



## OUR BEST-SELLERS

### Top 20

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. Raising Hare by Chloe Dalton
5. Hamnet by Maggie O'Farrell
6. The Impossible Fortune by Richard Osman
7. The Land in Winter by Andrew Miller
8. There are Rivers in the Sky by Elif Shafak
9. Shrines of Gaiety by Kate Atkinson
10. Wolf Mountain by Alice Roberts
11. The Owl and the Nightingale by Simon Armitage
12. Mercy by Emma Woodhuse
13. Domination by Alice Roberts
14. Diary of a Wimpy Kid Partypooper by Jeff Kinney
15. The Rose Field by Philip Pullman
16. The Proof of Innocence by Jonathan Coe
17. The Scarecrow's Wedding by Julia Donaldson
18. Flaming Murder by Simon Whaley
19. Foraging for Murder by Simon Whaley
20. Clean in 15 by Iwan Carrington

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## NEWSLETTER 104 2026



**January Book Club with author**  
**Simon Whaley**

## 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**

## Simon Whaley's visit to our January Book Club

Local resident of Church Stretton and friend of Burway Books author Simon Whaley attended our January Book Club to launch his third novel in the Marquess of Mortiforde Mysteries Series

### Flaming Murder

Simon gave a fascinating on how he came to write the Mortiforde Mysteries which are set in a fictional town which maybe in South Shropshire?

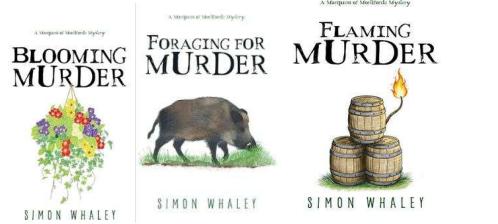
With Bonfire Night looming, Aldermaston, the Eighth Marquess of Mortiforde, is feeling the heat.

Not only has someone stolen Mortiforde Millie—the town's beloved fifteen-foot Bonfire Night effigy—just days before the town's annual firework celebrations, but developer Rupert Rinde wants to torch Mortiforde's heritage by building a waste incinerator on the historic Mortiforde Meadows. The locals are outraged, as is Rupert's father, Sir Hugo, who owns the meadows. So when Sir Hugo is found dead, skewered by a medieval dagger, his widow begs Aldermaston to investigate.

Blooming Murder vol 1

Foraging for Murder vol 2

All three Mortifode Mysteries are available at Burway Books £10.99 each



## New Books for Early Spring

### Son of Nobody by Yann Martel

We have been waiting awhile for this novel by Life of Pi author Yann Martel. This is an extraordinary novel and well worth the wait....

In the depths of the Bodleian Library, Harlow discovers a lost account of the Trojan War, a glimpse into the founding of Western civilization itself. He names the epic poem The Psoad, after its protagonist, a Greek commoner identified as Psoas of Midea but known to all as 'son of nobody'. As sole translator and interpreter of the Psoad, Harlow dedicates the poem and its footnotes to his daughter, Helen.

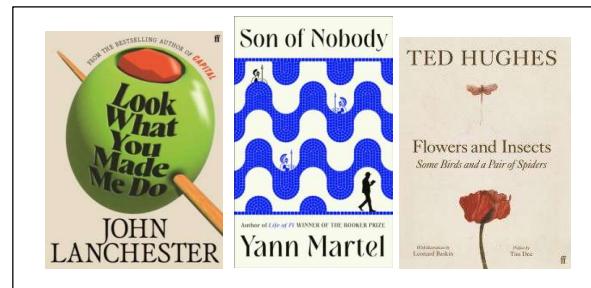
### Look What You Made Me Do by John Lanchester

A black comedy of resentment and entitlement, *Look What You Made Me Do* is the story of two very different women from two very different generations, heading toward a battle only one of them can win.

### Flowers and Insects, Some Birds and a Pair of Spiders by Ted Hughes

Forty years after it was first published, Ted Hughes's *Flowers and Insects, Some Birds and a Pair of Spiders* is presented in a beautifully redesigned edition with a new introduction by the nature writer Tim Dee.

This edition gives full justice to the subtlety of the original watercolour illustrations, produced by Hughes's long-term collaborator and friend, the American artist, Leonard Baskin.



## 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 March 9th at 2pm**

Poetry for Spring

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### Burway Books Book Club Next Meeting

**Friday February 27th at 4pm**

What book have you enjoyed the most in the dark days of winter

## Children's Book Club – Books & Biscuits

Children's Book club – Books & Biscuits for 7 to 11 year olds. Our next meeting will be on Friday 6th March – **3:30 to 4:30** here at the shop. Come join us; we'll discuss our favourite World Book Day books. Remember your World Book Day Vouchers 2026.

