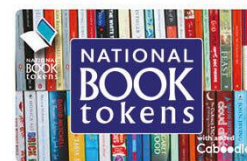


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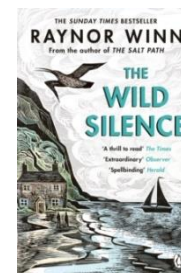
Dear Readers,

One thing that has emerged out of lockdown and the work-from-home habit is that the division between work time and home time has become blurred. Here at Bookworm, the concept of flexitime has really been put to the test. You will know that we have been working from home for the last three years, however, we have noticed a change in the habits of our customers too! Knowing which day it is or even the time of day has sometimes been a challenge. We enjoy flexible working hours, sometimes starting at 7am, sometimes much later. We sometimes answer messages, or emails, well into the evening, but this is balanced out by being able to take time out during the day. We rarely take a whole day off. Does this mean we love doing what we are doing? It must do.

This week, a Radio 2 programme discussed 'working from home' and asked listeners if they minded receiving emails or messages out of hours. Most people agreed that there is no compulsion to answer messages out of hours but if it is convenient to do so, it takes weight off the busier hours of the day. Some people felt that work and private time became muddled.

We want you to know that you can message us *anytime* by email or text message and even by phone – even in the middle of the night! Your phone call will not disturb us after hours because our phones are set to go silent from 5.30 until 9am. So, if you have a moment of insomnia and you suddenly think of a book title you would like to order, just leave us a message on the answerphone!

Mrs Bookworm has just finished reading *Wild Silence* (pb £8.99) which is the sequel to *The Salt Path* by Raynor Winn. Ray and her husband, Moth, unfortunately, became bankrupt, but rather than put their names on the council house waiting list, they decided to walk the Cornish Coastal Path with a small tent, flimsy sleeping bags and very little money. A love of the rawness of nature, a strong constitution to survive and the unexpected kindness of others helped Ray and Moth tread a precarious pathway to a new life.



I (Angela) have just started reading Mel Giedroyc's first novel, *The Best Things*. HB £12.99

Just a few chapters in and the going is firm but easy. I thought Mel was going to fall at the first literary hurdle but things have picked up. Perhaps a summer beach read, this novel is a book equivalent of a TV cartoon show, predictable, stereotypical but strangely watchable – or readable, in this case.

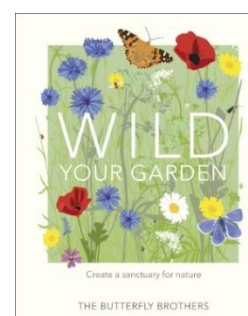


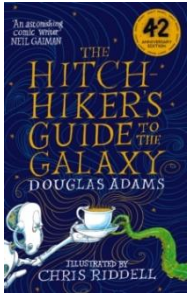
Mr Bookworm is reading (and very much enjoying) *Medical Grade Music* (HB £20) by Steve Davis & Kavus Torabi. Yes, *the* Steve Davis of snooker fame and glory! Steve Davis first met Kavus Torabi in the mid-2000s at a gig by French underground rock legends Magma. Over the next few years, this unlikely duo's shared affinity for visionary psychedelic music would become the foundation of a firm friendship and the most infectiously inclusive broadcasting style since the much-mourned death of John Peel.



Many of us are spending much more time in our garden. This is a great, little book to identify all those creatures that enrich our gardens. £5.99

And, to create the ideal habitat, *Wild Your Garden* £14.99 (or a patch of it) will give all the information you need.

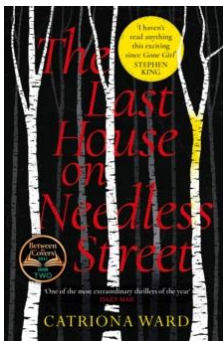




We have more copies available of 42nd Anniversary Edition of The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy, signed by the illustrator, Chris Riddell. HB£12.99

This would make a great gift for a teenager or young adult who likes sci-fi/fantasy. Older readers who also like sci-fi/fantasy will most certainly have already read it.

Do you watch the Sarah Cox TV show called *Between the Covers*? The next episode will be Tuesday 15th at 7.30pm. All episodes are on the BBC I Player. On the show, different guests review different books each week; some are new releases, and some are older or classics. One of the books discussed this week was, *The House on Needless Street*. This book was described as clever but unsettling – Angela is going to put it on her ‘to read’ pile.



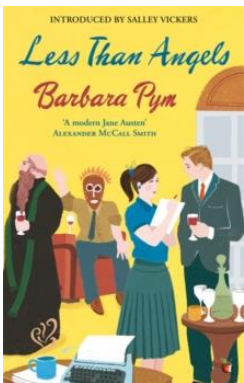
Revenge. This is the story of Ted, who lives with his daughter Lauren and his cat Olivia in an ordinary house at the end of an ordinary street. All these things are true. And yet some of them are lies. You think you know what's inside the last house on Needless Street. You think you've read this story before. But you're wrong. In the dark forest at the end of Needless Street, something lies buried. But it's not what you think... HB £12.99

Review to follow in a few weeks.

Local Interest news

A brilliant, free newsletter is produced by the Clarborough and Welham IT group. It can be read online, or copies can be found in many locations around the district including The Hub, Retford, and village shops.

The website address is: www.clarborough-welham.org.uk



There has recently been a resurgence of interest in books by Barbara Pym.

Less Than Angels follows the loves, works and hopes of a group of young anthropologists. Catherine Oliphant is a writer and lives with handsome anthropologist Tom Mallow. Their relationship runs into trouble when he begins a romance with student Deirdre Swann, so Catherine turns her attention to the reclusive anthropologist Alaric Lydgate, who has a fondness for wearing African masks. Added to this love triangle are the activities of Deirdre's fellow students and their attempts to win the competition for a research grant. The course of true love or academia never did run smooth. Originally written in 1955. This edition published by Virago £8.99, paperback.

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