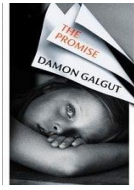
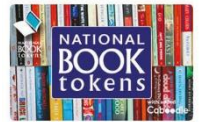


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**The Booker Winner has been announced and Mrs Bookworm guessed correctly, did you?**

The winner is *The Promise* by Damon Galgut. Damon has written nine novels, been shortlisted three times over the last 17 years and it's seven years since he last published a novel... meaning he plans, researches and polishes his work...a worthy winner!

**From the sublime to the ridiculous**, Mrs Bookworm is reading the autobiography of Gyles Brandreth called *Odd One Out*. Some of it is fascinating and some of it is typical, name-dropping ramble. But there is always something in every book which resonates with the reader and this book is no exception. Brandreth explains that he has spent much of his life looking for his next job, never having been actually employed. He wanted to become an actor. He has done quite a bit of acting but that is not his main way of earning a living. An actor friend once said to him, 'Do you *want* to be an actor, or do you *need* to be an actor? I *need* to be an actor,' said his friend, 'acting defines my reason for living.' The 'want' or 'need' effect can be applied to writing too. Many of you reading this will have wanted to write a novel, with dreams of getting published – Mr and Mrs Bookworm have certainly put pen to paper many times but never got very far! So, for us it was a case of want, not need. For Damon Galgut, the desire to write is a need, a life-long calling... hence his success.

Gyles Brandreth realised that his 'need' in life was to communicate with people and organise productions (plays etc) We saw Gyles with the late Nicholas Parsons a few years ago at the Edinburgh festival. The show was billed as *An audience with Nicholas Parsons*, however, Brandreth accompanied Parsons on stage and expertly (but gently) kept the dialogue going when Nicholas hesitated when he lost his thread part way through a story. Both men were obviously thoroughly enjoying their shared supporting roles. One year at a booksellers' convention, we met Jacqueline Wilson, the children's author. Jaqueline has written well over 100 books. When we spoke to her she explained that she feels the need to write every day, even on Christmas Day before she gets dressed! So, if you find yourself trying to find time to write that novel or thinking that you will do it one day, maybe like us you will pursue something else instead... but never say never!

**Mr Bookworm is reading *Manifesto*** by Dale Vince OBE, Founder of Ecotricity, and United Nations Climate Champion. Part autobiography, part world climate plan. Easy to read and inspirational, and the typeface is a good size (always a bonus in our opinion). Hardback, 208 pages, rrp £20, our price £16

**Bookworm History (part 3)**



**So, just to recap:** the Book Corner opened in Newark Antique Centre in 1990 followed by Bookworm, Retford on Nov 13th, 1992. Within six weeks the shop went from being an empty shell to fully fitted and stocked ready for Christmas. There was no grand opening. We were so exhausted we just opened up and hoped people would come in! We took the name of our very first customer and 25 years later we were able to locate him and present him with an anniversary gift along with many other customers who visited us during our anniversary week.



At first, a void!



The 'team' get instructions on how to fit the heavy bookcases.



Little helpers on a tea break.



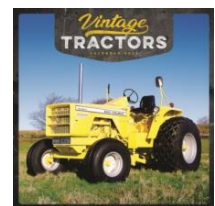
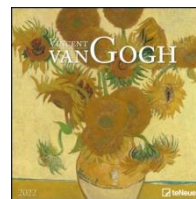
Angela's mum helps add shelves



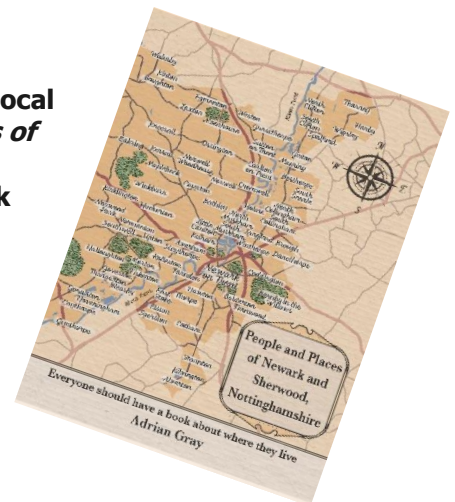
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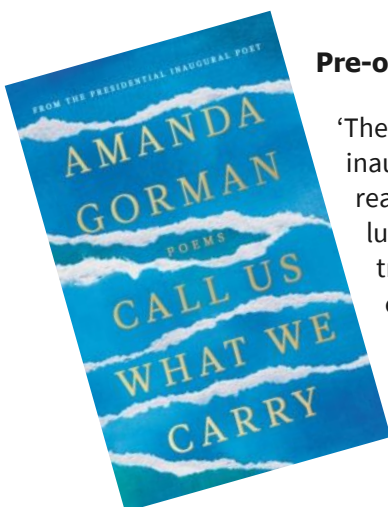
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**Angela & Paul**