

# Edinburgh celebrates World Book Night 2014



WORLD BOOK NIGHT IS ON WEDNESDAY! (IT'S SHAKESPEARE'S BIRTHDAY TOO...)

Last week The Edinburgh Reporter told you about [World Book Night](#), and highlighted some of the events taking place in Edinburgh to celebrate it. We also gave you the list of books being given away in our article [here](#).

Well, it's nearly here and we've heard of even more ways for you to join in:

WBN AT BLACKWELL'S. SOUTH BRIDGE – 6-8pm on 23 APRIL 2014

Blackwell's has invited lots of authors along to discuss their favourite reads. So far, the line-up is:

Jenni Fagan – debut author of the award-winning *The Panopticon*, and one of Granta's Best Young British Novelists.

John Burnside – award-winning poet and novelist.

Jim Crumley – author of well over twenty nature books and described by the Los Angeles Times Review of Books as "the best nature writer working in Britain today".

Angela Jackson – debut author of *The Emergence of Judy Taylor*, which won the Edinburgh International Book Festival's First Book Award 2013.

You'll need a ticket for this event – but they're FREE. They can be collected from the front desk in the shop at any time, or you can contact Ann Landmann on 0131 622 8216 or [events.edinburgh@blackwell.co.uk](mailto:events.edinburgh@blackwell.co.uk)

☒ COME AND MEET A LOCAL AUTHOR – JOAN ROWE AT MORNINGSIDE LIBRARY

Joan will be at Morningside Library 2.30-3,30pm on Wednesday, to talk about her new book, 'Duty', a story set in the time of World War One. The novel looks at 'the lives of two very different families during a period of tumultuous social change'

This is another FREE event, but the library would like you to book (as space is limited) by calling 0131 529 5564 or emailing [morningside.library@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:morningside.library@edinburgh.gov.uk) Please note that all Edinburgh libraries are closed this Monday, so you won't get a response till Tuesday.

☒ DEATH ON A LONGSHIP – MARSALI TAYLOR AT STOCKBRIDGE LIBRARY

Marsali will read from her novel 'Death on a Longship', a crime story set on Shetland, at Stockbridge Library, Hamilton Place, 6.30-7.30pm on Wednesday. Another FREE event, no ticket required – further information from 0131 529 5665

[Events we've already highlighted are:](#)

Richard Wiseman (author of '59 seconds', one of this year's WNB books) at the Central Library

World Book Night and Book Swap at Oxfangs Library

Chat about your favourite books with the staff of McDonald Road and Leith libraries

[Wester Hailes Library](#) staff will hand out free WBN books and promote the library service's teenage reading programme at Tynecastle Boys' Football Club

AND JUST TO WHET YOUR APPETITE...

☒ Jackie Kay OBE, celebrated writer, poet and Edinburgh native, whose book 'Red Dust Road' was one of the 2013 WBN

giveaways, says of World Book Night:

'(It) strips everything away to the bare essential: the good hearted feeling of a book in your hand, a companion by your side, the best of friends on your road through life. A good book nourishes the soul and gladdens the heart.'

So go on – spread the nourishment and gladness! It lasts longer than an Easter egg, and it's totally fat-free too...

<http://www.worldbooknight.org/>

<http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/libraries>

<http://bookshop.blackwell.co.uk/stores/edinburgh-southbridge/>

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