

**OUR TOP 20 BEST-SELLERS of 2020**  
(to 31/12/2020)

1. OS Explorer 217 Map: Long Mynd & Wenlock Edge
2. *The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse* by Charlie Mackesy
3. *Mirror and the Light* by Hilary Mantel
4. *The Thursday Murder Club* by Richard Osman
5. *English Pastoral* by James Rebanks
6. *The Eighth Life* by Nino Haratischvili
7. *Girl, Woman, Other* by Bernadine Evaristo
8. *The Salt Path* by Raynor Winn
9. *The Lost Spells* by Robert Macfarlane & Jackie Morris
10. *A Promised Land* by Barack Obama
11. *Wilding: the Return of Nature to a British Farm* by Isabella Tree
12. *Island Song* by Madeleine Bunting
13. *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens
14. *Hillwalking in Shropshire* by John Gillham
15. *The Ten Riddles of Eartha Quicksmith* by Loris Owen
16. *Walking the Shropshire Way* by John Gillham
17. *Shuggie Bain* by Douglas Stuart
18. *Entangled Life: How Fungi Make our Worlds, Change our Minds & Shape our Future* by Merlin Sheldrake
19. *While We Can't Hug* by Eoin McLaughlin
20. *Troubled Blood* by Robert Galbraith

**2020 BOOKER PRIZE WINNER**



'Shuggie Bain', the debut novel by Glasgow born author Douglas Stuart, was the deserved winner of the 2020 Booker Prize. .  
It is a favourite read of our booksellers, all of whom would highly recommend it.

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**2021**



*“Asking for help isn’t giving up”, said the horse.  
“It’s refusing to give up.”*

**Books, Maps .... and so much more.**  
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When you have read this, please pass it on to someone else who you think may enjoy it ....

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

Welcome to our first Newsletter for some time. We would firstly like to thank all of our customers, old and new, for the tremendous support and love you have shown us throughout these uncertain times. You have helped to keep us sane and, most importantly, helped to keep us in business. With a vaccine now being rolled out we truly hope that it will not be much longer before we are able to welcome you back into the shop without any restrictions: it's not the same without you. It is with this optimism that we wish you all a safe, healthy and Happy New Year.

### BURWAY BOOKS RESPONSE TO COVID-19 (updated 5th January 2021)

We are OPEN FOR BUSINESS even though our shop will be closed to the public from Wednesday 6th January in accordance with government guidelines. But we have OVER 6,000 titles IN STOCK and we are able to fulfil orders, although delivery may be slower from our suppliers due to any prevailing guidelines.

We will also update our window display regularly to showcase some of our books and give you ideas and recommendations. Our website includes our online shop, and our Twitter and Instagram accounts will also be updated regularly with news and recommendations etc.

Please see the back page of this Newsletter for details of how you can order from us. Please Note: when it is again safe to do so we will be open.

### GOOD LUCK GWEN

Gwen Hunter has left Burway Books and is now an NHS dental receptionist. We would like to thank Gwen for her work here, we very much enjoyed the time she spent with us, she brought fun and diversity to our small team, along with an extensive knowledge of the retail industry. We're sure you will join with us in wishing her well in her new career.

*“Reading gives us someplace to go when we have to stay where we are.”*

*Mason Cooley*

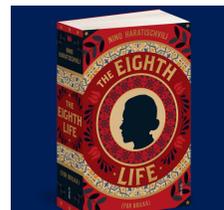
### A FEW OF OUR BOOKSELLERS' FAVOURITES

One of the positive things to come out of lockdowns and Covid restrictions has been that people have been finding more time to read books. This includes our booksellers, all of whom were avid readers anyway! Here is just a very short selection of some of the books we have enjoyed:

#### Ros:

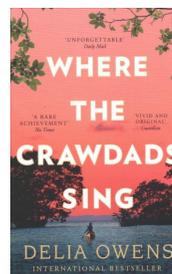
In December Ros was asked by The Observer newspaper to participate in 'The Best Books of 2020 Chosen by Booksellers' - the first 3 titles below were her choices:

*The Eighth Life* by Nino Haratischvili  
*English Pastoral* by James Rebanks  
*The Ten Riddles of Eartha Quicksmith* by Loris Owen  
*Silent Spring* by Rachel Carson  
*The Devil and the Dark Water* by Stuart Turton  
*Piranesi* by Susanna Clarke  
*Miss Benson's Beetle* by Rachel Joyce



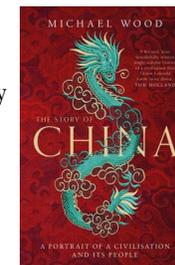
#### Hilary:

*The Ruth Galloway novels (all 12 of them!)* by Elly Griffiths  
*The first 3 Cormoran Strike novels* by Robert Galbraith  
*Me* by Elton John  
*Shuggie Bain* by Douglas Stuart  
*Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens



#### Alun:

*The Story of China* by Michael Wood  
*A House for Mr Biswas* by V S Naipaul  
*Stalingrad* by Vasily Grossman (translated by Robert and Elizabeth Chandler)



#### Emma's Favourite Children's Books:

*You Are Special* by Max Lucado  
*Green Eggs and Ham* by Dr Seuss  
*The Velveteen Rabbit* by Margery Williams  
*The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* by C S Lewis  
*The Box of Delights* by John Masefield



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