

# VPU Library Newsletter

In this month's issue of the newsletter, we will be exploring key dates in November, new books in stock this month, autumnal reads, and books recently read by staff. With a great selection of both fictional and non-fiction books, there are so many options to choose from.

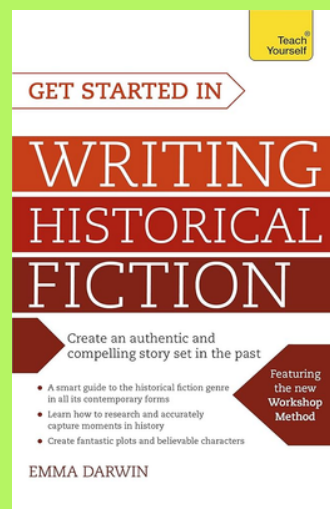
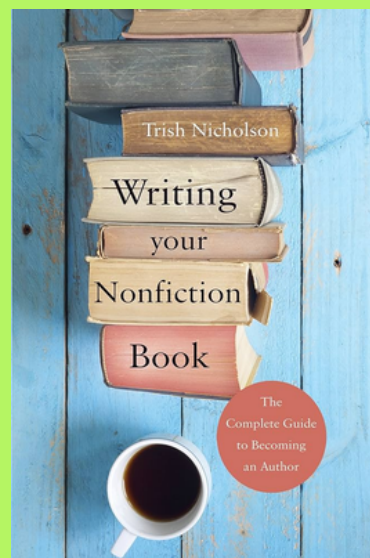
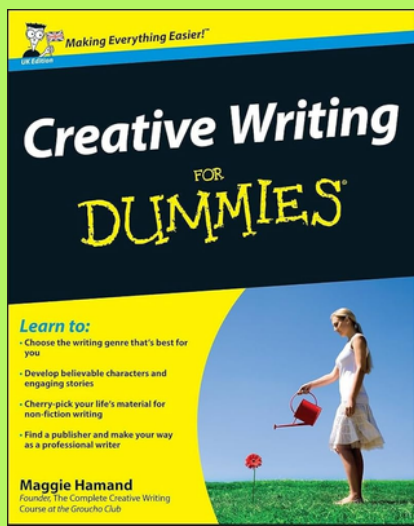
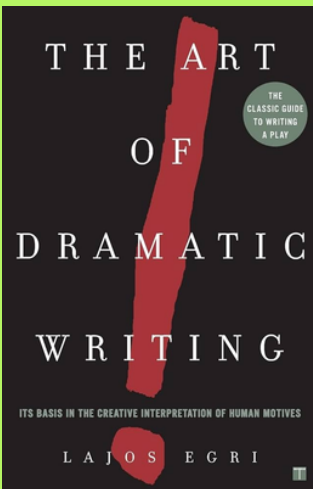
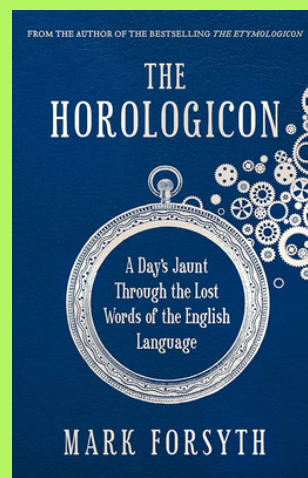
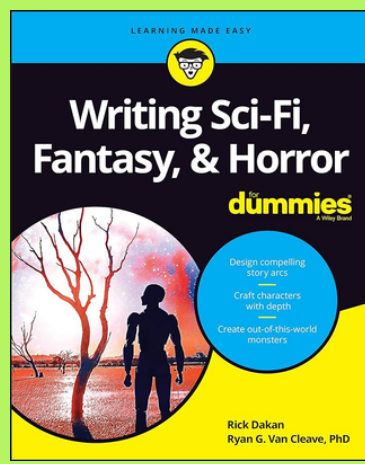
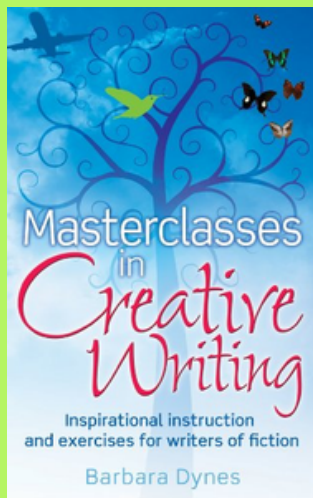
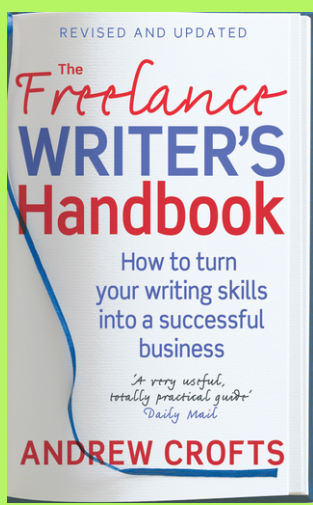
## Key dates in November



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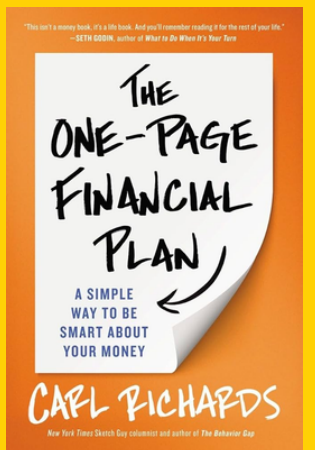
### National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo)

Every November, the idea behind NaNoWriMo is to develop a consistency in Creative Writing to be able to make progress towards a book. Rules include starting with fresh material on the 1st of November and aiming for 50,000 words throughout the month. Even if that seems like too big a task, here are some books that could help you get started with Creative Writing projects no matter what scale you're aiming for.



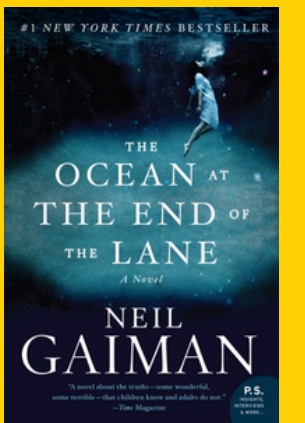
### 4-8th November 2024: Talk Money Week

Speaking about money can be uncomfortable, especially when it comes to bills, debt and planning. This is why, "The One-Page Financial Plan" can help you learn the answers to questions you may not want to, or know how to, ask.



### 10th November: Neil Gaiman's birthday

An advocate for libraries, we're as big fans of Gaiman's work as he is of ours. To celebrate his birthday this year, why not try one of his books. Now adapted into a theatre piece, this dark fantasy revisits the protagonist's vivid yet surreal childhood memories of when he brought an evil spirit into his world.

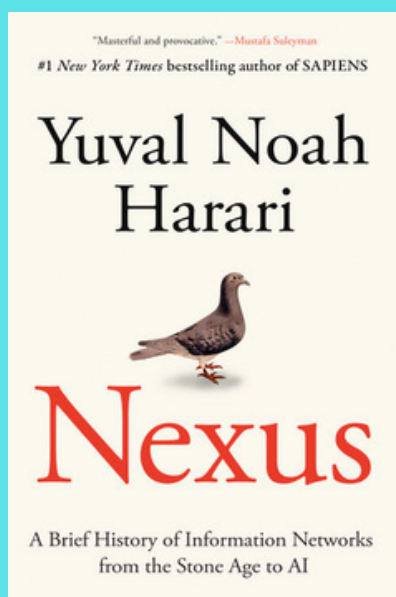


### 11-22nd November 2024: UN Climate Change Conference

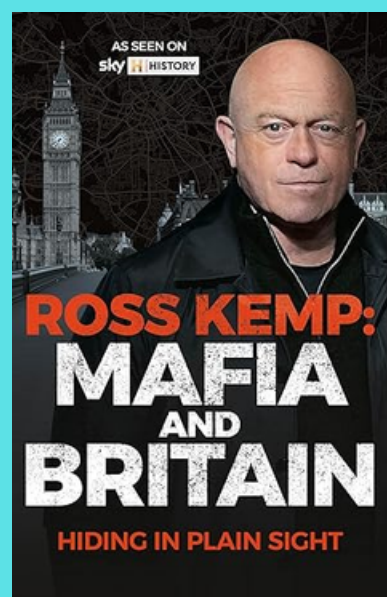
More commonly known as COP29 and taking place in Baku this year, this event is held to highlight the changes that need to take place to ensure we have a future on Earth and for an opportunity to tackle these on a collaborative international scale. This book is just one of the books we have available that could help you start thinking more environmentally.



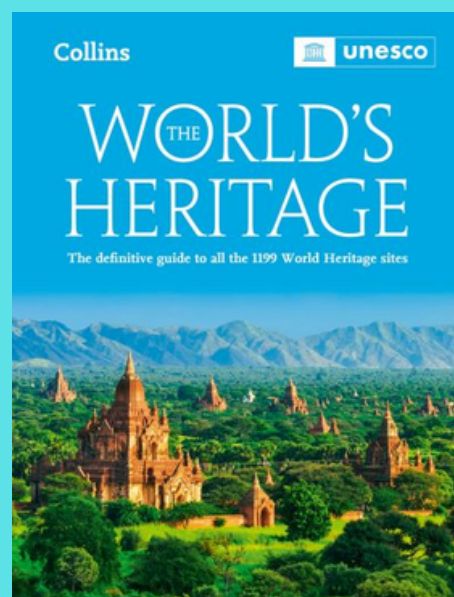
## New books in stock



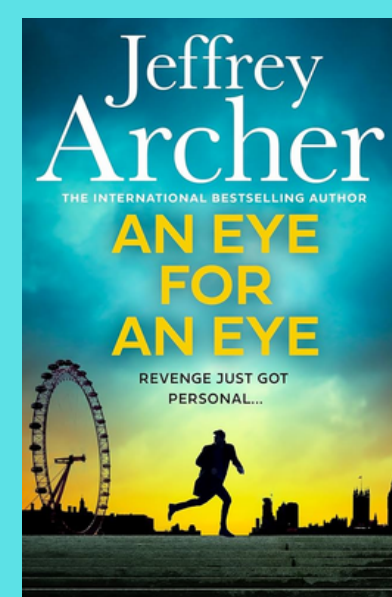
As a historian, philosopher and bestselling author, Yuval Noah Harari is experienced in creating concise yet insightful glimpses into important topics such as evolution, humanity and now information and its networks. Described as thought-provoking and deeply important, "Nexus" explores the movement from stories and books to the internet and AI, and what implications these changes have.



Informed by the Sky series with the same name, this book by Ross Kemp delves deep into the history of the mafia. From the UK to the USA, South America and Spain, he tours the vast web of connections the mafia have established worldwide to be able to stay underground and influence the UK from within. In this book, Ross Kemp tries to bring these dark secrets to light.



"The World's Heritage" is the new and updated list of all 1199 UNESCO World Heritage sites, including photos, location maps and descriptions. With places like Bath, Stonehenge and the Tower of London, there are even a few on our doorstep. How many have you been to and how many more would you like to see? Let this book teach and inspire you with the world's top sightseeing attractions.



A cross-continental thriller, "An Eye for an Eye" is Jeffrey Archer's latest novel. With no obvious link between two deaths seas apart, it is up to William Warwick of Scotland Yard to piece together the reasoning behind this criminal plot. Revenge, inheritance or something darker? This book is filled with page-turning twists and suspense.

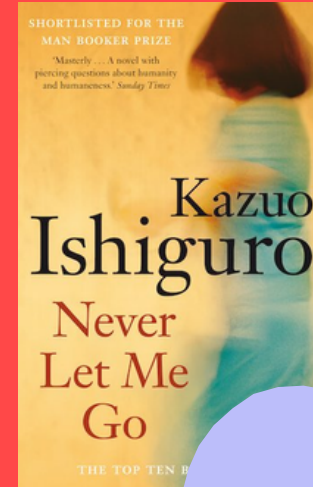
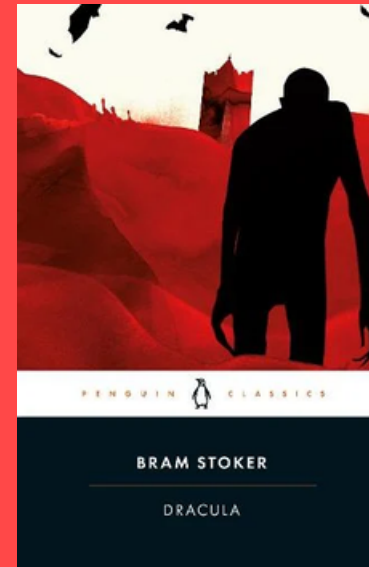
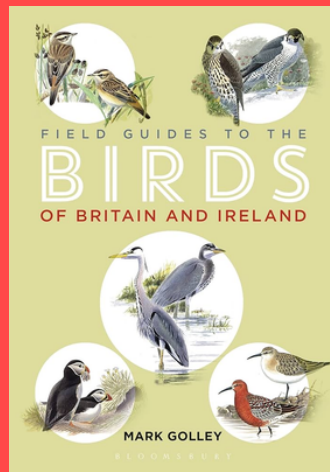
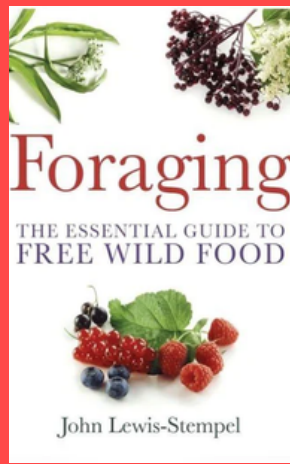
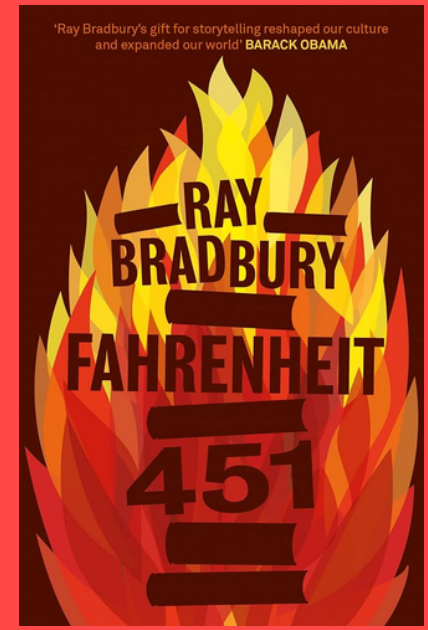
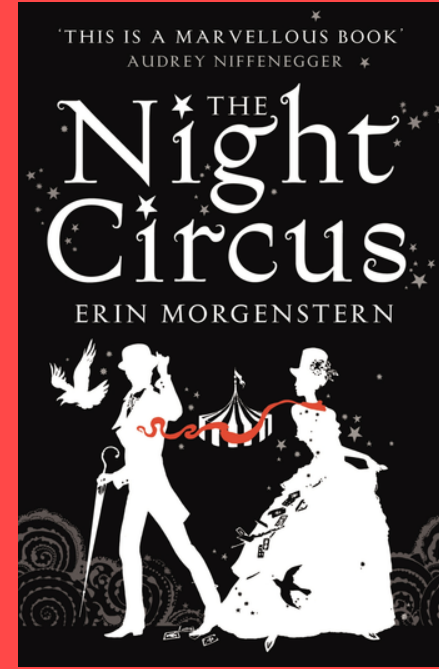
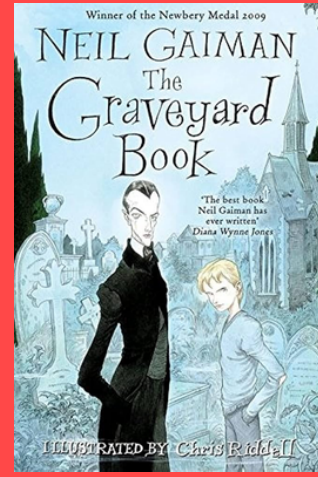
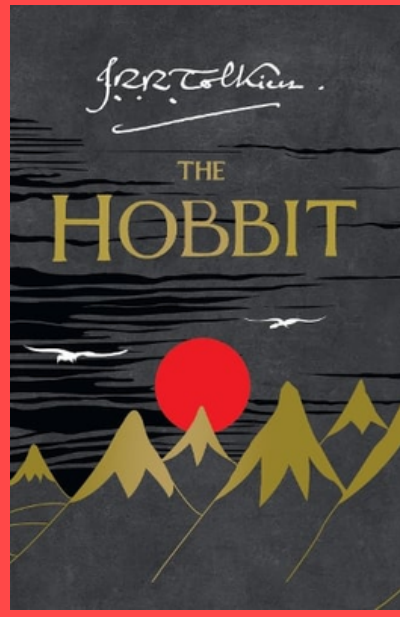
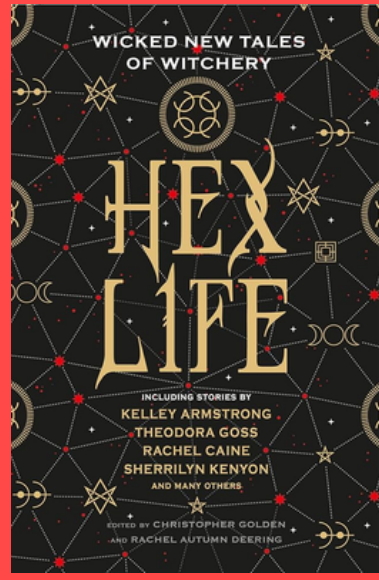
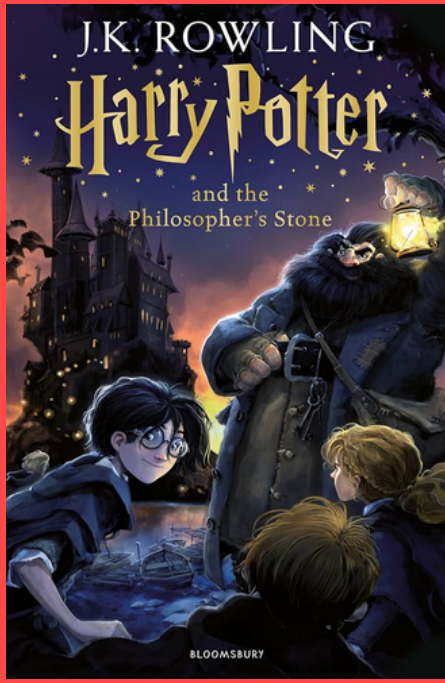


A reimagining of the Marvel universe, this book explores what it would be like if the Scarlet Witch, Wanda Maximoff, and Spider-man, Peter Parker, were siblings. Both orphaned as children, the siblings team up to protect New York City. With the help of Doctor Strange, Wanda learns to harness her power and it is then, when Peter is grieving, that she has to go it alone, trying to defeat a man named Pietro.

# Autumnal Reads

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We have a variety of warm and familiar reads exploring or evoking the feeling of autumn. Why not check out some of the titles highlighted below!



# Staff Recent Reads



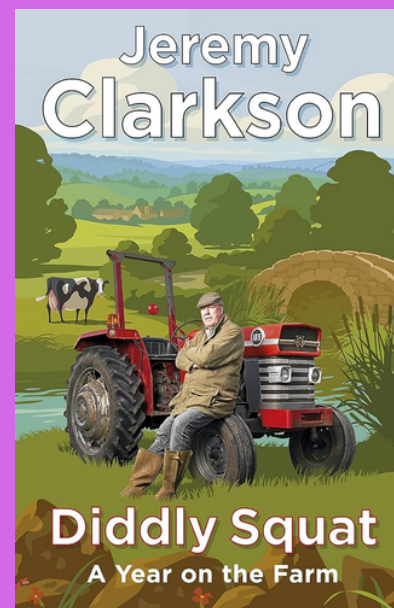
For a future issue, we'd like to hear from you. Leave a book review in the return's box for a chance for it to appear in a newsletter soon!



A cozy fantasy book, "The Spellshop" would definitely fit in with the autumnal reads too. The protagonists of this book, in the form of a talking spider plant named Caz and a blue librarian named Kiela, are beyond wholesome. As they grapple with starting a new life on a remote island after fleeing a riotous capital, the reader gets taken on a magical adventure filled with flying cats and delicious jam-filled treats. Despite having horns, multiple arms or multicoloured eyes, each character in this book has a personality that leaps out of the pages.



Although a short read, "Rita Hayworth & Shawshank Redemption" is packed with humour and character. Curiously, the narrator of this novella also isn't the protagonist. Instead, Red tells the story of Andy Dufresne, a banker who was sentenced for killing his wife and her lover. Maintaining his innocence, he enlists the help of Red, who is able to get anything for any prisoner, so long as they abide by his rules - no hard drugs, weapons, or contract killing. So, when Andy asks for a rock hammer and a poster of Rita Hayworth, what could go wrong?



Overall, "Diddly Squat: A Year on the Farm" is quick-paced, easy to read and relatively informative. Each chapter is an article Jeremy Clarkson has written whilst coming to terms with how hard farming actually is. Spread out throughout the year, the reader can gauge the passing of seasons and see all the different tasks that evolve as Jeremy Clarkson begins to accumulate more livestock and interesting ideas. Oddly satirical about his own entitlement, it makes for a light-hearted read.



A simple graphic novel about mental health and the power of friendship, "The Sad Ghost Club" is written thoughtfully and illustrated beautifully. When the main character meets another ghost just like themselves, they form a secret society of ghosts who don't feel like they belong. It shows that no matter how alone you feel with your thoughts, there's always someone out there to listen, who might even feel the same way.

If you would like books from the library, keep an eye out for our message on CMS & return any books in the library box outside X2 before Thursday at 7am

