event which plays with words and makes them dance. You'll leave positively glowing after these masters of language spin words; by turns silly and serious, shocking and sublime. Not to be missed!

Inventions & Contraptions

AGE 8 – 12 | 3.00pm | RBS Corner Theatre | £3.50

A bold, bizarre and downright fun interactive event where you get to brainstorm ideas for brilliant inventions with two of the most imaginative minds in the business: authors **John 'The Seven Professors of the Far North' Fardell** and **Alexander Gordon 'The Inventors and the City of Stolen Souls' Smith**. Suitable for masterminds and beginners alike.

Colin and the Wrong Shadow

AGE 3 – 6 | 3.00pm | RBS Workshop Tent | £3.50

Colin is a mischievous kitten who gets into all sorts of scrapes. Now Colin is stuck to someone else's shadow! Join animator and illustrator **Leigh Hodgkinson** to create your own animated adventures in this hands-on workshop.

workshop

Story Time

ALL AGES | 3.00pm – 3.45pm | RBS Imagination Lab

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

Daily storytelling to lift the spirit, engage the senses and spark the imagination. Today: **Claire McNicol**.

Jonathan Stroud

AGE 10+ | 5.00pm | RBS Corner Theatre | £3.50

After the huge success of the Bartimaeus Trilogy, Jonathan Stroud previews his much anticipated new stand-alone fantasy *Heroes of the Valley*. Expect an event of epic proportions from this master of suspense.

Phobias, Fears and Mischief

AGE 8 – 12 | 5.00pm | RBS Imagination Lab | £3.50

Darkly funny and hugely entertaining, Agatha Bilke is an anti-hero whose deliciously wicked deeds torment the other problem children she encounters. Join author **Siân Pattenden** for a fun discussion about unusual phobias and crazy nightmares.

Varmints: From Page to Screen

TEENS & ADULTS | 6.30pm – 8.00pm | RBS Corner Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Author **Helen Ward** and BAFTA award-winning animator **Marc Craste** have collaborated to create *Varmints*, a harrowing tale of ecological doom, as both an evocative illustrated book and a stunning animated film. Using clips from the film, Helen and Marc will explain the process of creating these two distinct but intricately entwined artworks.

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25 Monday August

events for adults

Ten at Ten

FICTION AND POETRY

10.00am – 10.10am | Writers' Retreat | Free – book in advance

A short and perfect start to the morning: a ten minute reading, free, in our lovely Writers' Retreat in the trees. A story, or poetry – a literary surprise each day. Check the screen in the Entrance Tent to find out who will be reading today.

Rodge Glass in Conversation with Will Self

WAKE UP TO WORDS

10.15am | Highland Park Spiegelent | £9.00 £7.00

Rodge Glass, novelist and erstwhile secretary to Alasdair Gray, has written a dazzling, highly unusual biography of the foremost Scottish writer. Glass brings to life not only Gray's unrestrained and sometimes unfathomable creativity, but also the city and friends that have inspired him. He will be in conversation with Will Self, one of Alasdair Gray's biggest fans.

Free coffee and pastries. Sponsored by Green Mountain Coffee Roasters

Kevin Jefferys

POLITICS AND SOCIETY

11.00am | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Is British democracy in crisis? In *Politics and the People* historian Kevin Jefferys argues that political apathy has always been endemic among the public, and investigates the emergence of British democracy as we know it.

How to Make a Publisher Say Yes!

WRITING WORKSHOP

11.00am – 12.30pm | Writers' Retreat | £12.00 £10.00

Getting that first contract can seem tantalisingly close or horribly unreachable. Nicola Morgan, Chair of the Society of Authors in Scotland, offers a detailed discussion and surgery. Bring your hopes, attempts, failures and near misses, and perhaps discover what you are doing wrong. (Maximum 20 places)

Sean Connery & Murray Grigor

THE HIGHLAND PARK EVENT

11.30am | RBS Main Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

A remarkable Book Festival exclusive. Edinburgh's own son, the most famous living Scot, international film legend – a visit by Sir Sean Connery at any time is a cause for jubilation but particularly on the publication of his long-awaited book, and on the very day of his 78th birthday. *Being A Scot*, written with his friend and film-maker Murray Grigor, is a vivid and highly personal account of Scotland and its achievements. Chaired by Sheena McDonald.

literature

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politics

workshop

biography

Terence Kealey

BUSINESS MATTERS

12.30pm | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

How did people evolve to make money? With infectious enthusiasm the author of *Sex, Science & Profits* conjures up the banking systems of Ptolemaic Egypt, twelfth century English windmills and the mating calls of whales to demonstrate how an understanding of biology and natural selection can radically transform our view of economics.

Bashir Maan

EAST AND WEST

2.00pm | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

The firebombing at Glasgow Airport by radical Islamists and subsequent reprisals underlined the lack of understanding about the Muslim community in Scotland. Whereas fifty years ago there were fewer than 500 Muslims living in this country, now there are 50,000. Bashir Maan's *The Thistle and the Crescent* is a pioneering and urgently needed study of Scottish-Islamic relations.

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Writing Fantasy

WRITING WORKSHOP

2.00pm – 3.30pm | Writers' Retreat | £12.00 £10.00

Fantasy writing knows no bounds on its imaginative journey but where do you begin? Join leading author Alan Campbell as he gives directions and signposts to guide you through your literary adventure. (Maximum 20 places)

workshop

Anne Fine

FINE FICTION

2.30pm | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Anne Fine's adult fiction is marked by sharp characterisation and delicious dark comedy. In *Fly in the Ointment* a divorcee looks forward to the single life, until she's sucked back into family responsibilities by the spiteful mother of her beloved grandson and finds herself on a collision course with justice. Acid intelligence, insight and entertainment.

fiction

Carol Thatcher

LIVED LIVES

3.00pm | RBS Main Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

The Iron Lady Junior tells her story. With characteristic wit, the journalist reveals growing up as daughter of The Milk Snatcher and Sir Dennis Thatcher, describing her young life as a 'swim-on part in the goldfish bowl', and her adult success on *I'm A Celebrity*, *Get Me Out Of Here*. Chaired by Allan Little.

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Monday 25 August **events for adults** *continued*

Iain Gale & Trevor Royle

history

WAR AND HISTORY

3.30pm | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Life for the British soldier explored in fact and fiction by two eminent Scottish writers. The distinguished historian Trevor Royle discusses the history of *The King's Own Scottish Borderers* dating back to 1689. Iain Gale's historical novels brilliantly evoke the adventures of men of war; the latest, *Rules of War*, features a guerrilla campaign in Spain.

**Ruth Brandon
& Alasdair Roberts**

history

LIVED LIVES

4.00pm | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Gym slips and governesses: a fascinating glimpse into a bygone age of girls' education. Ruth Brandon tells the stories of the real Jane Eyres, the unmarried women with little money who schooled other people's children. Alasdair Roberts celebrates the heyday of girls' schools in Edinburgh in *Crème de la Crème*.

Alexander Stoddart

culture

THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF EDINBURGH EVENT

4.30pm | RBS Main Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Leading international sculptor Alexander Stoddart has recently completed a statue of Adam Smith for Edinburgh's High Street. Today he discusses the place of statues in modern cities, heroic-realist sculpture, and the challenges of recreating the spirit of Stevenson's *Kidnapped* in three dimensions – the Robert Louis Stevenson monument in Edinburgh's Corstorphine.

Hugh Cheape

culture

SCOTTISH CULTURE

4.30pm | Writers' Retreat | £6.00 £4.00

It is one of the great icons of Scottish identity but little is really known about the bagpipes and their origins. Hugh Cheape offers remarkable insight into this magnificent instrument, tracing its impact on Scottish culture and its place in European history.

**Rosemary Goring
& Stephen McGinty**

history

SCOTTISH HISTORY

5.00pm | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Eye witness accounts of pivotal moments in Scottish history. The Herald's literary editor Rosemary Goring's acclaimed *Scotland: The Autobiography* weaves together first-hand testimonies from Bannockburn to the opening of the Parliament in 1999. Survivors relive the Piper Alpha disaster in Scotsman journalist Stephen McGinty's meticulous account, twenty years after the world's worst offshore oil disaster. Chaired by **Sheena McDonald**.

Andrea Wulf

environment

NATURE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

5.30pm | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Why are the British so passionate about gardening? In the last of our in-depth events on the development of gardens, Andrea Wulf charts the growth of this national obsession through the stories of six leading botanists and horticulturalists who brought plants from all over the world to Britain, learnt how to propagate them, and educated the public.

Rebecca Abrams

fiction

FIRST FICTION

6.00pm | Writers' Retreat | £6.00 £4.00

A remarkable story capturing a crucial moment in medical history in eighteenth century Aberdeen, where reason triumphs over superstition, revolutionising the future of childbirth. Leading journalist and non-fiction writer Rebecca Abrams has written her first work of fiction, dramatising the astonishing quest of Dr Alec Gordon as he attempts to conquer childbed fever.

Kate Adie

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society

THE BIGGART BAILLIE EVENT

6.30pm | RBS Main Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

What attracts some people to danger? Kate Adie's career reporting from war zones has made her curious. In a fascinating worldwide quest, she has met individuals whose situations put them in daily risk of their lives, from stunt people, landmine exploders to Saddam Hussein's food taster. *Into Danger* is her new book – full of personal insight.

The Beano's Barrie Appleby

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fiction

COMIC BOOKS

6.30pm | RBS Corner Theatre | £3.50

Barrie Appleby's comic illustrations have been enjoyed by generations of children. For young fans and nostalgic readers, this is a treat not to be missed as *The Beano* celebrates its 70th birthday. Meet the artist behind Dennis the Menace and Roger the Dodger and watch as your favourite characters come to life right before your eyes! A great family event.

Sun Shuyun

nations

FOCUS ON CHINA

6.45pm | Peppers Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

In a welcome return to Edinburgh, Sun Shuyun brings her timely, important and humane study, *A Year In Tibet*: a revealing personal portrait of a remote Tibetan village known for its anti-Chinese stance.

Closing Ceilidh

culture

MUSIC AND DANCING

7.00pm | Highland Park Spiegeltent | £9.00 £7.00

Join us for the perfect close to the Book Festival, our much-loved annual celebration with **Bella McNab's Dance Band** playing the finest Scottish traditional music. A night of dancing and fun.

Candia McWilliam

fiction

FINE FICTION

7.00pm | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

Queen of the short story, perceptive and generous critic, magician of words: no writer captures the spirit of the Book Festival more than Candia McWilliam. The Edinburgh-born writer opened last year's festival – bask in her wisdom and illuminating company on our closing evening as she reads and discusses her new memoir.

Sam Meekings & Kei Miller

poetry

POETRY

7.30pm | Writers' Retreat | £6.00 £4.00

On our final day, two striking new poetic voices. Sam Meekings's collection, *The Bestiary*, is a lyrical exploration of our complex relationship with the natural world. Jamaican-born Kei Miller's poetry travels between the Caribbean and the UK, taking us to unexpected new places.

Alastair Reid

literature

LITERATURE AND CULTURE

8.30pm | ScottishPower Studio Theatre | £9.00 £7.00

A rare treat for our final evening: Alastair Reid, son of a Scottish manse and citizen of the world, celebrated for his luminous poetry, his peerless prose and his acclaimed translations of Neruda and Borges. Meet the 'word magician' as he reads from a new collection of writing.

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Monday 25 August events for children



Rhymetime

BABIES & UNDER 3s | 3.00pm – 3.30pm | RBS Imagination Lab
Free – book in advance

Another chance to join Bookstart Edinburgh and Craigmillar Books for Babies in their incredibly popular event of interactive songs and stories designed to engage your youngsters. (Also on 9, 15, 19, 20 Aug).

Maximum 4 tickets per booking.

Rhymetime

BABIES & UNDER 3s | 4.00pm – 4.30pm | RBS Imagination Lab
Free – book in advance

Your final chance to join Bookstart Edinburgh and Craigmillar Books for Babies in their incredibly popular event of interactive songs and stories designed to engage your youngsters. (Also on 9, 15, 19, 20 Aug).

Maximum 4 tickets per booking.

Tilly & Friends with Polly Dunbar

AGE 3 – 5 | 4.30pm | RBS Workshop Tent | £3.50

Polly Dunbar's clever stories and playful illustrations delight young children. Join this Booktrust Early Years Award winner for an interactive workshop of creative fun based on her latest picture books, about Tilly and friends.

workshop

Simon Bartram Spots Aliens!

AGE 4 – 8 | 5.00pm | RBS Corner Theatre | £3.50

Man on the Moon: A Day in the Life of Bob won the Blue Peter Book of the Year Award. Now Bob is back for another entertaining outer space adventure. Join Simon Bartram for an exclusive look at his new book *Bob's Best Friend* in this wacky, interactive alien show.



Princess Poppy Grows Up

AGE 5 – 8 | 5.00pm | RBS Imagination Lab | £3.50

Princess Poppy has a whole new look! **Janey Louise Jones** introduces her brand new series about everyone's favourite princess, as Poppy faces new challenges and even greater adventures on Honeypot Hill.

Writing Workshop with Joan Lennon

AGE 9+ | 6.00pm | RBS Workshop Tent | £3.50

Ever wanted to write a story? Author Joan Lennon leads a hands-on writing workshop which will help you find your inner voice and capture your imagination. Using examples from her recent book, *The Seventh Tide*, Joan will offer advice and support and bring out the novelist in you.

workshop

The Beano's Barrie Appleby

FAMILIES & 6+ | 6.30pm | RBS Corner Theatre | £3.50

Barrie Appleby's comic illustrations have been enjoyed by generations of children. For young fans and nostalgic readers, this is a treat not to be missed as *The Beano* celebrates its 70th birthday. Meet the artist behind Dennis the Menace and Roger the Dodger and watch as your favourite characters come to life right before your eyes!

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Visiting with children

Admission free – everyone welcome!

The Book Festival is a great place for children – a safe family-friendly space where both children and accompanying adults can feel at home, have some fun and be inspired. We have answered some of the more frequently asked questions below to help make your visit as enjoyable as possible.

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

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

All workshops have this symbol

workshop

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 you do not need to buy a ticket, but as space is limited only one accompanying adult per participating child will be admitted. Additional babies or siblings will only be admitted at our discretion. If you do not accompany your child, we would request that you stay in the gardens near the event – they are the perfect place to read and relax while you are waiting.

How do I know if the event is suitable for my child?

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

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 don't give refunds on tickets purchased. However, we recognise that people with very young children may need to leave the venue unexpectedly and our staff will be on hand to help you leave as discreetly as possible, and to help you back in should you wish to return.

Is there anywhere I can leave my pushchair?

Yes – in the Bookstart Buggy Park in Charlotte Square Gardens next to the RBS Corner Theatre (see site map on page 72). If you wish, you may leave your pushchair or buggy here for the duration of your visit to the Book Festival. Please be aware that the Bookstart Buggy Park is not staffed and items are left at the owner's risk.

Do you sell books for children?

We have two large bookshops in Charlotte Square Gardens. The RBS Children's Bookshop is designed just for children (literature for adults is stocked in the main bookshop) and stocks thousands of titles for all ages and tastes from babies through to teens. There are also free Activity and Reading Corners at the back of the bookshop where children can read and play.

Can I bring my own food and drink?

Yes, of course! Sit on the grass and picnic for as long as you wish – you don't have to see an event to do so. We have provided water taps (see site map on page 72) in the garden so you can fill up water bottles.

More children's events available...



The RBS Schools Programme is created especially for schools but if tickets are still available, individuals can book these events at the special price of £2 from Mon 30 June. The RBS Schools Programme includes over 40 author events and creative workshops for all ages. For more information call the Box Office on 0845 373 5888 or download the schools brochure from www.edbookfest.co.uk.



Join us in the gardens

Admission free – everyone welcome!

Book Festival Bookshops

The Bookshop is open daily from 9.30am – 9.30pm. Take time to browse and explore the thousands of titles from Book Festival and other authors including Scottish interest books, contemporary fiction and non-fiction. A haven for book lovers.

RBS Children's Bookshop is open daily from 9.30am – 8.30pm. The latest and best books for youngsters are available in a bookshop created especially for children – from babies to teenagers. There are fun free Activity and Reading Corners at the rear where kids (and any exhausted adults!) can play, relax and read.

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 each venue for when signings are scheduled.

All proceeds from our independent bookshops are put directly back into the Book Festival.



1548 Forth 2 at the Book Festival

Saturdays 12 noon – 2.45pm

Sundays 12 noon – 3.00pm

For further information go to www.forth2.com

Forth 2's very own **Paula Whitelock** will be soaking up the atmosphere every weekend at this year's Book Festival. With guest interviews from some of our bestselling authors, come along to Charlotte Square Gardens to join in!

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Book Festival authors on BBC Radio Scotland

Book Festival authors also take part in live recordings of the Festival Café at the Famous Spiegeltent in George Square – near Edinburgh University – from Monday 11 to Friday 22 August (excluding weekends) at 1.15pm – 2.00pm. Tickets are free from the Fringe: 0131 226 6000 or www.edfringe.com.

Eating and Drinking

Beetroot Blue Café Bar in the London Review of Books Signing Tent

Daily from 9.30am – late

Fairtrade coffee, teas, whisky, wines and beer plus a range of light snacks, sandwiches and salads.

Beetroot Blue Café Bar in the Highland Park Spiegeltent

Daily from 11.30am – 6.00pm

Homemade soups, sandwiches, salads and Fairtrade coffee and teas plus great beer, Stella Bella wine and plenty of Highland Park whisky. Also live music most lunchtimes.

Fenton Barns in The City in The Bookshop

Daily from 9.30am – 9.15pm

The café at East Lothian's Fenton Barns Farm Shop is now in the heart of Edinburgh. Wholesome snacks, tempting homemade pastries, mouth-watering cakes and tarts, as well as Fairtrade organic coffees from Green Mountain Coffee Roasters, speciality teas and award-winning soft drinks.

Di Rollo of Musselburgh Ice Cream Trike

Daily from 11.00am – 6.00pm

Luscious locally made ice cream.

The Spiegelbar in the Highland Park Spiegeltent

Evenings from 9.00pm

A full and fabulous bar in our atmospheric 1930s travelling ballroom with free live music every night from Sunday 10 August. You can find out the line-up of bands from the Information Desk in the Entrance Tent.



Help us to help **the environment**

At the Book Festival we are constantly looking at ways to reduce our impact on the environment and share knowledge on environment issues through our events. To find out what changes we've made visit our website www.edbookfest.co.uk.

Events on the environment

Every year we invite experts on the environment to speak about and debate the issues, and exchange ideas with you and with each other. There is a series of events in this year's programme with an environmental focus – please come along and be inspired! Look out for events with this symbol:

environment

Download a brochure

Save paper – a version of this brochure is available to download on our website www.edbookfest.co.uk, and you can also browse events and buy tickets online.

Recycle your brochures

Our brochure is printed on 100% recycled paper. Once you have finished with your copy, please consider passing it on to a friend or returning it to the display racks or the programme recycling bins provided on site. All programmes left at the end of the festival will be recycled.

Refill your water bottles

Save money and refill your water bottles from our public drinking-water taps rather than buying more bottles of water (see site map on page 72).

Use our recycling facilities

We have a comprehensive recycling programme with bins situated around the gardens for paper, plastic, glass and cans. Although we already recycle much of our waste during the festival we'd like to do more. You can help us by using the appropriate wheelee bin

for your rubbish. They are positioned on the grass at regular intervals around the gardens (see picture). Our onsite staff are happy to help you if you need assistance.

Canvas book bags

Our wonderful new canvas book bags will be available free in The Bookshop at this year's festival to reduce the number of plastic carrier bags used. The bag has been kindly provided by our media partners The Times and Sunday Times Scotland. We are also reducing the number of plastic carrier bags we produce this year and those we do produce are made from recycled materials.

Come rain or shine...

Our beautiful garden is a great, atmospheric space to enjoy an alfresco drink or two with friends in the daytime or the evening. As we no longer provide outdoor heaters in the evening due to their adverse environmental impact, be sure to bring along warm clothes in case the weather turns chilly.

Travel by public transport

Parking and traffic in Edinburgh during August is difficult and stressful. If you usually travel to the Book Festival by car why not try public transport instead? Please go to our website www.edbookfest.co.uk for more information about the alternative means of transport available – including details about car share schemes.

Accommodation in Edinburgh

If you're looking for a place to stay during your visit to Edinburgh, you can now check which hotels and B&Bs are proactively reducing their environmental impact at www.green-business.co.uk.

More information online

Please visit our website www.edbookfest.co.uk for more information about what we've been up to and our plans for the future.

Art in the Garden

Exhibition: **Ric Warren**
in association with Edinburgh Art Festival



Our art in the garden this year is by recent graduate of Glasgow School of Art, Ric Warren, who will exhibit a series of sculptural works around Charlotte Square Gardens responding to the theme of climate change.

Ric Warren's intriguing structures and models, made using a variety of materials, attempt to mimic the language of architecture, or intervene with it, to create buildings that hold space but do not offer it. His work is informed by an interest in the physical, political, cultural and environmental impact of urban change on our habitat. His other exhibitions include an outdoor installation for Big in Falkirk Arts Festival (in collaboration with Seattle-based video artists Sierra Stinson) and creating a permanent wall drawing for The Bloom! Project in Brussels. For more information visit Ric Warren's website www.ricwarren.blogspot.com.

For information about other exhibitions around the city during the festival visit www.edinburghartfestival.org.

Iceberg, 2008. MDF, Paint, Ink. 370x305x100cm (approx)

A guide to the gardens

Admission free – everyone welcome!



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- 💧 Drinking water taps

Facilities for visitors with disabilities



If you require any more information or assistance for your visit please get in touch with us and we will do our best to help – **0845 373 5888**.

- Ramped entrance, fully wheelchair accessible site and free wheelchair hire.
- British Sign Language interpreted events listed as **BSL**
- Infrared systems in all theatres. Please collect a set of earphones from the Information Desk in the Entrance Tent.
- Guide dogs and hearing dogs welcome.

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