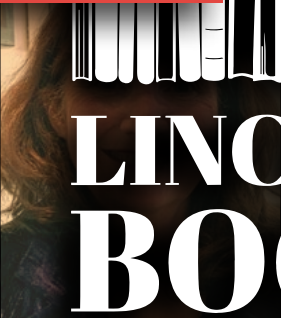
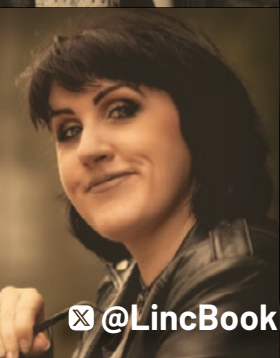




Thursday 2 - Sunday 5 October





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Welcome to the Lincoln Book Festival 2025

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Book five events in a single transaction and get 20% off. (Excludes festival fringe).

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Don't miss our partner fringe events on page 10 & 11

Book tickets at: lincolnartscentre.co.uk
lincolnbookfestival.org

Box Office: 01522 837600

Lincoln Arts Centre, LN6 7TS

Opening Hours: Mon–Fri, 10am–4pm

Lincoln Book Festival Launch

Free

Thursday 2 October 1pm – 2pm

Join us to explore the festival programme in greater detail, meet some of our patrons, members of the steering group and receive exciting updates.

Pre-book your free ticket

Sliding – Film screening and Q&A – Gillian Jane Lees & Adam York Gregory

Free

Thursday 2 October 3pm – 5pm

Adam and Gillian are artists, writers and filmmakers. And when they are not doing that, they are collectors. Sliding is a book and a film about their collection of discarded 35mm slides. A must for art students and writers.

Post show book signing.

Pre-book your free ticket

Taking place from Thursday 2 to Sunday 5 October, Lincoln Book Festival brings well known authors and rising stars of the publishing world to the city for four days of engaging talks, readings, discussions, workshops and even a book trail and writing walk! We are thrilled to be working with more fringe partners than ever before, and the programme is packed full of tempting literary gems.

Thursday 2 October

Pop up stalls in the foyer of our festival hub Lincoln Arts Centre from our partners, patrons and supporters including Lindum Books and Lark Books.

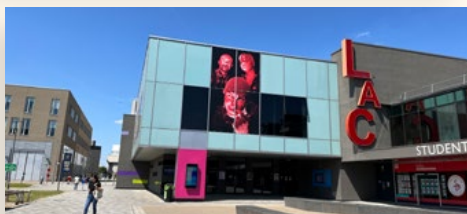
Myths, Misfits and Minor Miracles

**Thursday 2 October
4pm – 5pm**

Celebrate National Poetry Day's theme of play with poets Ana Sampson, Fee Griffin and Ron

Booth as they share playful and poignant insights into their creative process and read from their work. Hosted by Tanya Akrofi, with post-show book signings.

£5 / Live Pass £3



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Isabel Losada: The Joyful Environmentalist

Thursday 2 October 6pm – 7pm

Author, comedienne and environmentalist explores every single way we can take care of the planet and to do this wholeheartedly, energetically, and joyfully. No prisoners will be taken, and Isabel sends us away with a notebook full of ideas, suggestions and actions to be taken.

"She gave my spirit a lift and my feet somewhere to stand." Sir Mark Rylance

Post show book signing

£10 / Live Pass £7

Event sponsored by

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Lemn Sissay: Let the Light Pour In

Thursday 2 October 8pm – 9pm

Lemn Sissay is a BAFTA-nominated, award-winning writer and broadcaster. He has authored collections of poetry and plays and his memoir *My Name Is Why* was a number one Sunday Times bestseller.

For the past decade, Lemn Sissay has composed a short poem as dawn breaks each morning. Life-affirming, witty and full of wonder, these poems chronicle his own battle with the darkness and are fuelled with resilience and defiant joy. ***Let the Light Pour In*** is a collection of the best of these poems, and a book celebrating his morning practice.

Post show book signing

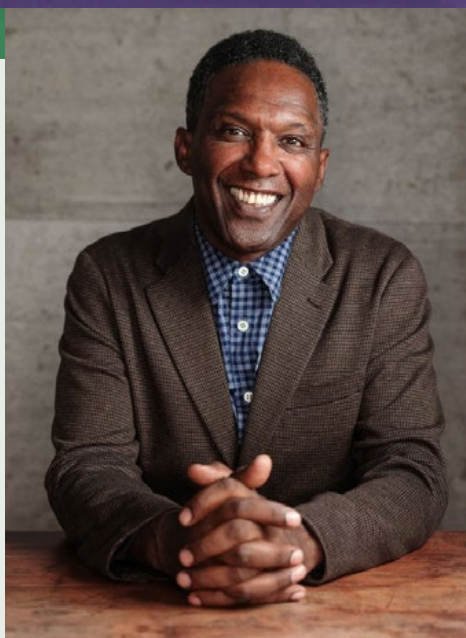
£20 / Live Pass £15

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‘Outstanding’ – MATT HAIG

‘Sissay is a passionate and powerful voice’ – KAE TEMPEST

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Creative Meet Up – Book Festival Special

Free

Thursday 2 October 6pm – 7.30pm

A chance to socialise and network with local creatives over a drink and nibbles. Writers, poets and playwrights especially welcome.

Pre-book your free ticket

Demo

Thursday 2 October 7pm – 9pm

Offering a selection of new work from the most exciting artists both regionally and nationally, this event encourages critical discourse in a relaxed and supportive environment. Artists include Jed Spittle, Evie Osbon and Rosie Hollingworth. Everyone is welcome.

£7 / Live Pass £5

Publishing with Purpose: Finding the Right Self- Publishing Strategy for You

Friday 3 October 3pm – 4.30pm

A session to help authors navigate the self-publishing landscape in detail. Practical insights will include goal-setting guidance, top tips and tricks for authors looking to self-publish with insights into Troubador's approach and valuable resources. Festival patron Troubador Publishing is a UK-based independent publisher specialising in self-publishing services for authors.

£8 / Live Pass £5

Troubador
Publishing

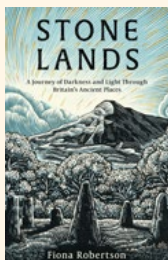


Fantastic Folklore An Evening with Fiona Robertson, Icy Sedgwick and Richard Daniels

Friday 3 October 7.30pm – 9pm

Join some of the country's leading folklorists and writers in an evening of ancient beliefs, modern stories and hidden histories. From *Stone Lands*, a powerful memoir of love, loss and megaliths, to the empowering stories of *Rebel Folklore* and the joys of creating weird tales, *Fantastic Folklore* has a tale for everyone. In conversation with Kate Cherrell.

£8 / Live Pass £5



Authors Networking

Free

Friday 3 October 4.30pm – 6pm

Following the session on self-publishing strategy, this informal networking time gives authors the chance to connect, share insights and continue the conversation. Discuss your publishing goals with fellow writers as well as industry experts.

Pre-book your free ticket

Troubador
Publishing



Tristan Gooley: Natural Navigation

Friday 3 October 6pm – 7pm

Tristan Gooley is the award-winning and international author of bestselling titles such as *The Walker's Guide to Outdoor Clues and Signs*, *How to Read a Tree* and now *The Hidden Seasons*. Through his journeys, teaching and writing, he has pioneered a renaissance in the rare art of natural navigation.

Post show book signing

£10 / Live Pass £7

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STREAM TICKETS

AVAILABLE



Verse and Vibes

Free

Friday 3 October 8pm – 9.30pm

Open mic night for budding and established writers to perform their poetry or prose in the Cafe Bar. To perform, sign up on the night.

Pre-book your free ticket

Flash Fiction Final

Free

Saturday 4 October 10am – 11am

The chance to listen to the winners of our 50-word story writing competition on the theme of *Heroes and Villains*.

Pre-book your free ticket

Meet the Author: Dapo Adeola

Free

Lincoln Central Library

Saturday 4 October 10am – 11am

Join award winning illustrator and author Dapo Adeola for a fun filled morning of reading and drawing.

In partnership with Shelf Editions

Pre-book your free ticket



Crafts and Stories in the Cafe

Free

Saturday 4 October

10am – 12.30pm and 1.30pm – 4pm

Free drop in

Workshop: Dungeons and Dragons

Free

Lincoln Central Library

Saturday 4 October 10am – 11.30am

Join Creatively Autistic Together for a fun, neuro-inclusive, and imaginative Dungeons and Dragons workshop with Lawrence Mahon and Via Macnab. Create characters, tell your story, and shape your destiny. Roll the dice and see where your choices take you! Ages 9+.

Pre-book your free ticket

The Book Club Club Podcast

Free

Saturday 4 October 11am – 12.15pm

Come along solo or bring your book club gang along to this collaborative interactive discussion and podcast recording. Hosted by Tim Rideout and Amy Farrell we will be reviewing the winner of the Women's Prize for Fiction, Yael van der Wouden's *The Safekeep* for discussion.

Pre-book your free ticket



Free

Workshop: Write a Spooky Villain with Jack Mackay

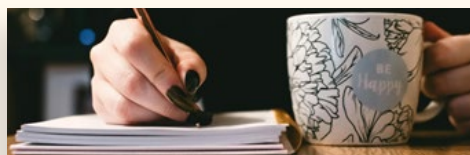
Saturday 4 October 11.30am – 12.30pm



Join Jack Mackay, a writer, theatre-maker and horror enthusiast at this writing workshop where he will give tips on how to write your very own spooky stories just like his new book *Gloom*, a spine-chilling middle grade horror. Recommended for 9+ years and their families.

Pre-book your free ticket

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Workshop: Beyond the Spectrum Creative Writing

Lincoln Central Library

Saturday 4 October 12pm – 2pm

In this poetry workshop, delivered by an autistic professional writer for Writing East Midlands, you will write alongside like-minded people, to respond to prompts and craft a piece of writing reflecting your own experience and creative process. And, it'll be fun! All neurodivergent adults welcome, no writing experience necessary!

£3/ Live Pass £2



Thirst with Darren Simpson

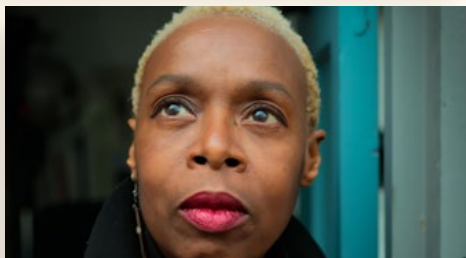
Free

Lincoln Central Library

Saturday 4 October 1pm – 1.45pm

Join author Darren Simpson as he introduces his new teen horror *Thirst*, an introduction into folklore, with a quiz, short reading and a chance to ask the author questions. Perfect for 11+. In partnership with Shelf Editions.

Pre-book your free ticket



Workshop: Writing Your Life with Marcia Hutchinson

Saturday 4 October 1pm – 4pm

Join author Marcia Hutchinson for an engaging workshop designed to answer your memoir writing questions. This session will explore essential topics including: – common pitfalls in memoir writing; the difference between memoir and fiction; respecting yourself and others when drawing on real life in fact & fiction plus navigating the traumatic. Bring a pen and notepad.

£15 / Live Pass £10



Upside Down Cooking with Dominic Franks

Saturday 4 October 12.30pm – 1.30pm

Dominic Franks, known as @dominthekitchen to his 800k+ Instagram followers, sparked a viral sensation in May 2023 with his first upside down bake: a caramelized onion tart. Dom now presents his unique cooking style in his debut cookbook, *Upside Down Cooking*. Expect exciting stories and maybe even tasters!

Post show book signing

£8/Live Pass £5

Workshop: Goodies & Baddies with Nick Moffat

Free

Saturday 4 October 2pm – 3pm

Join cartoonist Nick Moffat in the ultimate battle of GOOD vs EVIL! HERO vs VILLAIN! Learn how to draw one or the other... or both. Create your own and have fun coming up with the craziest characters to do battle! Age 6+ adults to accompany but don't need a ticket.

Post workshop book signing

Pre-book your free ticket

Storytime with Sarah Tagholm

Free

Lincoln Central Library

Saturday 4 October 2.30pm - 3.30pm

Join us for a reading of *Sam Francisco King Of The Disco!* Come in your best disco and glitter get ups!

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Pre-book your free ticket



Storytime with Karen Hardwicke

Free

Saturday 4 October 3pm – 3.45pm

Join us for a wonderful story time with author, teacher of the Deaf and parent of a deaf child, Karen Hardwicke. Children and their families will have an opportunity to learn some sign language and enjoy a fun and colourful story time. Books will be on sale.

Pre-book your free ticket

Integrated BSL

Three Little Vikings –Wrongsemble



**Saturday 4 October
4pm – 5pm**

A bold and funny adventure story for little rebels, by the creator of the New York Times Best Illustrated Book *Little Red and I Can Catch a Monster*, Bethan Woolvin brought to LAC's stage by award winning theatre company Wrongsemble. Perfect for young audiences 3+.

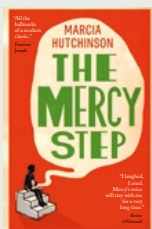
Pre-book a ticket – pay what you can



The Mercy Step with Marcia Hutchinson

**Saturday 4
October 6pm
– 7pm**

Marcia will be discussing her new book, a stunning coming-of-age tale with Tim Rideout.



Loosely inspired by Marcia's childhood in Bradford as the middle child of a Windrush era northern Black family, this novel pulls no punches.

Post show book signing

£8 / Live Pass £5



Crime Fiction Panel

Saturday 4 October 7.30pm - 8.30pm

Join us for a deliciously dark event celebrating all things literary crime as we bring together an exciting panel of authors in the genre. Featuring Jack Cartwright, Philippa East and Tom Mead. Hosted by Tim Rideout.

£8 / Live Pass £5

IN PERSON OR LIVE STREAM TICKETS AVAILABLE

Lincoln Half Marathon is taking place in the city on Sunday 5 October, and all road closures should be cleared by 1pm. Please bear this in mind when planning your visit to book festival events.

Storytelling with Rhubarb Theatre

Free

The Blue Room, The Lawn

Sunday 5 October 12.30pm – 1.45pm

Join Kirsty from Rhubarb with some storytelling and creative play for children 3+ and their families. **Pre-book your free ticket.**



Historical Fiction – Rosanna McGlone

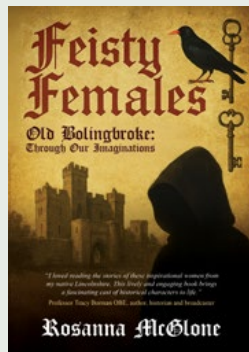
The Orangery, Charlotte House Hotel, The Lawn

Sunday 5 October

1.30pm – 2.30pm

Historical fiction is the hybrid child of two warring parents: fact and fiction. What are the challenges of writing historical fiction and where do you begin? Society of Authors' writer and journalist, Rosanna McGlone, discusses possible research methods and explores how to find the story from the resulting material. Includes Q&A and readings from Rosanna's recent book *Feisty Females*.

£8 / Live Pass £5



Local History Afternoon with a Watery Theme

Bishop Grosseteste University, Eliot Room

Sunday 5 October 2pm – 4pm

This session will showcase the publications of three local history societies. The Society for Lincolnshire History & Archaeology will highlight its recent publication examining the fascinating history of Lincoln's water supply. The Survey of Lincoln will focus upon buildings constructed partly in response to the 1905 typhoid epidemic. The Lincoln Record Society will use *Maps of the Witham Fens* to explore the history of Boultham Lake.

£3



Workshop: Bonnets and Breeches Dance

The Blue Room, The Lawn

Sunday 5 October 2.30pm – 3.30pm

Free demonstrations at 2pm & 3.30pm

To celebrate Jane Austen's 250th anniversary Bonnets and Breeches Dance Society give you the chance to learn some regency dances. 16 years +.

£5 / Live Pass £3

Workshop: Characters in the City – Walking Writing with Amy Lilwall

Sunday 5 October 2.30pm – 4pm

Meet at White Hart Hotel, Bailgate

During this workshop, you will develop a piece of short fiction that will set a character in motion through the streets of Lincoln. You will devise a character, and a storyline, before moving them through the city towards their endpoint. Bring a pen, a notepad and imagination! 16+ years.

£8 / Live Pass £5

Beginning with Austen Professor Claudia Capancioni, Dr. Alice Crossley, Dr. Rebecca Styler, Dr. Amy Culley

The Blue Room, The Lawn

Sunday 5 October 4.30pm – 6pm

Literary scholars from University of Lincoln and Bishop Grosseteste University offer new ways to think about Jane Austen's fiction. We take key moments from her novels as inspiration to explore aspects of nineteenth-century women's lives and literature. Following a series of short talks, we invite you to join us for a lively conversation about Austen and her legacies.

£8 / Live Pass £5



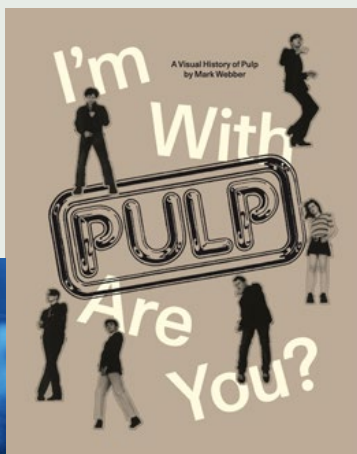
'More' Pulp: Unseen Reels

Orangery, Charlotte House Hotel, The Lawn

Sunday 5 October 3.30pm – 4.30pm

An afternoon with Pulp guitarist Mark Webber, Paul Burgess (author of *Hardcore: The Cinematic World of Pulp*) and Guy Mankowski in which Pulp guitarist for their number one records *More* and *Different Class* will discuss his experiences alongside Burgess, who will exclusively share unseen film of Pulp.

£8 / Live Pass £5



Fringe and Partner Events

OXFAM BOOK SHOP

Thursday 2 – Saturday 4 October – 9.30am – 5.30pm | Sunday 5 October 10.30am – 4.30pm
A range of wonderful second-hand books for sale in excellent condition at competitive prices.

UNICORN TREE BOOKS

Thursday 2 – Saturday 10am – 4pm
An independent book shop supplying a range of Christian books, general and family fiction.

READING AND Q&A WITH NAOMI BOOTH

Lark Books

Thursday 2 October 5pm – 7pm
An evening with Naomi Booth, author of 'Raw Content' and 'Animals at Night'. Chaired by Ruth Charnock. £15/£10 (concession)



SETTLE IN FOR STORIES OF BOG PEOPLE & FOLKTALES

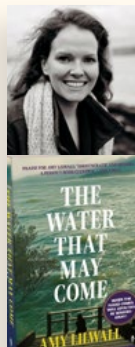
Hollie Starling, Dr Rory Waterman & Dr Anna Milon
Waterstones Lincoln

Friday 3 October 6 – 7.30pm
An evening with Hollie Starling to celebrate the release of 'Bog People: a Working-Class Anthology of Folk Horror', joined by Dr Rory Waterman and Dr Anna Milon, editors of 'Lincolnshire Folk Tales Reimagined'. £5 (£22 book and ticket)

BOOK LAUNCH WITH AMY LILWALL

Lark Books

Friday 3 October 7pm – 9pm
Celebrate the launch of local author Amy Lilwall's new dystopian novel, 'The Water That May Come'. Chaired by Rob Weston. £5.



YOUNG READER'S BOOK CLUB

Waterstones Lincoln

Saturday 4 October
10am-10.45am
A bookish book club for young readers celebrating the latest Waterstones Children's Book of the Month.

HERITAGE BOOKBINDING

Usher Gallery

Saturday 4 October 10am–1pm and 2-4pm
Have you ever held a tome in your hands and wondered at its quality and craftsmanship? Have you ever thought "how is this made"? The Book Professional, Caroline Bain will share her expertise on traditional and contemporary bookbinding techniques. More info 01522 782040
Free drop in

WORKSHOP: POETRY FRUIT MACHINE

Lark Books

Saturday 4 October 2pm – 4pm
Talk and poetry workshop with Ella Frears and Jessica Todd, authors of new release from Rough Trade Books, 'Poetry Fruit Machine'. £25/£20 (concession)

HANNAH GOLD AT LINCOLN CENTRAL LIBRARY

Presented by Waterstones Lincoln

Saturday 4 October 2pm – 4pm (doors 1.30pm)
Join best-selling author, Hannah Gold, for a celebration of 'Turtle Moon', (now in paperback). A wonderful opportunity to meet the author and get your book signed. £5 (£11 book and ticket).

Fringe Venues

BOOK BRUNCH

Lark Books

Sunday 5 October 10am-12pm

*Join us for a slow morning to browse books and enjoy coffee and pastries. *Complimentary drink with every book purchase* Then open until 3pm with drop-in activities throughout the day.*

SHELF EDITIONS

Sunday 5 October 10am – 3pm

Throughout the day there will be drop-in crafts workshops and story time, perfect for the whole family. Sarah Tagholm will kick off our extra bookish day with a reading of 'Brenda's Revenge' and a game of musical statues.



LARK BOOKS

4 Saltergate, Lincoln LN2 1DH

Lark event tickets available from: linktr.ee/larkbooks



OXFAM BOOK SHOP

Oxfam Book Shop, 5 Cornhill, Lincoln LN5 7HE

UNICORN TREE BOOKS

St Benedicts Church, St Benedicts Square, Lincoln LN5 7AR



USHER GALLERY

Lindum Hill, Lincoln LN2 1NN



WATERSTONES LINCOLN

297a High St, Lincoln LN2 1AF

Waterstones event tickets available from <https://www.waterstones.com/events/search/shop/lincoln817>

ACCESSIBILITY INFORMATION

We want everyone to enjoy Lincoln Book Festival. We want to provide options and to remove barriers, and know everyone's needs are different and sometimes we might not get it right.

If you have any questions, or specific access requirements, please let us know as soon as possible so we can help make your visit smooth and enjoyable. We have budget and an access champion to actively remove barriers where we encounter them.

All festival venues are wheelchair accessible. Please check directly with fringe and partner venues before booking.

Large print programmes are available at Lincoln Arts Centre, Lincoln Central Library, and online at <https://lincolnbookfestival.org>

Assistance dogs are welcome at Lincoln Arts Centre and Lincoln Central Library.

A designated quiet space will be available at Lincoln Central Library on **Saturday 4 October**.

Accessible toilets are available at festival venues.

Changing Places toilets are at Lincoln Central Bus Station (Norman Street, LN5 7BS) and at the University's Ross Lucas Medical Sciences building (3 minutes' walk from Lincoln Arts Centre).

Contact Us Before You Book

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Email: hello@lincolnbookfestival.org

Email: enquiries@lincolnartscentre.co.uk

At a Glance

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Workshop: Dungeons & Dragons	Sat 4 Oct 10am, <i>Lincoln Central Library</i>
Flash Fiction Final	Sat 4 Oct 10am, <i>Lincoln Arts Centre</i>
Young Readers Club	Sat 4 Oct 10am, <i>Waterstones Lincoln</i>
Meet the Author: Dapo Adeola	Sat 4 Oct 10am, <i>Lincoln Central Library</i>
Heritage Bookbinding	Sat 4 Oct 10am & 2pm, <i>Usher Gallery</i>
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