



COME VOLUNTEER WITH US!

DID YOU KNOW THAT WE ARE COMPLETELY INDEPENDENT OF BRENT COUNCIL?

Our volunteers are essential to making the Kensal Rise Library a place that's inviting and inclusive - where you can discover, connect and interact.

Want to ...

- Learn how to run a library shift?
- Write a column for our website?
- Start a book club - or a knitting club? Or a mahjong club?
- Help sort out donated books?
- Exhibit your paintings on our walls?
- Suggest a different way of volunteering? We are always open to ideas!



CONTACT US

kensalriselibraryvolunteers@hotmail.com

OR

DROP BY

Bathurst Gardens
London NW10 5EU



FORUM & PARTY JULY 1, 7PM

**JOIN US FOR A
SUMMER
CELEBRATION!**

**ENJOY GOOD COMPANY,
REFRESHMENTS, AND A
CHANCE TO CONNECT WITH
YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY.**



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London NW10 5JA**

KENSAL RISE LIBRARY OPENING HOURS

WEDNESDAY 2pm to 7pm

THURSDAY 2pm to 5pm

FRIDAY 2pm to 5pm

SATURDAY 10am to 5pm

*“When I got my library card,
that’s when my life began.”*

Rita Mae Brown

KENSAL RISE LIBRARY

QUIET SPACE

NEED A NICE PLACE TO
STUDY, READ OR THINK?

**CHECK OUT OUR
DAVE WILLIAMS ROOM
AROUND THE CORNER!**



VOLUNTEER TRAINING FOR LIBRARY SHIFTS

SATURDAY, 17 MAY
3 - 5 P.M.

We need more volunteers to help to run the library - all levels of time commitment welcome!

Come along to our group training session at Bathurst Gardens, NW10 5EU.

Email us at volunteers@kensalriselibrary.org to reserve a space or register interest for the future.



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LIBRARY SHIFT TRAINING

AN INTRODUCTION AND REFRESHER

WEDNESDAY, 4 MARCH
630 P.M.

Whether you are a newcomer to Kensal Rise Library or an existing volunteer who'd like a refresher, you are very welcome to our March training session. We'll be covering:

- Different ways you can volunteer
- How to run a library shift
- Using the KRL Volunteer Manual
- And more!

Any questions: volunteers@kensalriselibrary.org



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FORUM AND PARTY

JOIN US FOR A SUMMER CELEBRATION

**WEDNESDAY, 1 JULY
7 P.M.**

Whether you are a newcomer to Kensal Rise Library or an existing volunteer, you are very welcome to our July event where we'll be sharing latest library updates and enjoying refreshments and a chance to connect with friends and neighbours.

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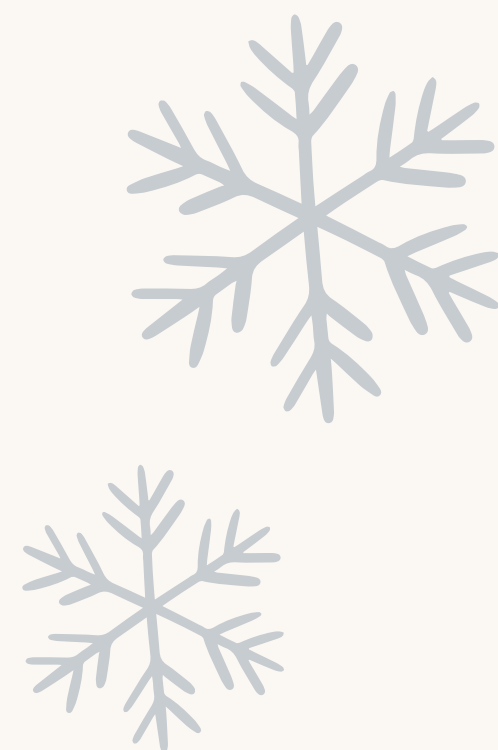


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FESTIVE FORUM



FOR ALL INTERESTED IN THE LIBRARY

WEDNESDAY 3RD DECEMBER
630 PM FORUM 730 PM PARTY



ALL ARE WELCOME - COME TO BOTH OR EITHER!

**OPTIONAL SECRET SANTA - PLEASE BRING WRAPPED GIFT (£5
LIMIT) IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN**

KENSAL RISE LIBRARY, BATHURST GDNS NW10

Refreshments will be served.

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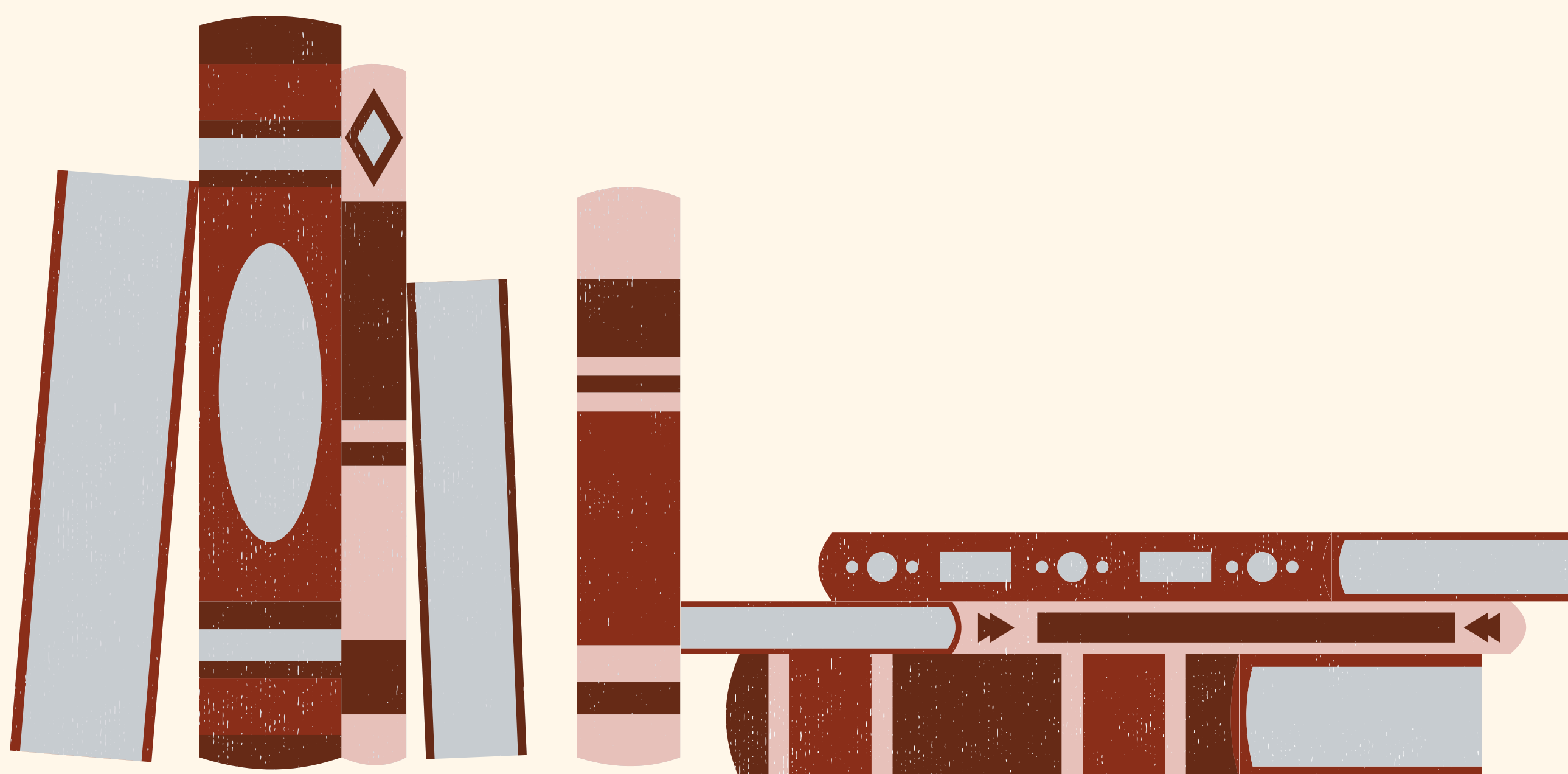
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FORUM

for VOLUNTEERS & SUPPORTERS



**An opportunity to share
information, ideas, and to
meet people from the
library!**

**WEDNESDAY,
MAY 6TH
6:30 PM**

**BATHURST GARDENS,
NW10 5JA**

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PUBLISHING STORIES

HOW TO WRITE AND PUBLISH THE BEST BOOK
YOU CAN, WITH GUIDANCE FROM LISA EDWARDS,
PROFESSIONAL EDITOR AND FORMER PUBLISHER.

THURSDAY. 8TH MAY 2025

7 PM

KENSAL RISE LIBRARY, BATHURST GDNS NW10



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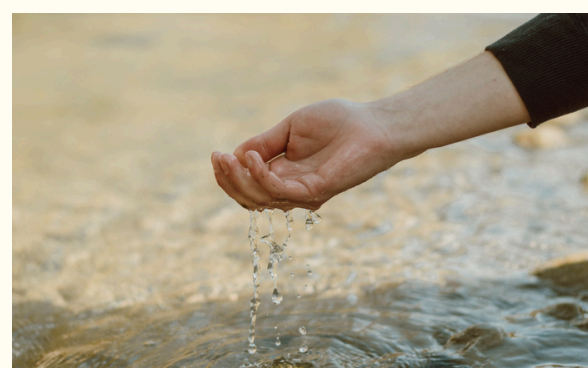
Kensal Rise Library is a community run library. We want to be an inclusive and inviting space where you can discover, connect, and interact.

Thursday, 26 June - 6:30 p.m.
Bathurst Gardens, NW10 5EU

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CHATTY CAFE

The road felt like home, and for those few days, the world was ours to explore

SPRING 2027



SUPPORT GROUP FOR OVER 60s

Bathurst Gardens, NW10 5JA

Are you over 60 and looking for a peer support group to talk about the challenges that come in this stage of life like health changes, empty nesting and retirement?



Led by local resident and psychotherapist

**CAROL
MARTIN-SPERRY**

Monthly peer discussion and support group **Wednesday, 8 October, 6:30 PM**

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KENSAL RISE LIBRARY

FORUM

Wednesday, 18 June

6:30 PM

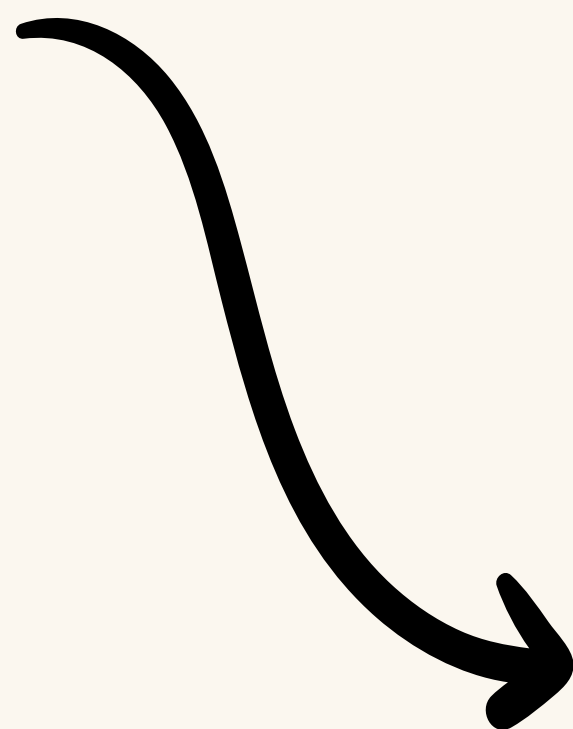


Help us install a Defibrillator at Kensal Rise Library

Please donate to our
JustGiving page!

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/kensalrisedefibs>

Scan here!



FEMININE HYGIENE SHOULD be FREE

At Kensal Rise Library we believe
that everyone should have
access to free period products.

**WE'VE PARTNERED WITH THE
CHARITY, FLOW HAPPY, TO
PROVIDE THEM HERE AT THE
LIBRARY TO OUR PATRONS.**

i Visit www.flowhappy.org
to learn more.





**Want to rent the
Library for a Party?**

**Every pound goes
towards our running
costs!**

Rates:

Main Space £48/hour

Dave Williams Room: £30/hour

Discounts available



**More information email
info@kensalriselibrary.org**

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JIGSAW SWAP

WANT TO MEET PEOPLE WHO SHARE YOUR
LOVE OF JIGSAWS AND TRADE PUZZLES?



COME ALONG TO THE LIBRARY TO CHECK
OUT OUR FIRST EVER JIGSAW SWAP!
SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES!

SATURDAY, 13 DECEMBER

10:30 – 12:30

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CHRISTMAS IS 'MESSIAH' SEASON



HANDEL'S MASTERPIECE IS ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR PIECES OF MUSIC EVER – BUT WHO IS THE MAN BEHIND THE MUSIC?



CELEBRATE THE NEW EDITION OF

'FINDING HANDEL'

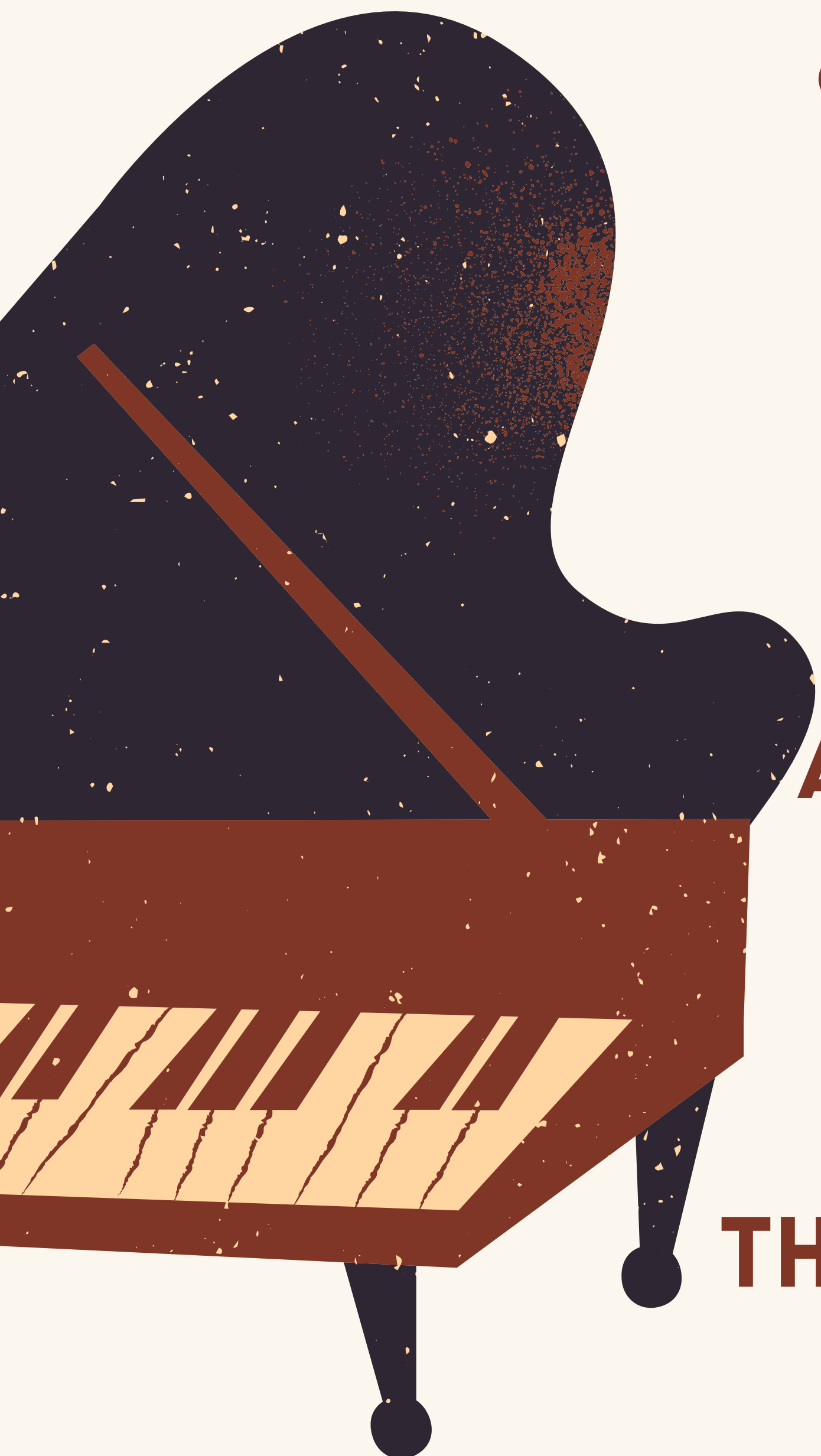
BY LOCAL AUTHOR
HELEN DYMOND
AT KENSAL RISE LIBRARY

FREE ENTRY &
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

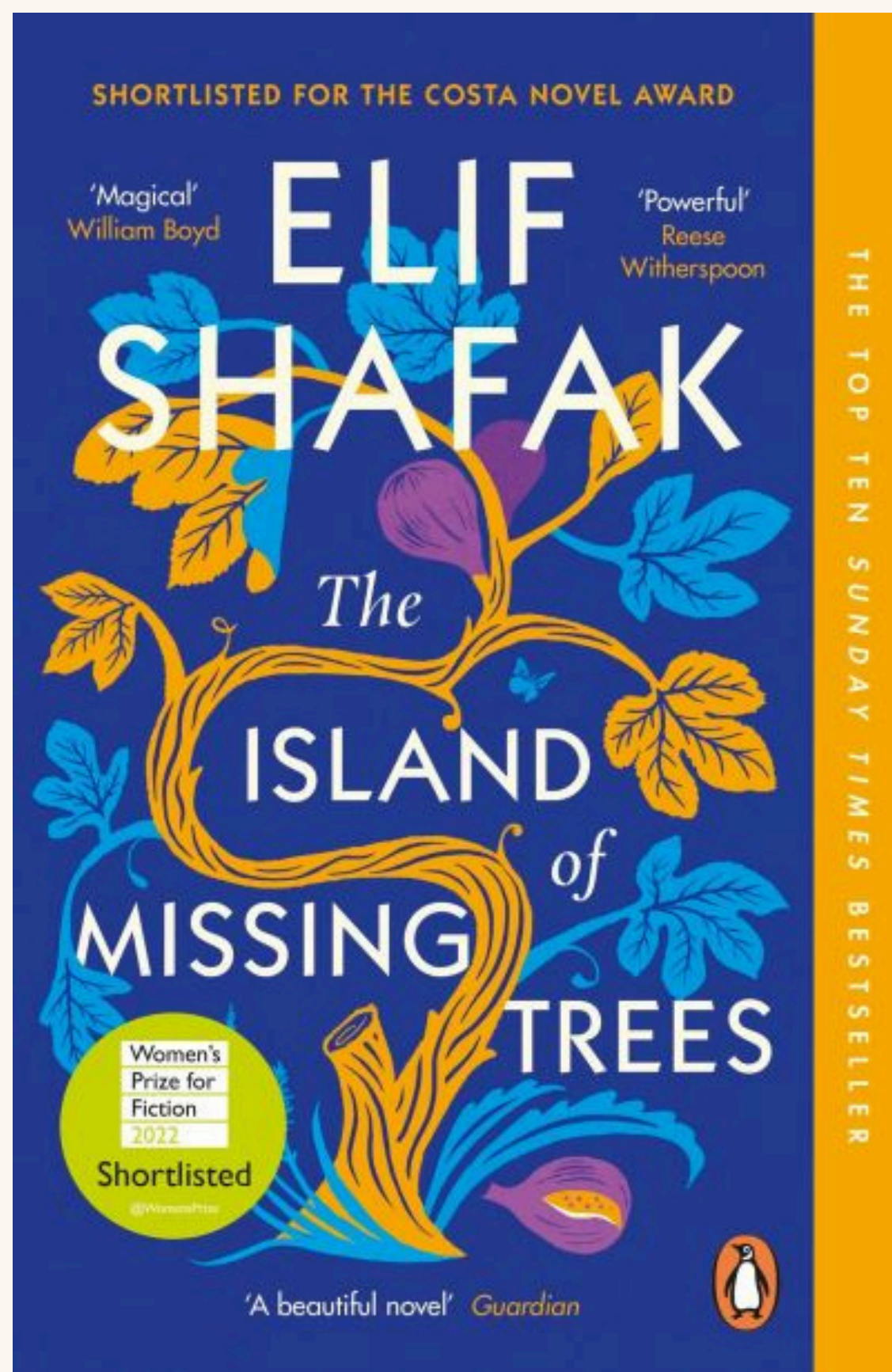
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LAUNCHING THE
SECOND BOOK CLUB DAY
STARTING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14TH
7 PM



A monthly book club open to
all adults! The first book is Elif
Shafak's *The Island of Missing
Trees*

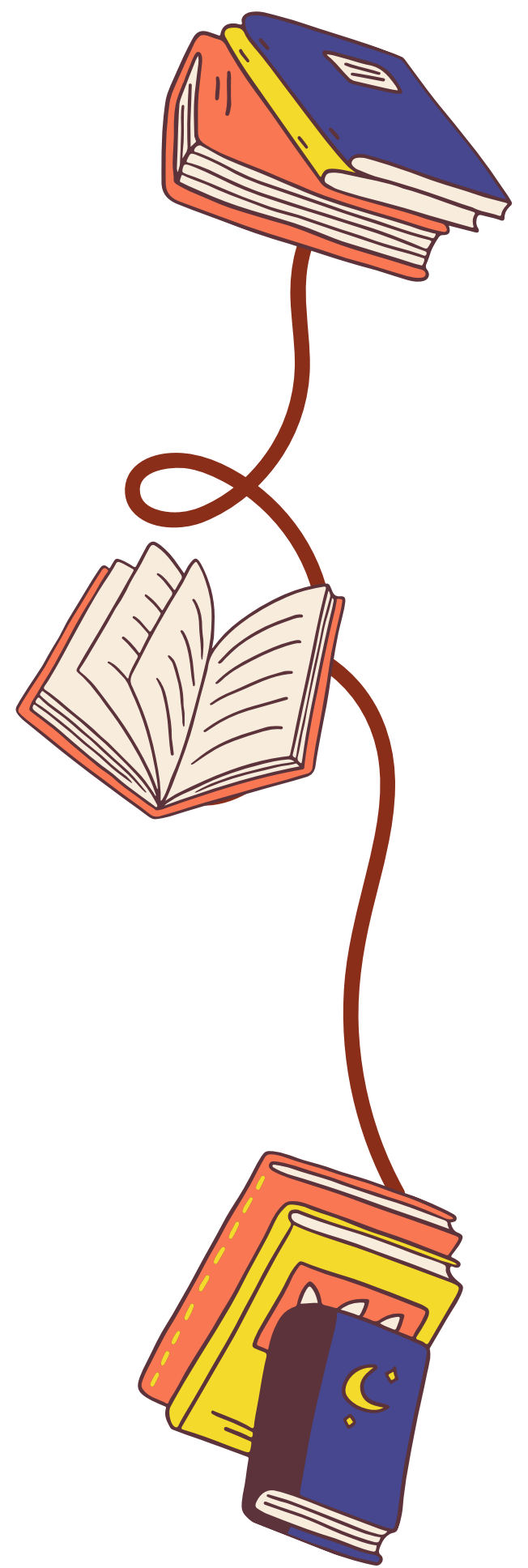
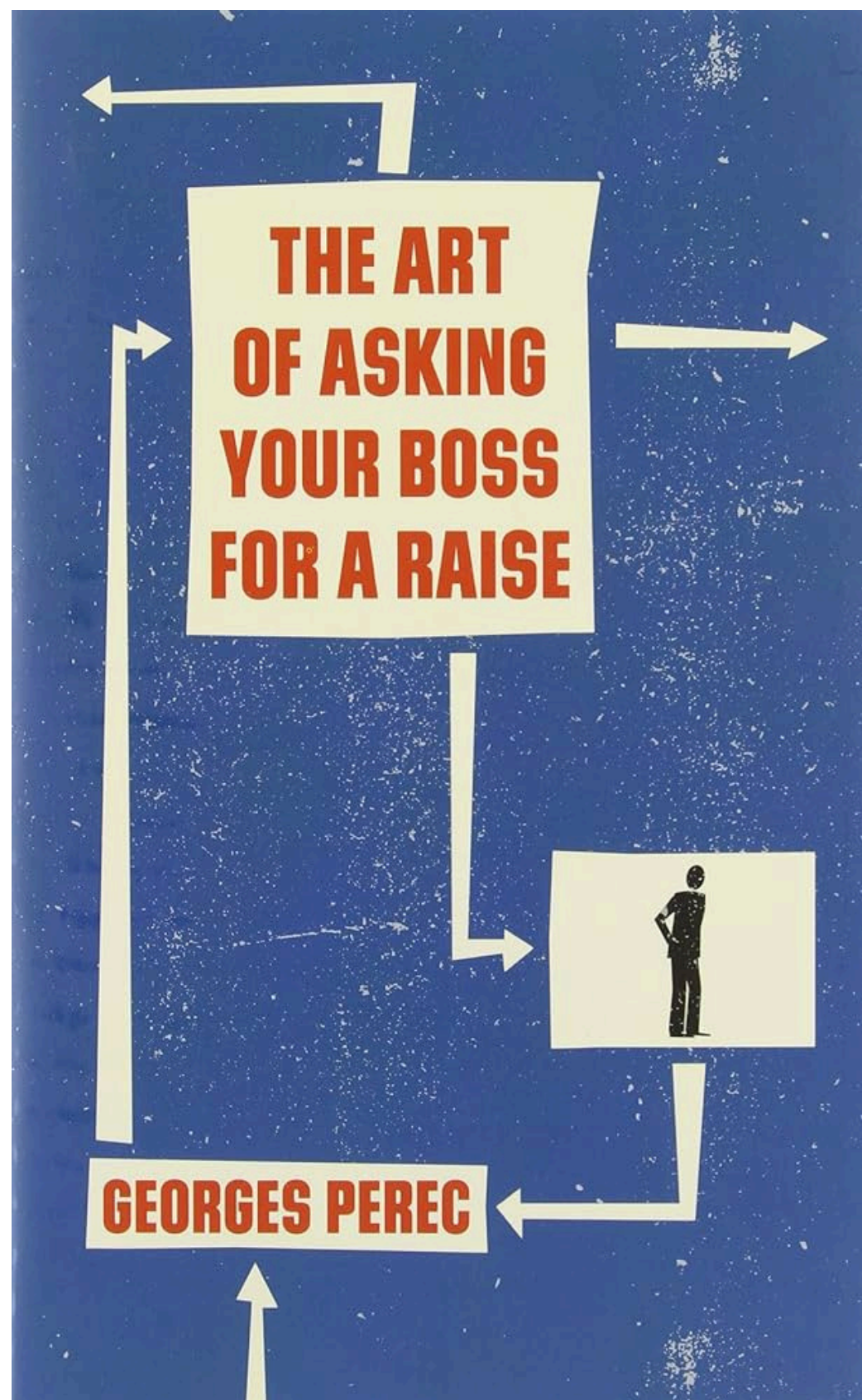
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SECOND WEDNESDAY BOOK CLUB DAY

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11TH

7 PM



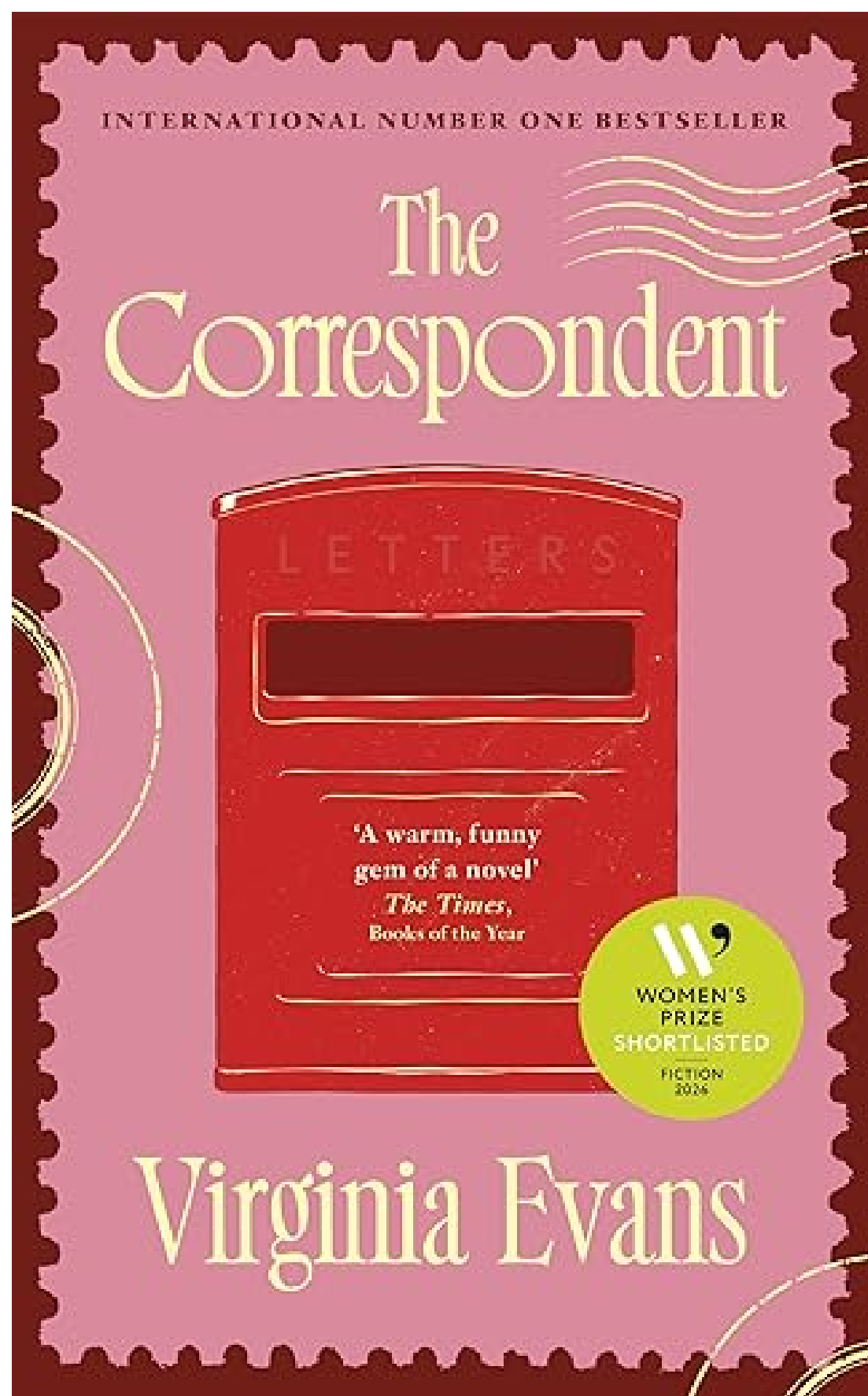
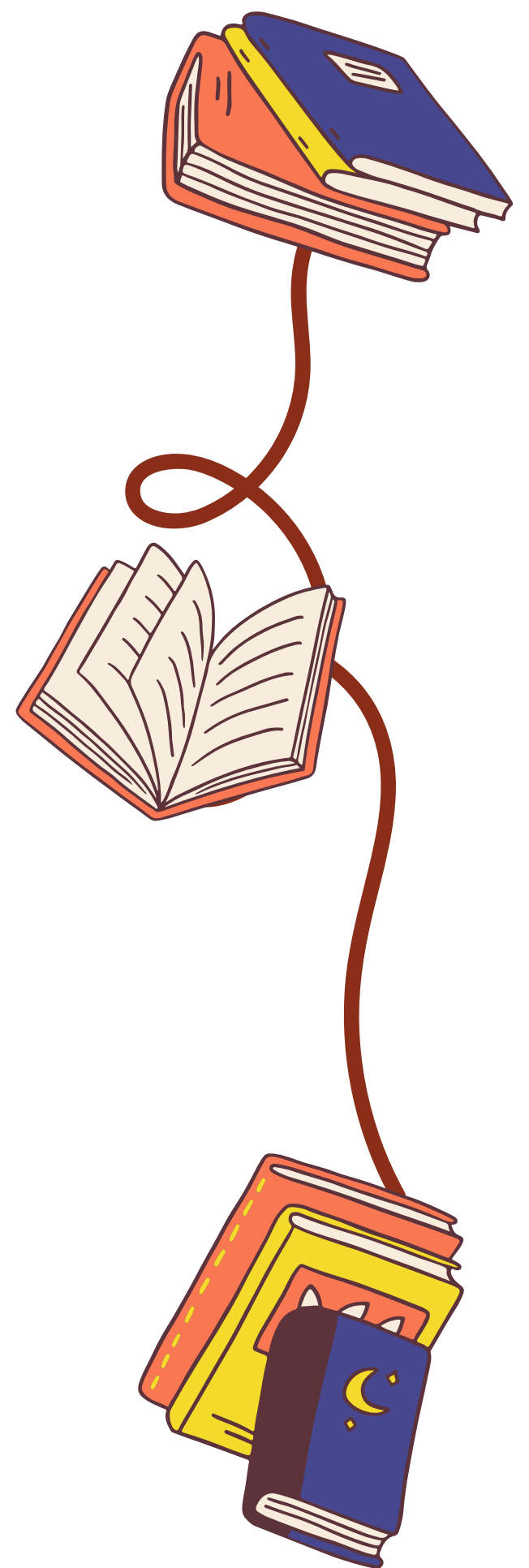
A monthly book club open to all adults! The book for March 11 is Georges Perec's *The Art of Asking Your Boss for a Raise*

SECOND WEDNESDAY BOOK CLUB DAY

NEW DATE!!!!

SEPTEMBER 9TH

7 PM

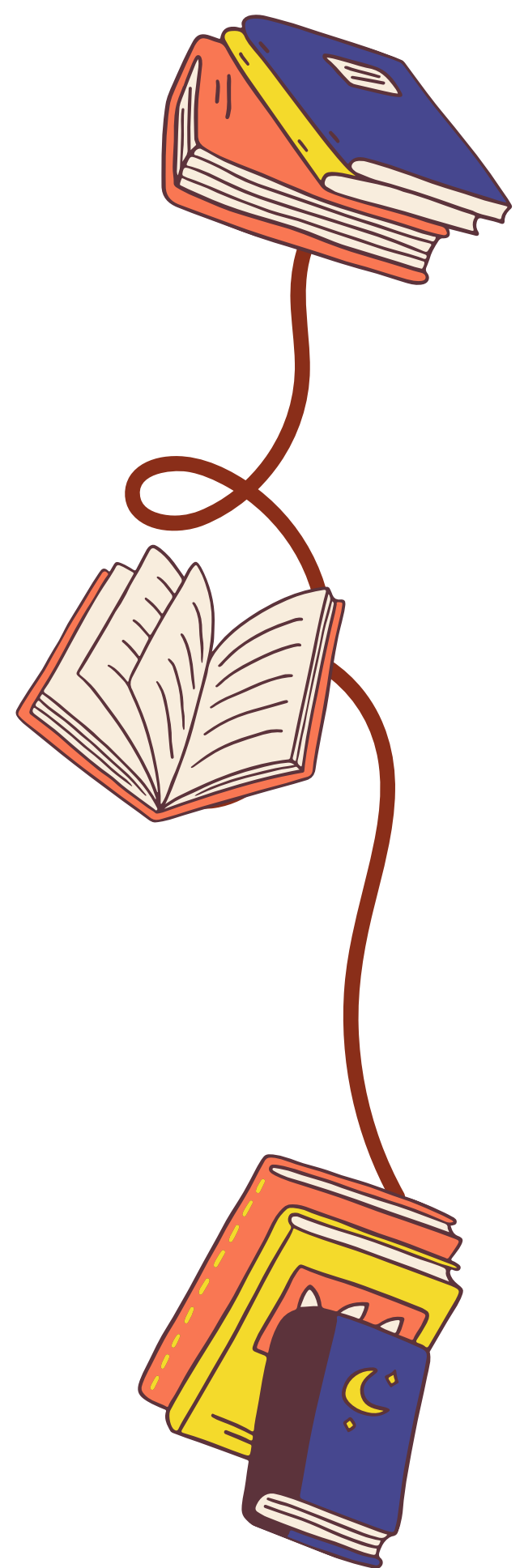
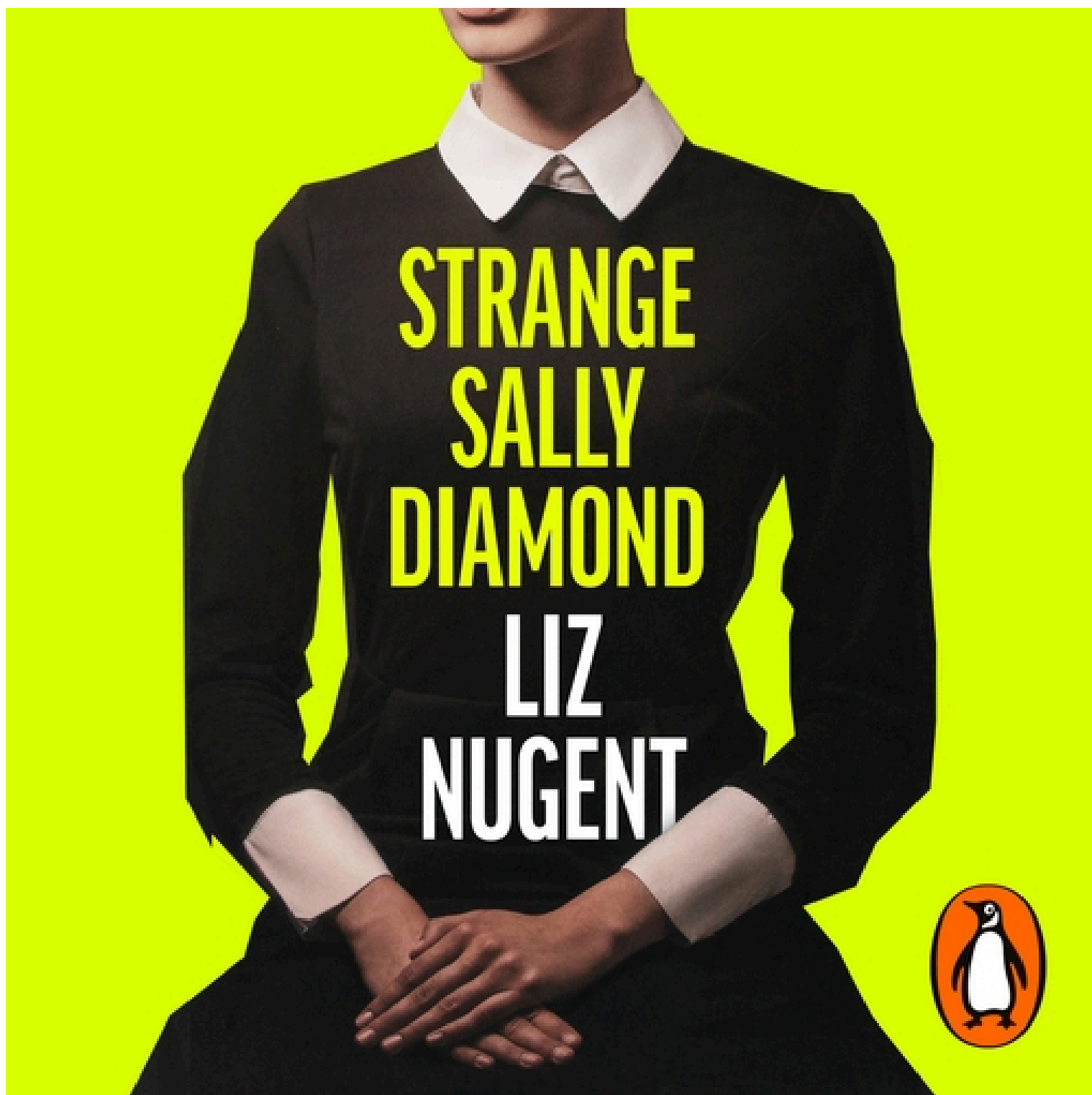


A monthly book club open to all adults! The book for August is Virginia Evans's *The Correspondent*

SECOND WEDNESDAY BOOK CLUB DAY

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8TH

7 PM

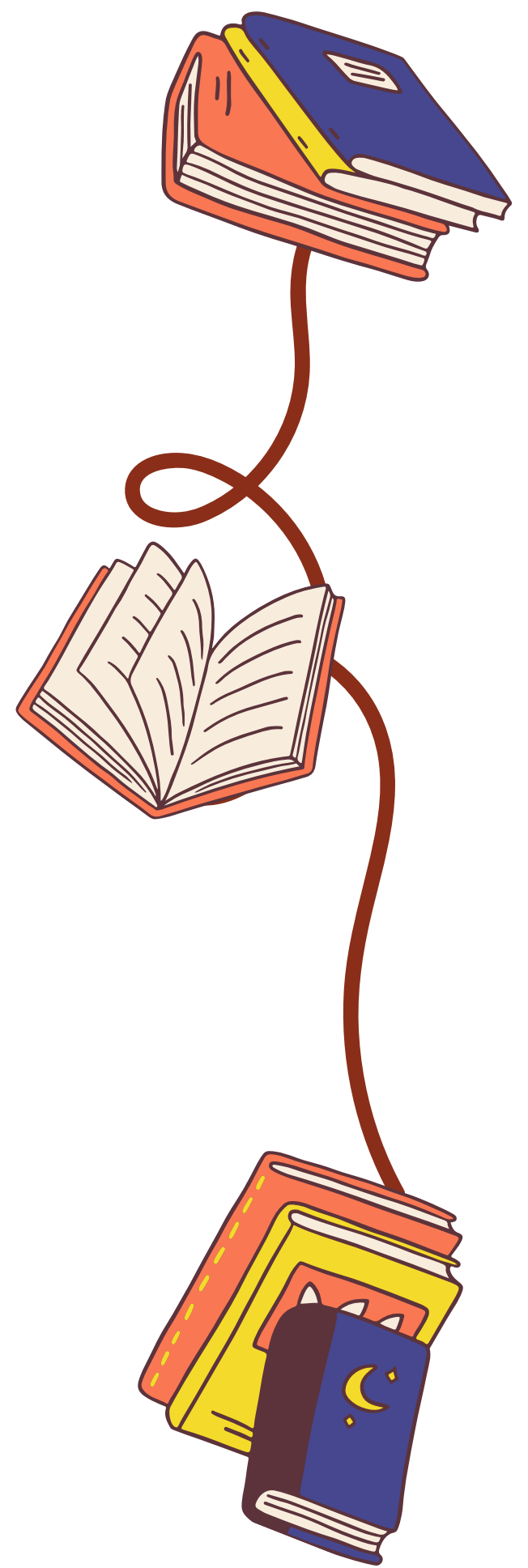
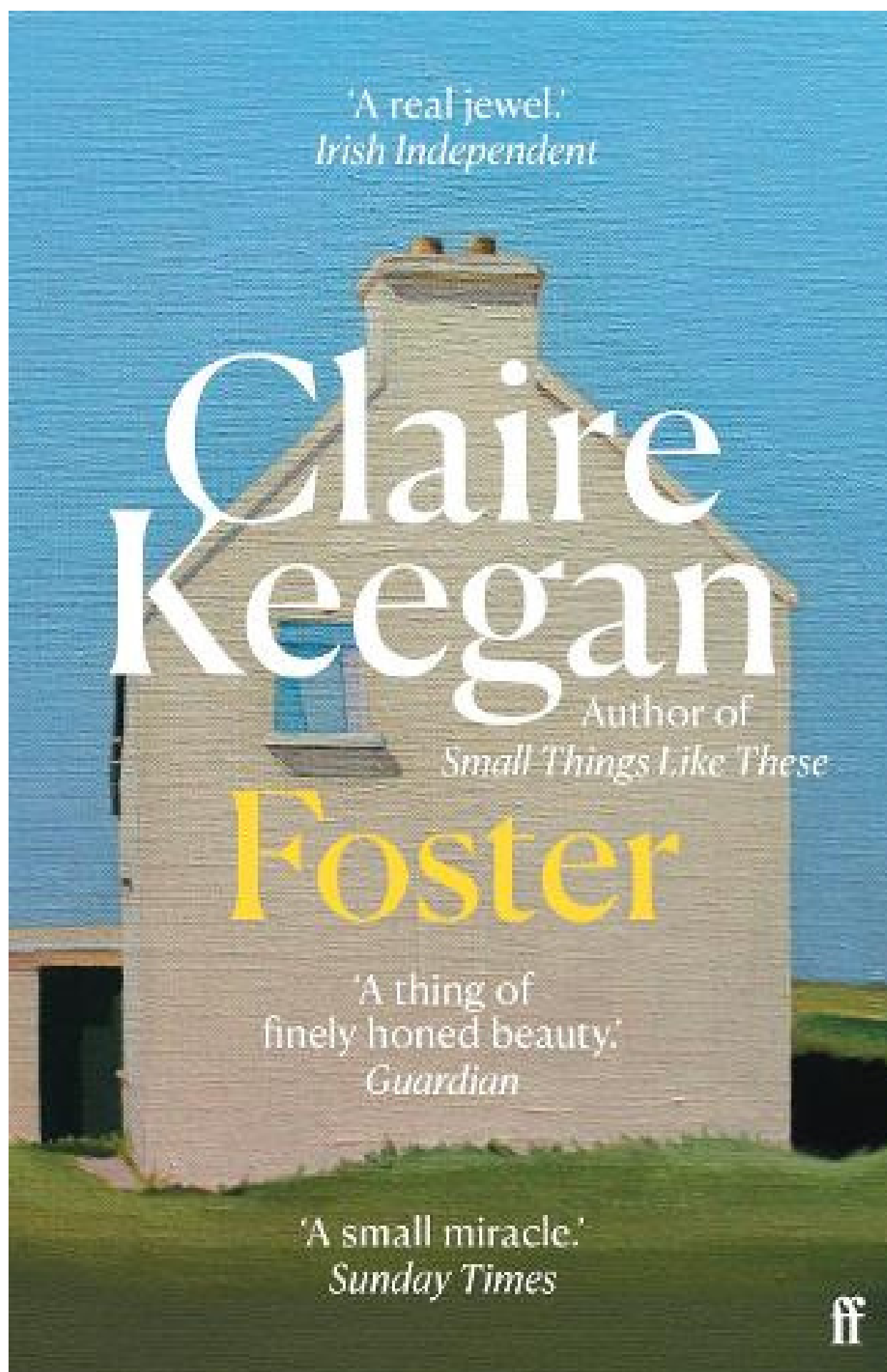


A monthly book club open to all adults! The book for April 8 is Liz Nugent's *Strange Sally Diamond*

SECOND WEDNESDAY BOOK CLUB DAY

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13TH

7 PM



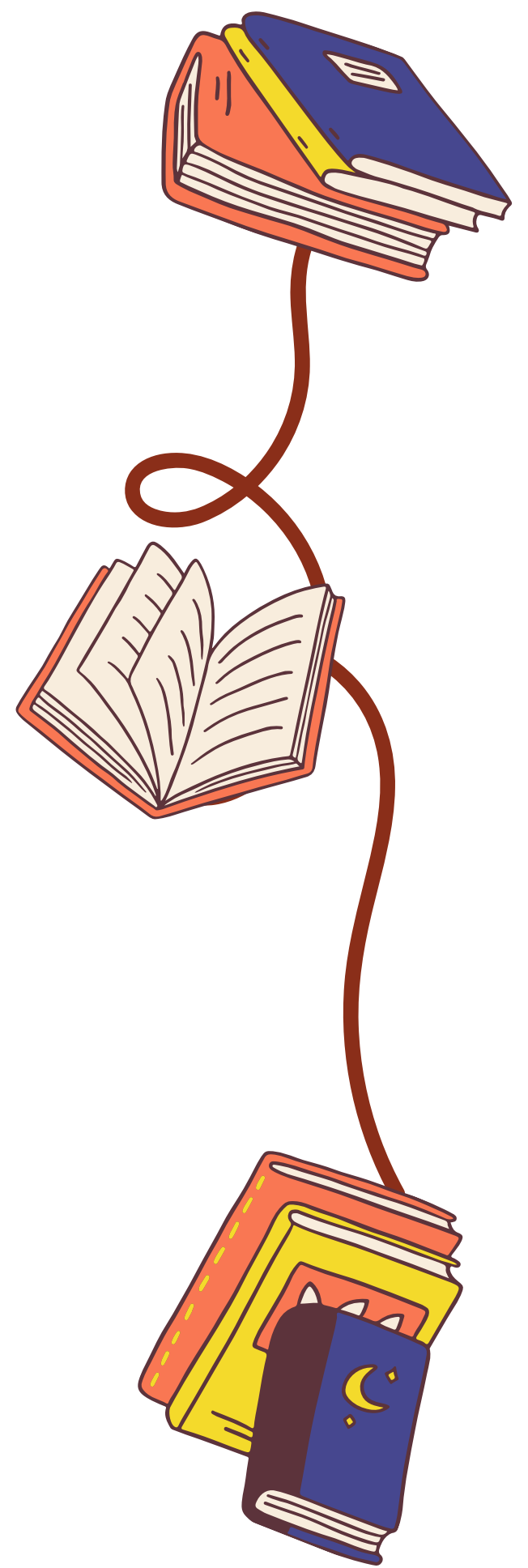
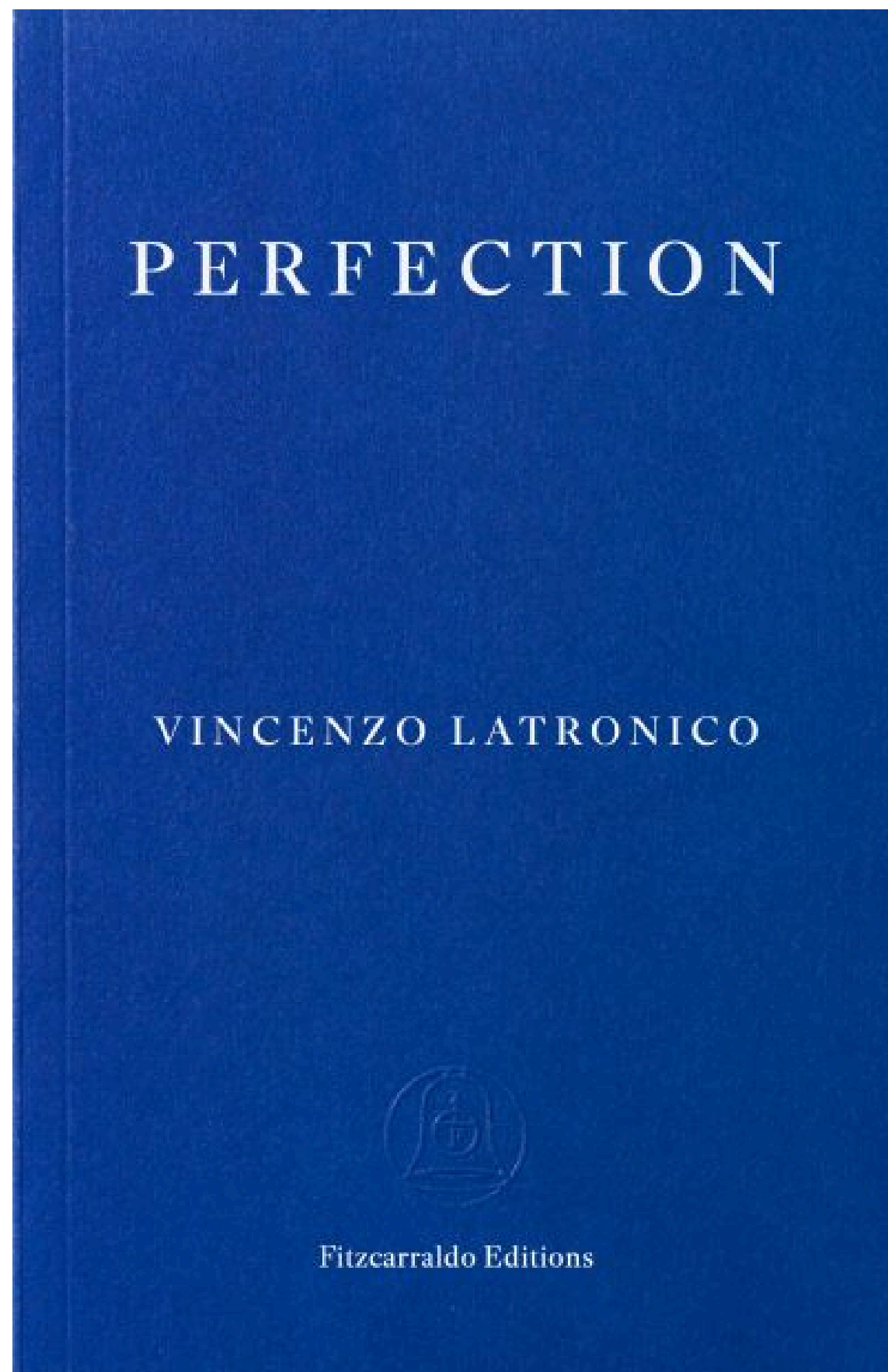
A monthly book club open to all adults! The book for May is Claire Keegan's *Foster*

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SECOND WEDNESDAY BOOK CLUB DAY

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8
7 PM



A monthly book club open to all
adults! The book for July is
Vincenzo Latronico's *Perfection*



Chatty Cafe Scheme



**At a loose end?
Fancy a cuppa?**



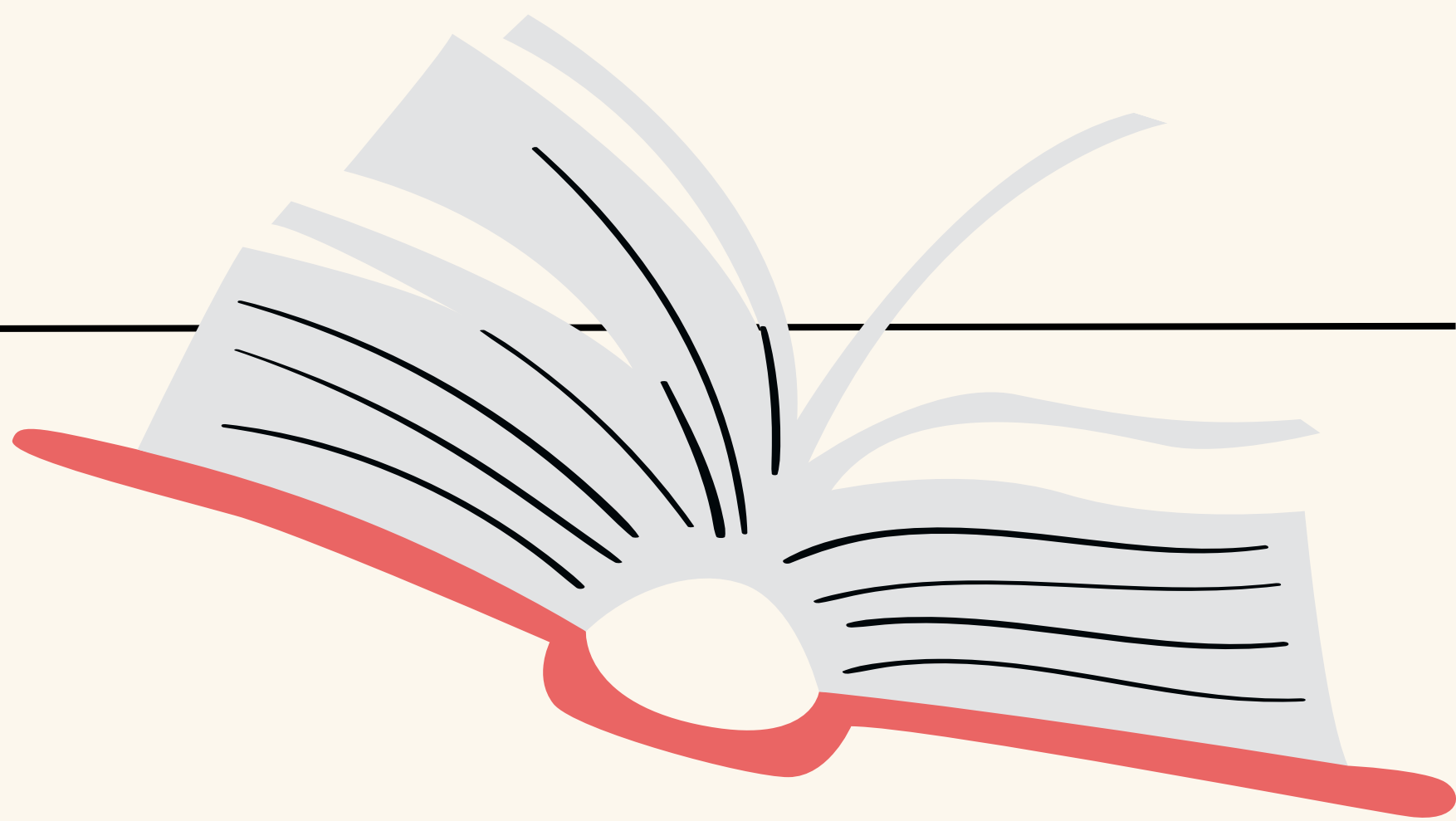
The 'Chatter & Natter table' is a wonderful way of encouraging people of all ages to talk to others. During the day and time below, the table will be hosted by a friendly volunteer. Do come along and sit for a chat.

**When: Every Thursday 2.30pm - 4pm
Starting January 15, 2026**

**Where: Kensal Rise Library
Bathurst Gardens,
London NW10 5JA**



www.thechattycafescheme.co.uk
www.kensalriselibrary.org



THE NEXT CHAPTER SHAPING OUR LIBRARY'S FUTURE

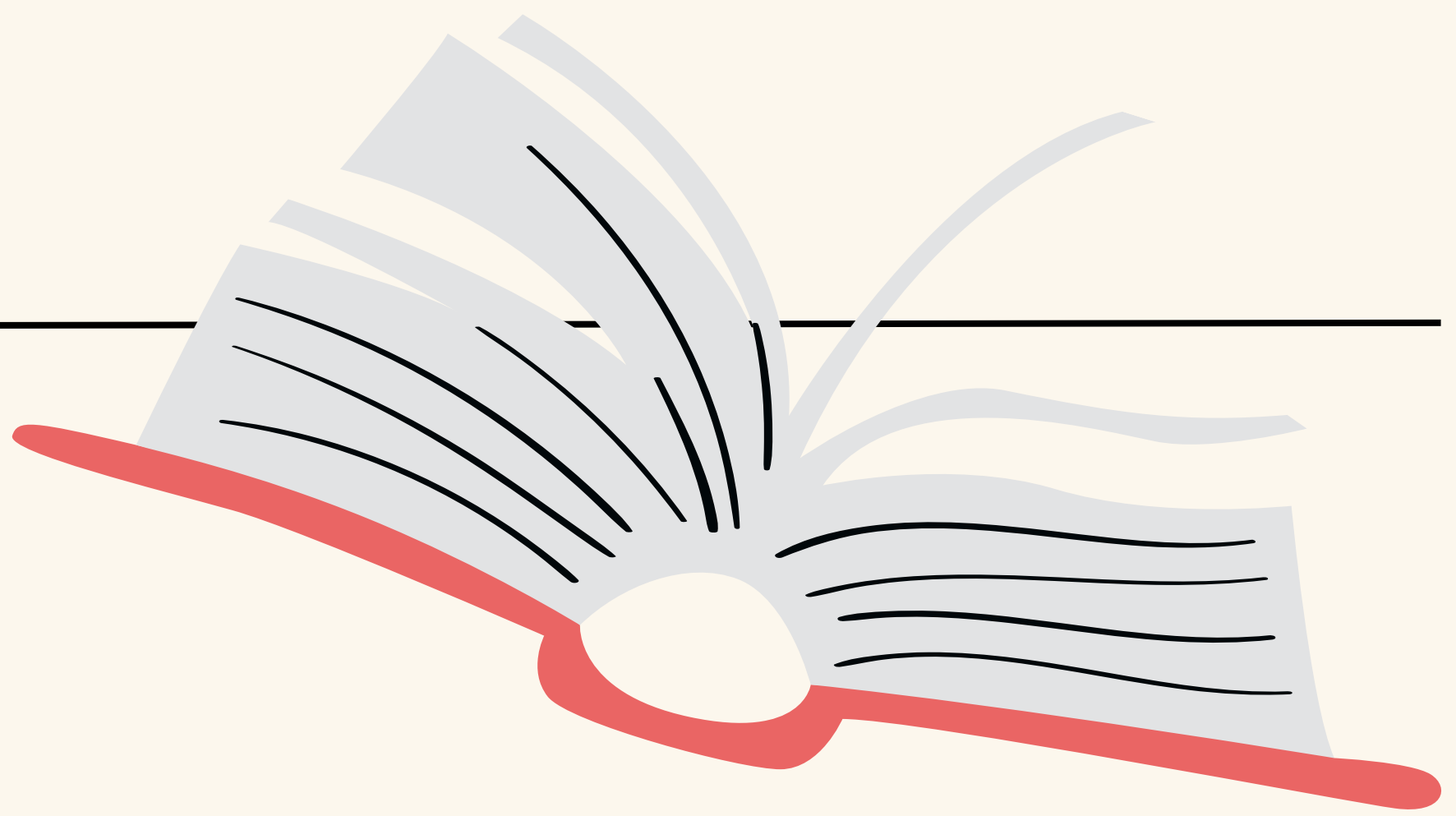
SATURDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2026
2 - 4:30 PM

ALL are welcome to join us for an inspiring community conversation as we **shape the future of our beloved library!**

COME ALONG TO:

- SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS AND IDEAS
- LEARN ABOUT UPCOMING PLANS AND PROJECTS
- HELP WRITE THE NEXT CHAPTER FOR KENSAL RISE LIBRARY





THE NEXT CHAPTER KRL FORUMS

WEDNESDAY JUNE 3

630 PM

AND

SATURDAY JUNE 6

1030 AM

Come join in the conversation about the future of our beloved library as we set our priority goals for the next few years and explore different opportunities to get involved.



KENSAL RISE BRIDGE CLUB

KNOW HOW TO PLAY BRIDGE?

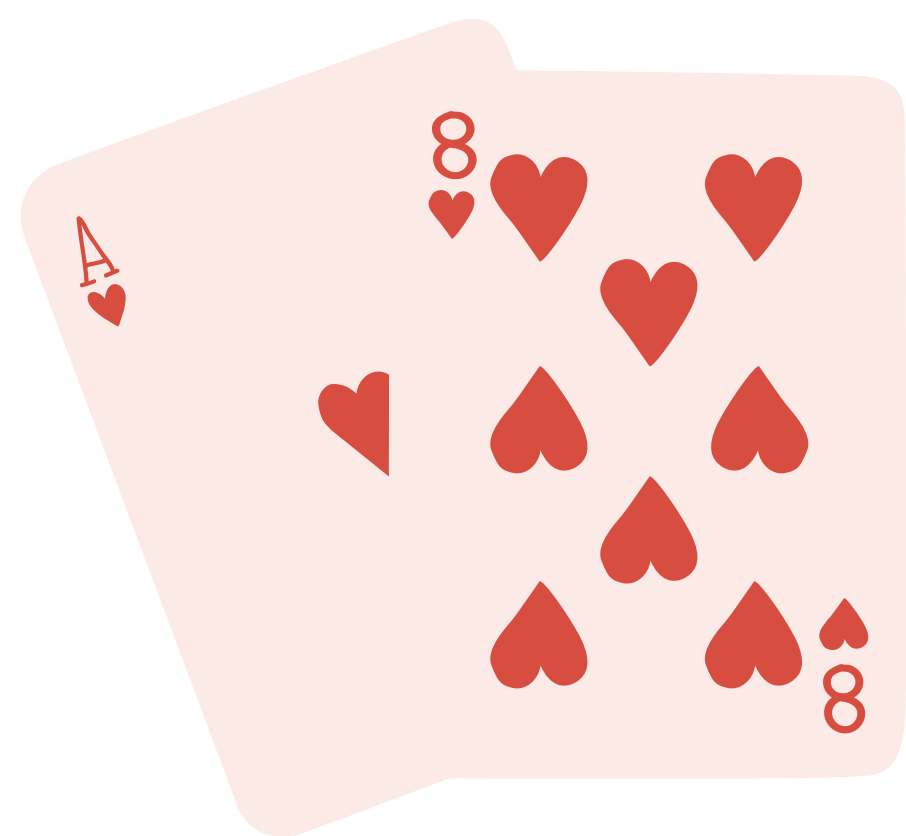
Thursday, 21st May and 4TH June

7:00 – 9:30 PM

At Kensal Rise Library,
Bathurst Gdns, NW10 5JA

EVERY FORTNIGHT

Players of all
standards welcome!



*"Of course we're not going to experiment on you - we just
needed another hand for our bridge game!"*

Refreshments will be provided.
£5 playing fee to go to Library payable on the night.

Please email Tim if you are interested:

timlott@me.com



GIVE YOUR CLOTHES A SECOND LIFE
Open to all!

CLOTHES

SATURDAY, JUNE 27TH
12:00 PM TO 4:00 PM

KENSAL RISE LIBRARY
BATHURST GARDENS
NW10 5JA

SWAP

and Mending Service

HOW IT WORKS

1. Bring clothes in a **good condition**
2. Receive a numbered **token** based on how many items you bring
3. **Swap!** Exchange your token for the clothes you love

Drop off your clothes for us to prepare the week before

OR

Bring your items on the day ready to exchange

**FREE
REPAIRS ON
THE DAY**



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Poetry Rising

**AN EVENING WHERE WORDS COME ALIVE
THROUGH POETRY WITH POET & EDITOR
ERICA HESKETH**

Presented by local poet Chrys Salt MBE

Wednesday, September 16th, 2026

7:30 - 9:00pm



Followed by Open Mic Floor spots

The Fickle Tupperware Bowl of Fate awaits!

Bring a poem, a song, a monologue – anything that fits into 4 minutes.

You can book your tickets here or just turn up on the day.

Free Event. Entry and refreshments by donation

EVENTBRITE: <https://shorturl.at/Q4A6k>

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