

# The Book Review by Ben Gray - the Library Bookworm



## Festive finds at Hunsbury Library

Throughout the festive period, Hunsbury Library has a wide variety of books old and new to borrow – there's something for everyone to enjoy! Why not escape into a good book this Christmas?

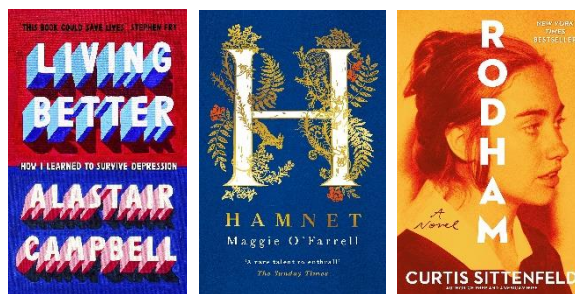
Stacey Halls' *The Foundling* will transport you back to 1700s London for a gripping tale ripe with mystery – a spectacular follow-up to her debut *The Familiars*. If you're looking for something a little closer to our times, Curtis Sittenfeld's *Rodham* reimagines the life of Hilary Clinton if she hadn't married Bill in a powerful examination of female ambition. For a short, supernatural escape, Joanne M. Harris' *Orfeia* is the novella for you; a modern fairytale paired with beautiful illustrations by Bonnie Helen Hawkins that leap from the page.

Graham Norton delivers another evocative story in *Home Stretch*, telling of a tragedy that tears through

a small Irish town, leaving devastation to be confronted by the survivors. Winner of this year's Women's Prize for Fiction, Maggie O'Farrell's *Hamnet* explores the forgotten life of Shakespeare's son in a reimagining described as "heartstopping". Fans of the prolific Ann Cleeves will be delighted to know that DCI Vera Stanhope gets her ninth outing in *The Darkest Evening*, yet another captivating mystery in the country.

If non-fiction is of interest to you, we have some superb titles to share. Alastair Campbell gives a raw account of his depression in the hopeful *Living Better*, highly recommended by Stephen Fry. Christie Watson documents the remarkable work of our nurses on the NHS frontline, telling of their courage in helping patients recover and return home – a timely read if there ever was one. Lastly, Adam Rutherford effortlessly entertains and explores the epic history of the human being – our species, our DNA and what it is that makes us tick.

These titles and many more are available to borrow for free with a library card from your local library! During these challenging times, we are offering a limited service that will allow you to browse our stock for a limited time, apply for and renew your concessionary bus pass, and use our computer and printing facilities.



**Our temporary opening hours are Tuesdays 10am to 4pm, Thursdays 10am to 4pm and Saturdays 10am to 2pm. All of this is subject to change, so please check on our website, Facebook page or noticeboards for the latest info! We look forward to welcoming you through our doors over the festive period. Happy holidays!**

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