



OUR BEST-SELLERS

Top 25

1. Dwell by Simon Armitage
2. Jane Austen and George Eliot, The Lady and the Radical by Edward Whitley
3. Blossomise by Simon Armitage
4. Caledonian Road by Andrew O'Hagan
5. The Impossible Fortune by Richard Osman
6. The Long Shoe by Bob Mortimer
7. There are Rivers in the Sky by Elif Shafak
8. Rose Field by Philip Pullman
9. Raising Hare by Chloe Dalton
10. Shrines of Gaiety by Kate Atkinson
11. Echo of Crows by Phil Rickman
12. Homeward Bound: The Joy of the Outdoors by Hamza Yassin
13. Wolf Mountain by Alice Roberts
14. The Owl and the Nightingale by Simon Armitage
15. Is A River Alive by Robert MacFarlane
16. Middleland by Rory Stewart
17. Cuckoo's Lea by Michael J Warren
18. Mercy by Emma Woodhuse
19. Katabasis by R.F Kuang
20. Pastures New by Clare Balding
21. Domination by Alic Roberts
22. Always Remember by Charlie Mackesy
23. The Spellshop by Sarah Beth Durst
24. Killing Stones by Ann Cleeves
25. This Way Up: When Maps Go Wrong (and Why it Matters) by Map Men

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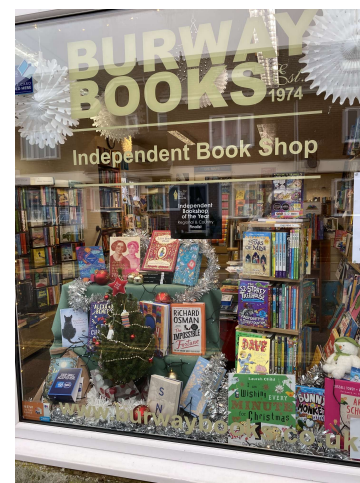


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JANE AUSTEN 250TH ANNIVERSARY

BOOKSELLERS'



The Commonwealth of Books and Maps..

When you have read this, please pass it on to someone else who you think may enjoy it

Thank you, Ros, Ceri, Lucy, Cathy and Alun

JANE AUSTEN DAY

DECEMBER 16TH

CHOCOLATE, MINCE PIES AND
SHORTBREAD AND

a few Christmas readings

If you've not read any Jane Austen before we recommend **Pride and Prejudice**, and **Emma** for sparkling Christmas parties

For frivolity and silliness **Northanger Abbey**

For a joyous story of family and friends

Sense and Sensibility.

Jane Austen's awareness of poverty and the worrying amount of wealth springing from the slavery of others.

Mansfield Park

Persuasion is a beautifully observed view of the society she knew, and how destructive it could be.

Non-Fiction Book of The Year

Jane Austen and George Eliot, **The Lady and The Radical** by Edward Whitley



New books to enjoy over Christmas and the New Year

Nesting
By Roisin O'Donnell

This is a sharply focused novel of a woman trying to bring up her children with an all controlling partner, The journey she takes with her children and how they are thwarted...

Thought provoking read of the very difficult choices of a vulnerable woman who is seeking a way out – A great read

This Way Up by Map Man

Some of them are decades old, some are centuries old and some are so recent they're being published today (or yesterday, if you're reading this tomorrow). They include world maps, colonial maps, corporate maps, Soviet maps, pioneer maps, news maps and maps whose intended use was hijacked for a French surrealist political movement in the 1950s. Whether you're an avid map junkie or simply 'map-curious', you will uncover a unique tale of adventure, error and unexpected humour in each chapter, as we attempt to answer the question: 'What on earth happened here?' So, ditch the compass (or disable location services) and set out on a journey with us, the Map Men, into a world of cartographic chaos and mappy mishaps.

Because the worst maps are the best maps.

Domination By Alice Roberts

Who spread Christianity?

Professor Alice Roberts takes us on a gripping investigative journey. From a secluded valley in South Wales to the shores of Brittany; from the heart of the Roman Empire in a time of political turmoil, to the ancient city of Corinth in the footsteps of the apostle Paul: from Alexandria in the fourth century to Constantinople.

Repeat

A Warning from History

By Dennis Glover

Are we seeing history repeat itself? We live in an eerily familiar age. A time of populists and dictators, ideology, and dishonesty, racism, and political murder.

Dennis Glover outlines the story of the interwar years, the warnings of those who spoke out.

This is a provocative book however it is an important message from our recent past. It would be dangerous to ignore it's message.

Our Book Clubs 2026

Talk books, drink coffee and eat cake

And read more...

Field House Book Club

Field House Care Home Book Club
next meets on

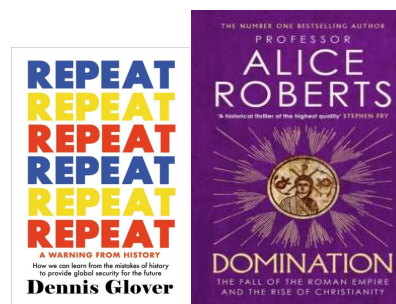
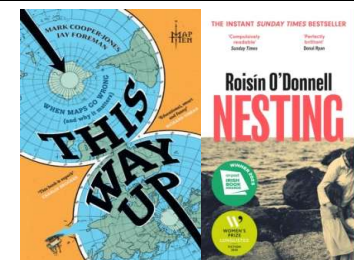
Monday January 12th at 2pm

Poetry for the New Year

Burway Books Book Club Next Meeting

Friday January 23rd at 4pm

What's Your Book of The Year?



Merry Christmas and A Peaceful, Happy New Year