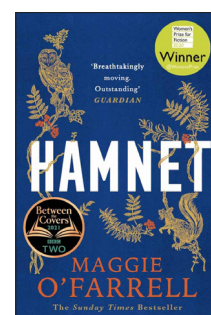
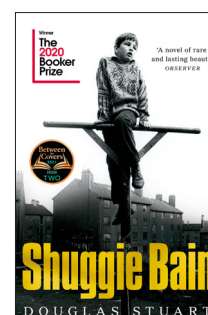
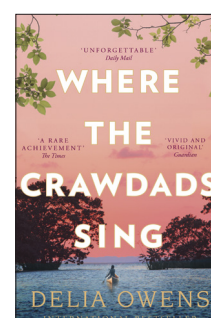
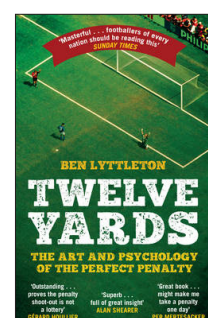
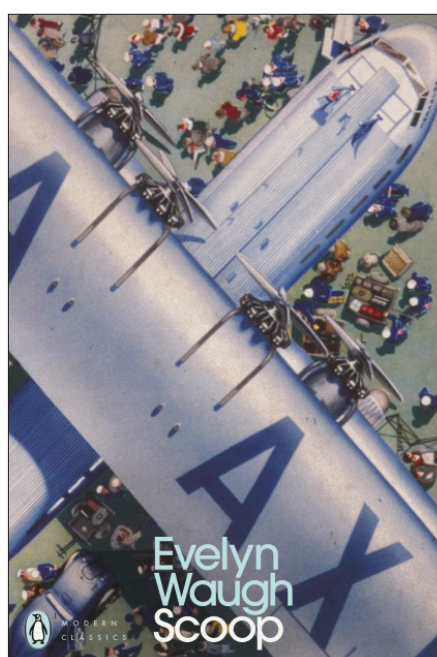
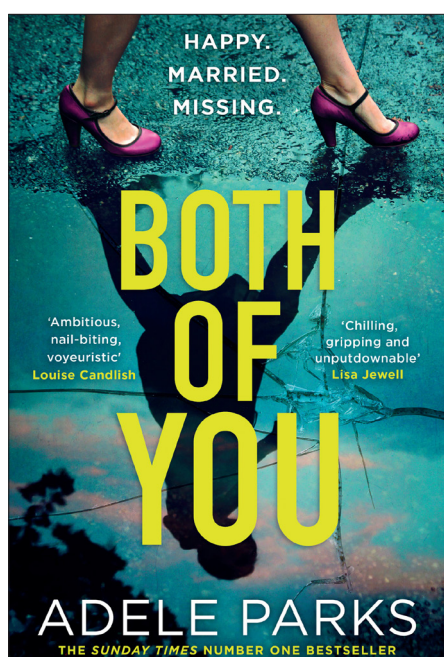
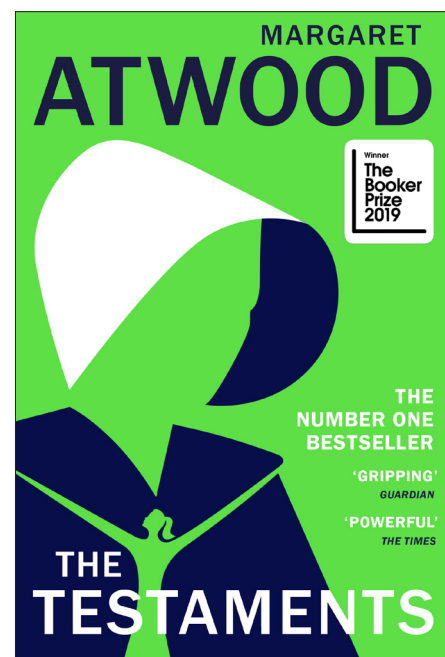
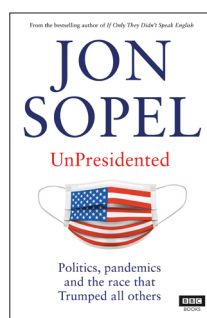
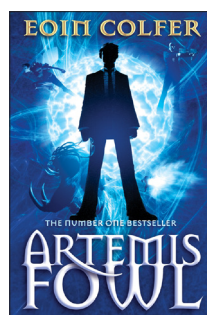
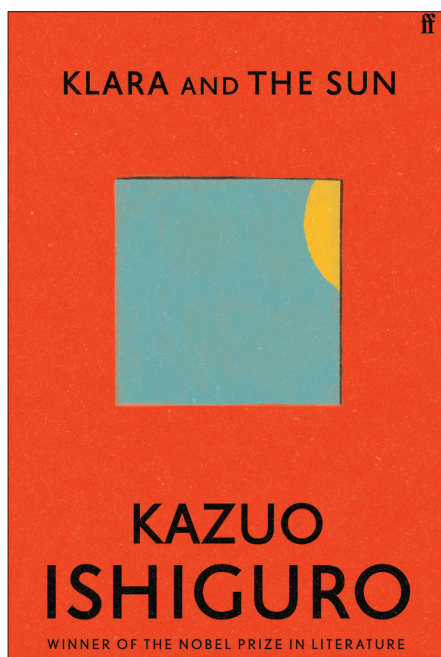
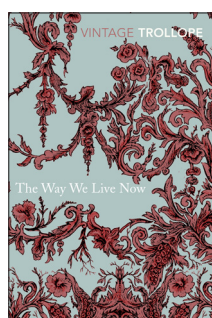
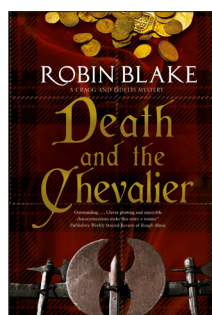


# Summer Reading List for Parliamentarians



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This year marks the Publishers Association's 125th anniversary. In honour of our quasquicentennial, we are delighted to present a *Summer Reading List for Parliamentarians* that celebrates the capacity for books to educate, inspire and entertain.

All the following titles have been nominated by MPs, Peers, publishers and journalists as their recommended read for the Summer Recess.

We are very grateful to the parliamentarians who made submissions, with particular thanks to Nickie Aiken MP for her ongoing support for this project.

## The Rt Hon Tobias Ellwood MP

Chair, Select Committee on Defence

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Admiral James Stavridis and Elliot Ackerman

*Uncomfortably close to where things may go!*

## Simon Baynes MP

**A Bookshop in Algiers**

Kaouther Adimi

## Mims Davies MP

Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Employment, Department for Work and Pensions

**A Single Thread**

Tracy Chevalier

## Ian Murray MP

Shadow Secretary of State for Scotland

**A Song for the Dark Times**

Ian Rankin

## Lord Tyler

**Agent Sonya**

Ben Macintyre

## The Rt Hon Sir Ed Davey MP

Leader of the Liberal Democrats

**An Extra Pair of Hands**

Kate Mosse

*A wonderfully candid exploration of what's it like caring for a loved one: the love and joy, but also the many sacrifices, challenges and frustrations that are often hidden from view.*

## Brendan Clarke-Smith MP

APPG for Publishing

**Full Time: The Secret Life Of Tony Cascarino**

Paul Kimmage

## The Rt Hon Dr Therese Coffey MP

Secretary of State for Work and Pensions

**Bad Blood: Secrets and Lies in a Silicon Valley Startup**

John Carreyou

## The Rt Hon Alister Jack MP

Secretary of State for Scotland

**Churchill's Ministry of Ungentlemanly Warfare**

Giles Milton

## Baroness Bonham Carter

Liberal Democrat Lords

Spokesperson for Culture, Media and Sport

**Crow Lake**

Mary Lawson

## Tim Farron MP

Liberal Democrat Spokesperson for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs

**Death and the Chevalier**

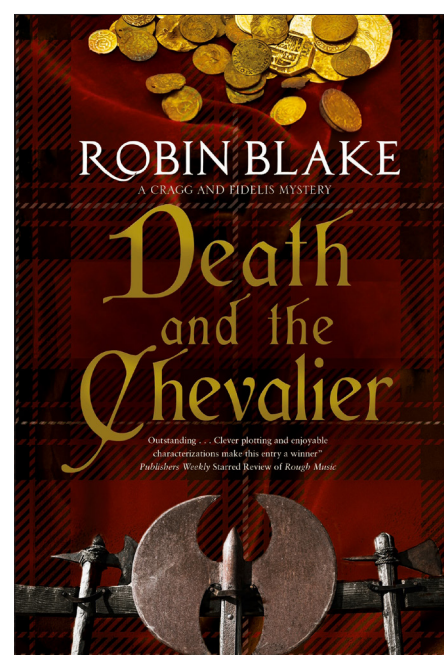
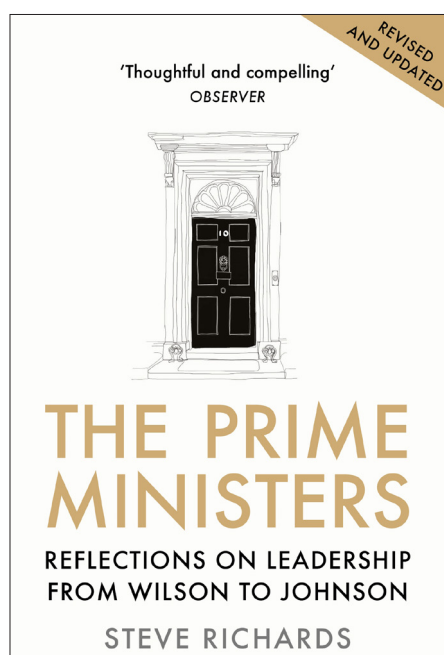
Robin Blake

## The Rt Hon Gavin Williamson MP

Secretary of State for Education

**All Quiet on the Western Front**

Erich Remarque



**The Rt Hon Brandon Lewis MP**

Secretary of State for Northern Ireland

**Excalibur**

Bernard Cornwell

**Rachel Reeves MP**

Shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer

**Fantastically Great Women Who Worked Wonders**

Kate Pankhurst

*A really wonderful children's book that can show young girls – including my own daughter – what women can achieve, from Nasa scientists to hot-air balloonists.*

**Carolyn Harris MP**

Deputy Leader, Welsh Labour

**Artemis Fowl**

Eoin Colfer

**Ruth Edwards MP****How to Avoid A Climate Disaster**

Bill Gates

*Very clear breakdown of the problems of climate change and technology driven ideas for how we solve them.*

**The Rt Hon Robert Buckland QC MP**

Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice

**Henry 'Chips' Channon: The Diaries (Volume 1): 1918–38**

Edited by Simon Heffer

**Rachel Maclean MP**

Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department for Transport

**French Exit**

Patrick deWitt

*As a frequent practitioner of the French Exit myself, I loved and laughed all the way through this light novel.*

**Anonymous****Girl, Woman, Other**

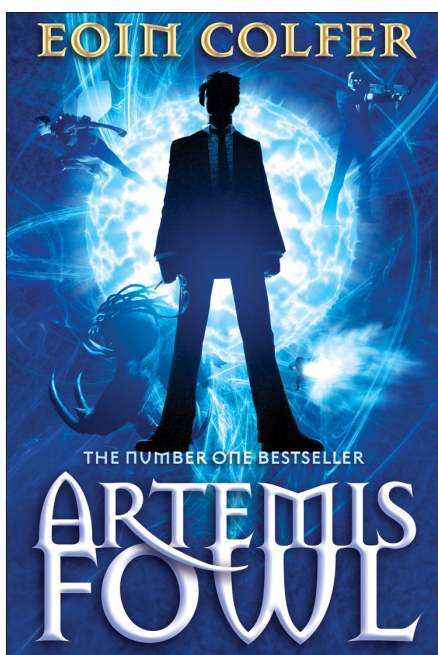
Bernardine Evaristo

**Christine Jardine MP**

Liberal Democrat Spokesperson for Treasury

**Hamnet**

Maggie O'Farrell

**The Rt Hon Nigel Evans MP**

Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means and Deputy Speaker

**God Save La France**

Stephen Clarke

*It encapsulates the irritants and delights of both France and the French, England and the English to a beautiful rich degree that you find yourself nodding and laughing at both.*

**Anonymous****Greater: Britain after the Storm**

Penny Mordaunt and Chris Lewis

**Jason Groves**

Daily Mail

**Half of a Yellow Sun**

Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

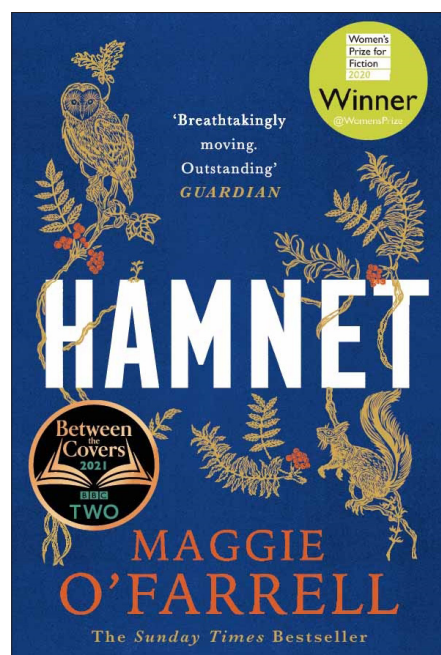
*Just a great read – life, love and politics in 1960s Nigeria, with the thrum of the grisly Biafran War getting louder by the chapter.*

**Alistair Carmichael MP**

Liberal Democrat Spokesperson for Home Affairs

**In a Veil of Mist**

Donald S. Murray



**Kate Green OBE MP**

Shadow Secretary of State for Education

**Hamnet**

Maggie O'Farrell

*A beautifully written story with a poignant timeliness as we live through our own plague years.*

**Adrian Wooldridge**

The Economist

**The Aristocracy of Talent**

Adrian Wooldridge

*A history and defence of the meritocratic idea, at a time when it is coming in for unprecedented criticism*

**The Rt Hon Robert Halfon MP**

Chair, Select Committee on Education

**The Silmarillion**

J. R. R. Tolkien

**Stephen Lotinga**

Chief Executive, Publishers Association

**Klara and the Sun**

Kazuo Ishiguro

*An exquisitely written book from one of the world's greatest authors, which will make you ask questions about science, AI, and genetic enhancement, but most of all about the nature of human emotions.*

**Jonathan Reynolds MP**

Shadow Secretary of State for Work and Pensions

**Home Truths**

Liam Halligan

*The best book I have come across on the UK's housing crisis – essential reading.*

**Lord Sharkey****How Will Capitalism End?**

Wolfgang Streeck

**Nadhim Zahawi MP**

Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Business, Industry and for COVID Vaccine Deployment

**How Innovation Works: And Why It Flourishes in Freedom**

Matt Ridley

**The Rt Hon Nick Thomas-Symonds MP**

Shadow Home Secretary

**In Place of Fear**

Aneurin Bevan

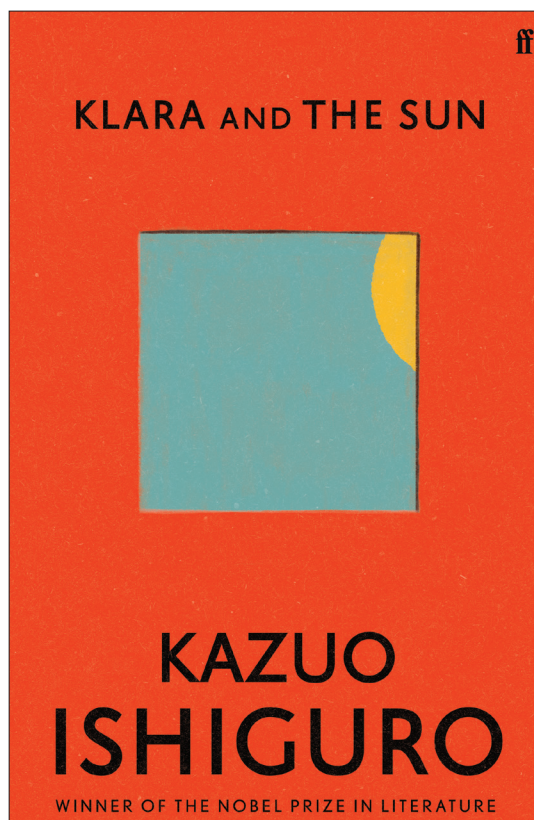
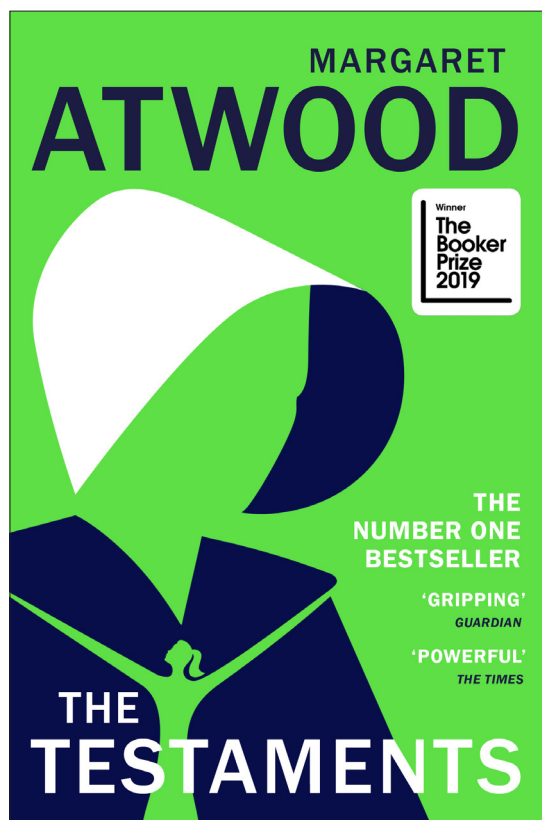
*It is the finest exposition of socialism ever written.*

**The Rt Hon Sajid Javid MP**

Secretary of State for Health and Social Care

**Destined for War**

Graham Allison



## Stephen Bush

New Statesman

### The Glass Hotel

Emily St, John Mandel

## Anneliese Dodds MP

Labour Party Chair

### Kleptopia

Tom Burgis

*A set of rollercoaster stories, all the more astonishing (and disturbing) because they are all true, based on dogged and insightful investigative journalism by Burgis.*

## Wendy Chamberlain MP

Liberal Democrat Chief Whip

### Ladder of Years

Anne Tyler

*Who hasn't thought, for a moment, what it might be like to just walk away from their life – Tyler's characters, are as always, real and true to themselves.*

## Theo Clarke MP

### Leadership in Turbulent Times

Doris Kearns Goodwin

## The Rt Hon Caroline Nokes MP

Chair, Select Committee on Women and Equalities

### More Than a Woman

Caitlin Moran

*To give every man an insight.*

## Maeve Dunne

Public Affairs & Policy Manager,  
Publishers Association

### Mouth Full of Blood

Toni Morrison

## Quentin Letts

Parliamentary Sketchwriter

### Pilgrims

Matthew Kneale

## Baroness Rebuck DBE

Vice-Chair, APPG for Publishing & Penguin Random House UK

### Sylvia Pankhurst

Rachel Holmes

*Sylvia is much less known than her mother, Emmeline, and sister, Christabel, but she was the most revolutionary of them all – a brave political activist, artist, writer and editor.*

## The Rt Hon Boris Johnson MP

Prime Minister

### Scoop

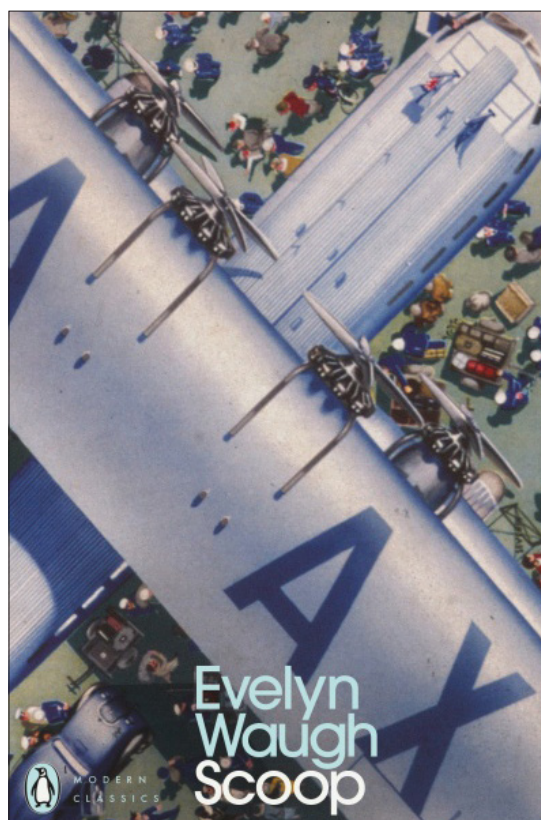
Evelyn Waugh

## Chris Bryant MP

Chair, Select Committees on Standards and on Privileges

### Shuggie Bain

Douglas Stuart



**Bridget Phillipson MP**

Shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury

**Shuggie Bain**

Douglas Stuart

**Preet Kaur Gill MP**

Shadow Secretary of State for International Development

**Siddhartha**

Hermann Hesse

**Lord Razzall****Still Life**

Louise Penny

**Daniel Conway**

Director of External Affairs, Publishers Association

**The Act of Living**

Frank Tallis

*Abundantly relevant and beautifully written to boot, Tallis explores how the psychotherapeutic tradition can help us live our lives.*

**Lord Rennard****The Anglo Saxons**

Marc Morris

**The Rt Hon Stephen Timms MP**

Chair, Select Committee on Work and Pensions

**The Anglo-Saxons**

Marc Morris

**Nickie Aiken MP****Jews Don't Count**

David Baddiel

*A thought provoking and brave look at how anti-Semitism has become an ignored and even accepted form of racism.*

**Sally-Ann Hart MP****The Choice**

Edith Eger

**Katherine Fletcher MP****The Code Book**

Simon Singh

**Flick Drummond MP****The God of Small Things**

Arundhati Roy

**Alicia Kearns MP****The Pillars of the Earth**

Ken Follett

**Greg Smith MP****The Road to Serfdom**

F. A. Hayek

**The Rt Hon Grant Shapps MP**

Secretary of State for Transport

**The Years of Lyndon Johnson**

Robert Caro

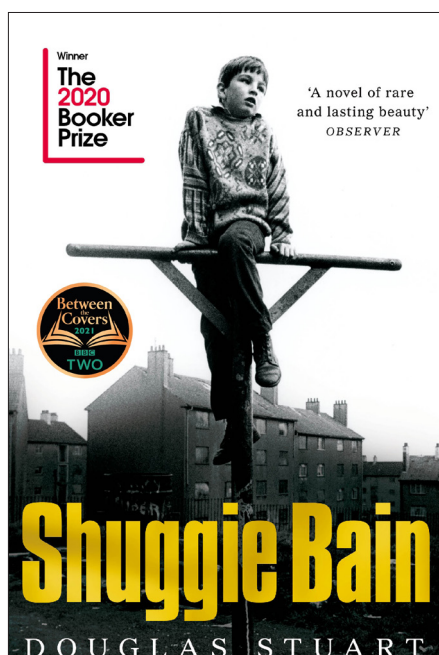
*The best, most comprehensive and most significant political biography ever written.*

**The Rt Hon Oliver Dowden CBE MP**

Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport

**Hons and Rebels**

Jessica Mitford



## The Rt Hon Sir Lindsay Hoyle MP

Speaker of the House of Commons

### The Prime Ministers

Steve Richards

*This book is a thoughtful analysis of leaders over the last 60 years. Richards cites the multi-dimensional qualities that he thinks make for a successful PM – from having an ability to show, rather than tell, to being nimble, with a good sense of humour and terminology voters can relate to. At the same time, he also says they need to have widespread appeal and be able to manage an often-divided party – in other words, quite a tall order.*

## Baroness Thomas

### Where the Crawdads Sing

Delia Owens

## Anonymous

### The Five: The Untold Lives of the Women Killed by Jack the Ripper

Hallie Rubenhold

## The Rt Hon Dame Eleanor Laing DBE MP

Chairman, Ways and Means and Deputy Speaker

### The Strike Series

Robert Galbraith

*Fascinating, compelling and absolutely absorbing. Perfect for getting lost in whilst on holiday.*

## Tom Tugendhat MBE MP

Chair, Select Committee on Foreign Affairs

### The Unravelling

Emma Sky

## John Nicolson MP

SNP Spokesperson for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport

### The Testaments

Margaret Atwood

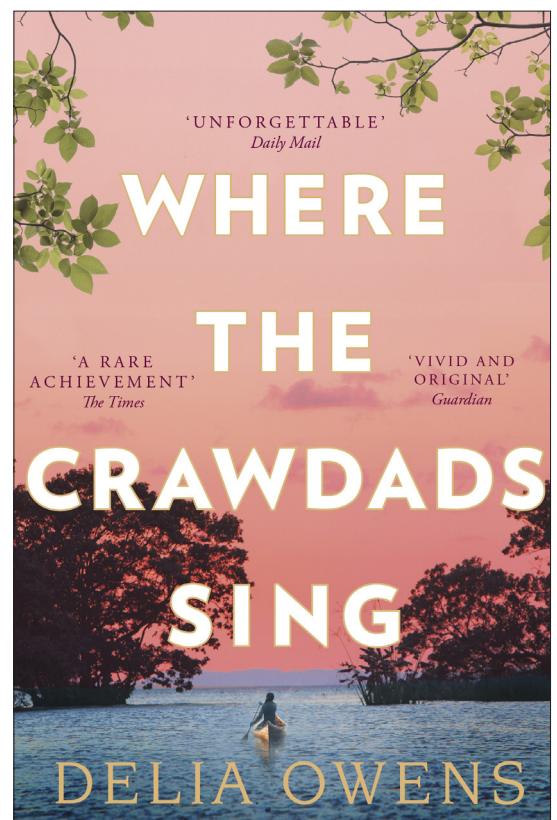
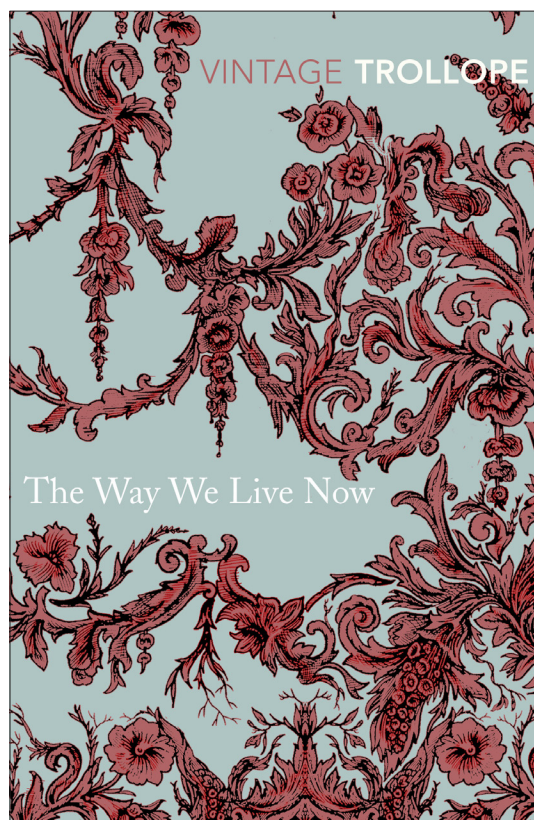
*Winner of the Booker Prize in 2019. For anyone who has been gripped by the dystopian world of Gilead, this will bring yet more chilling encounters from an author who so presciently coined the phrase “false news”.*

## William Wragg MP

Chair, Select Committee on Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs

### The Way We Live Now

Anthony Trollope



**Andrew Lewer MBE MP**

Chair, APPG for Publishing

**The Life of Samuel Johnson**

James Boswell

*Reading – and re-reading – it allows one to add an extra tome to one of Samuel Johnson's own declarations: "Was there ever yet any thing written by mere man that was wished longer by its readers, excepting Don Quixote, Robinson Crusoe, and the Pilgrim's Progress?"*

**Fay Jones MP****UnPresidential**

Jon Sopel

**Alison Thewliss MP**

SNP Shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer

**Welcome to Britain**

Colin Yeo

**Baroness Grender**Liberal Democrat Lords  
Spokesperson for Housing**Where the Crawdads Sing**

Delia Owens

**Amy Price**Senior Public Affairs & Policy  
Manager, Publishers Association**Invisible Women**

Caroline Criado-Perez

*A very readable exploration of data bias and how it affects women and men alike. This book will undoubtedly change how you see the world.*

**The Rt Hon Rishi Sunak MP**

Chancellor of the Exchequer

**Twelve Yards**

Ben Lyttleton

**Julian Knight MP**Chair, Select Committee on Digital,  
Culture, Media and Sport**The Wolf Den**

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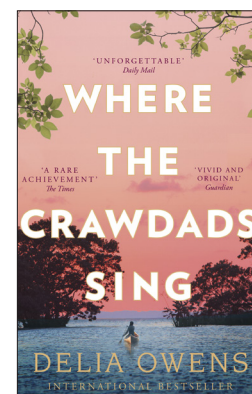
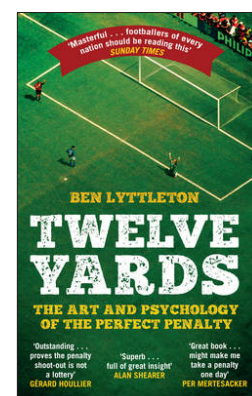
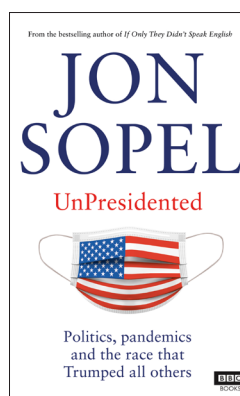
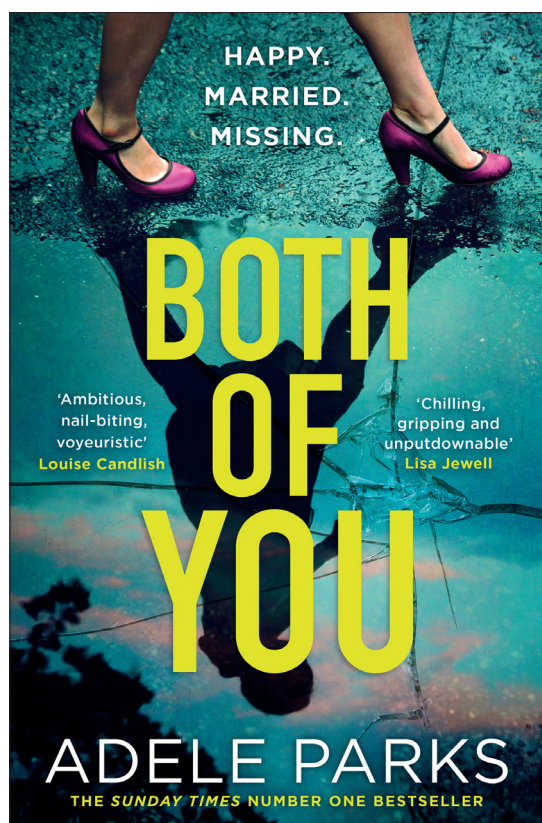
*A beautiful, faultless examination of the role of women in Ancient Rome with striking parallels for today.*

**Virginia Crosbie MP****Both of You**

Adele Parks

**Dame Meg Hillier DBE MP**Chair, Select Committee on Public  
Accounts**Mrs Pankhurst's Purple Feather**

Tessa Boase



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