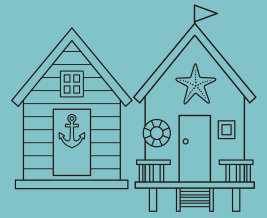




Felixstowe Book Festival Monthly Spotlight



... books by the sea



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Happy October, FBF Friends!

As the days turn cooler this month and the nights pull in, the time to cosy up with a good book and a blanket is upon us. In this month's edition of Spotlight, we look forward to two very special upcoming events and leave you with some spooky recommended reads that are perfect for the lead-up to Halloween.

For the Dead Remember: A Spooktacular Halloween Event



We are very excited to hold our first ever Felixstowe Book Festival Halloween event in collaboration with our wonderful sponsors, Hotel Coco.

We will be joined by Professor Darryl Jones as he discusses the first ever full biography of renowned ghost-story writer, M R James. Darryl is a professor of Modern British Literature and Culture at Trinity College Dublin, and a leading authority on James and his work. He will be taking us behind the scenes of MR James' life, exploring the work of a deeply private man who grappled with aspects of modern life.

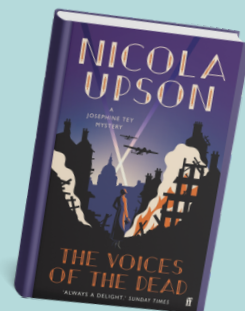
M. R James was born in Suffolk and many of his stories are inspired by East Anglia, with one of his most famous works, 'Oh, Whistle and I'll Come to you, My Lad' set in a fictionalised Felixstowe.

We'd love it if you could join us for this very special event at Hotel Coco on Tuesday 27th October, 5:30pm-7:30pm. **Tickets are available via our website, £10pp including cocktails and nibbles.**





Coming in November ... **Mandy Morton and Nicola Upson:** **Partners in Crime**

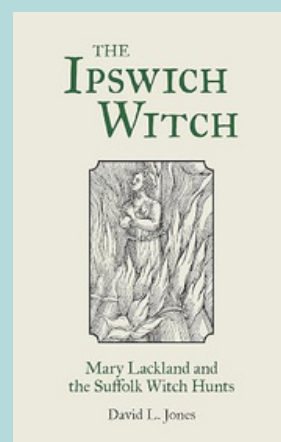
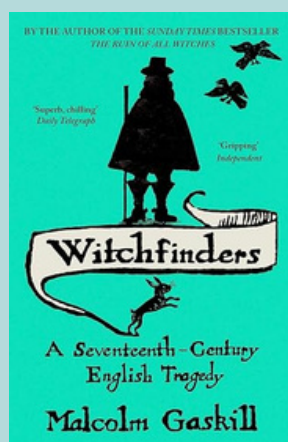
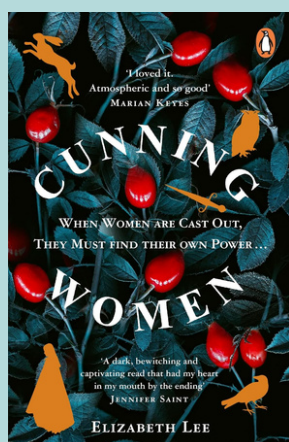
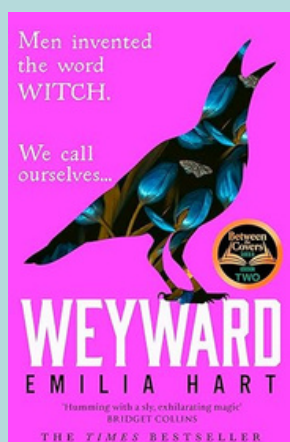


We are absolutely delighted to be joined by festival favourites, Mandy Morton and Nicola Upson, for a very special afternoon event at Felixstowe Library on Saturday 28th November, 2pm-4pm. Nicola will talk about her eagerly awaited new Josephine Tey mystery, *The Voices of the Dead*, and Mandy will dip into her much-loved No. 2 Feline Detective Agency series to talk about *The Ghost of Christmas Paws*.

We'd love for you to join us for an afternoon full of great conversation and Christmas spirit! **Tickets are limited and can be purchased in person (cash only) at Felixstowe Library from Monday 19th October.**

Hex-cellent Halloween Witch-erature!

Inspired by a fantastic new exhibition, *Witches: Suffolk's Dark Legacy*, available to view at The Hold, home of Suffolk Archives, from 16th October 2026 to 21st February 2027, we have shortlisted recommended fiction and non-fiction works to transport you into the dark and spellbinding history of witchcraft in Suffolk. Happy reading ...



We'd love to stay in touch ...



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