

Organizers: Brockley Society and Crofton Books

## Programme

# BROCKLEY & LEWISHAM LITERARY FESTIVAL

28th May 2022




Crofton Books, 315 Brockley Road, SE4 2QZ  
& St. John's Church, St. John's Vale, Lewisham, SE8 4EA

Full programme details:

[www.brockleysociety.org.uk](http://www.brockleysociety.org.uk) / [www.croftonbooks.co.uk](http://www.croftonbooks.co.uk)

*Events are open to all, but booking is advisable.*

*All events are free, unless indicated; donations welcome.*

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Workshop

14:00 ~ 17:30 Book 30minute slots via Eventbrite

Putting the “picture” in picture books

Come and design a cover for a book: “animals in your neighborhood”.

\* Accompanied children under 11

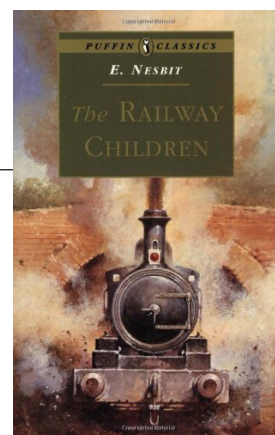
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Book Club & Display

14:00 ~ 15:00 Booking via Eventbrite

Junior Book Club

Junior bookshop leader, **Juliette**, and Costa Short Story Award winner, **Anna Dempsey**, discuss about the author **Malorie Blackman**. Display accompanying the Junior Book Club; celebrates **E.Nesbit**, a renowned author of Brockley.



Reading & Talk

14:30 ~ 15:30 Booking via Eventbrite

Ian Brown and Clare Stanhope



14:30~ **Ian Brown**

Ian reads *Albert Upside Down* a picture book about an adventurous tortoise



15:00~ **Clare Stanhope**

Clare reads and chats about *Brenda's Bottom and her birds*, in its 10th anniversary year, an inventive story written in Brockley, featuring 52 types of birds and London bridges and buildings.



## Brockley's Authors

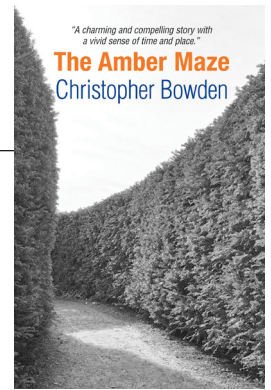
### Reading & History Talk

14:00 ~ 15:00 Booking via Eventbrite

#### Reading by Christopher Bowden

**Christopher Bowden** reads his fiction and presents his array of fiction titles.

**Carol Harris** with **Mike Brown** talk about our local history.



### Workshop

15:00 ~ 17:00 Booking via Eventbrite (limited numbers)

#### Beginning Writing Fiction -- the First Steps

Brockley author **Rosalind Stopps** (*The Beginners' Guide to Murder*) will host a workshop for all you budding authors to get you started...

*\* Materials provided*



## Enjoying Fiction

### Reading & Signing

17:00 ~ 19:00 Booking via Eventbrite

#### Reading & Signing Event

Authors will read and sign.  
You can also buy their books.

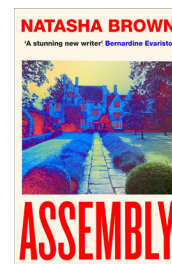
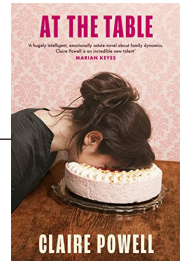
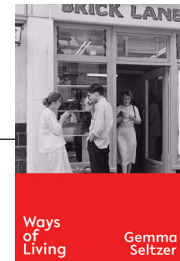
17:00~ **Bibi Berki** author of *The Watch*

17:15~ **Gemma Seltzer** author of *Ways of Living*

17:30~ **Claire Powell** author of *At the Table*

18:00~ **Natasha Brown** author of *Assembly*

18:30~ **Lara Williams** author of *The Odyssey*



### Book Club

19:00 ~ 20:00 Booking via Eventbrite

#### Launch: Crofton Books' Book Club

We are excited to announce the first Crofton Books book club. For this first event we will be discussing *When We Were Birds* by Ayanna Lloyd Banwo.

Hosted by local writer **Anna Dempsey**, the winner of the 2019 Costa Short Story Award.



# Poetry

## Poetry Reading

Booking via Eventbrite

### Poetry Reading

Brockley's published poets, including **Diana Pooley** (author of *Like This* published by Salt Publishing), **Richard Cabut** (author of *Punk is Dead*), **Bartle Sawbridge** (author of *A Piece of String*), **Caroline Druitt**, **Jason Shelley**, **Charlie Brogan**, **Tom Anderson**, and **Gerry Mitchell** reading together

#### AFTERNOON

16:00 ~ 17:00



**Diana Pooley** lives in London and makes paintings, drawings, ceramic sculpture and poetry. She studied fine art at Goldsmiths College, London, taught at Camberwell School of Art and, at first, worked as a graphic artist in the Australian Broadcasting Corporation.



**Bartle Sawbridge** Brockley resident and author of novel, *A Piece of String*.



**Gerry Mitchell** Great poet who performed relentlessly in Deptford, the 1990's. Author of the *Completed Poems of Gerry Mitchell*.



**Tom Anderson** Brockley resident and nature lover. Author of *The Last Days of Dad* and *Doventurn*.

#### EVENING

19:00 ~ 20:00



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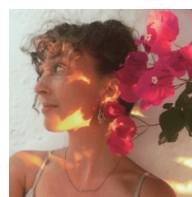
**Jason Shelley** Absurdist, writer of poetry and short story collections, *No Looking Back*, *Grey Love*, *The Romance: An Episode in the Life of a Young Writer (an Abstract Episode)* and *The Yawn*.



**Charlie Brogan** is a poet and writer from the north living in south east London. She has been published in the likes of *Dear Damsels*, *Ash*, *Aurelia* and *Stylist*.



**Richard Cabut** is author of the cult classic post-punk pop art novel *Looking for a Kiss*, amongst others, and editor/writer of *Punk is Dead: Modernity Killed Every Night*. [richardcabut.com](http://richardcabut.com)



**Caroline Druitt** is a poet and writer living in London. She is completing an MA at Goldsmiths in Creative and Life writing alongside her work as a yoga teacher and facilitator of well-being and creative workshops. She is an advocate for the benefits of creativity and leads classes in a number of different settings.

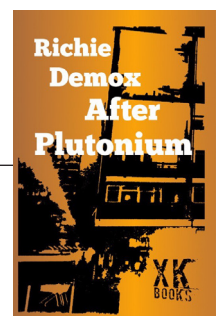
## Launch

18:50 ~ 19:10 Booking via Eventbrite

### Launch: *After Plutonium*

**Richie DeMox** will be launching his new book *After Plutonium*; a hip hop poetry and electronica prose.

DeMox is an author of *Énouement*, *Untied Estates: A Brockley Slam Novella*, *Dim Stars Transcend*, and *The Chapel on the Edge of the Marshes*.

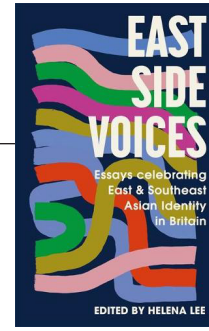


# See the World Through My Eyes

## Interview

14:00 ~ 14:30 Booking via Eventbrite  
**Helena Lee & Sharlene Teo**

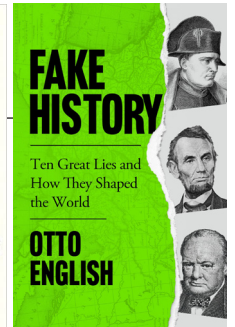
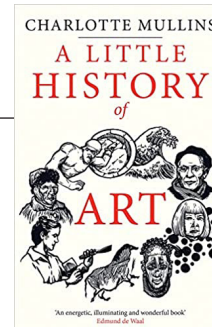
Helena Lee, (author of *East Side Voices*), and Sharlene Teo (author of *Ponti*) invites us to explore a dazzling spectrum of experience from the East and Southeast Asian diaspora living in Britain today.



## In Conversation

18:00 ~ 18:30 Booking via Eventbrite  
**Charlotte Mullins and Otto English**

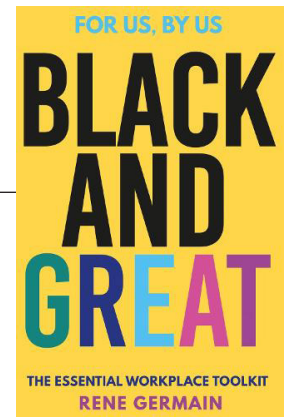
Charlotte Mullins, author of *A Little History of Art* (and *A Little Feminist History of Art*) and an art historian, critic and broadcaster is in conversation with Otto English and aspects of his *Fake History*.



## Reading & Interview

18:30~19:00 Booking via Eventbrite  
**Conversations with Rene Germain hosted by Dela Hini**

*Black and Great* features interviews and letters from some of the UK's leading Black voices and we are greatly looking forward to some insight into this wonderful new book.



## Workshop

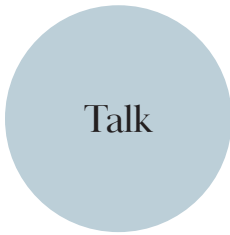
17:15 ~ 18:15  
Booking via Eventbrite £15 (limited numbers)  
**“Caricature and Cartoons”**

Brockley Max favourite, **Martin Rowson**, the lead political cartoonist in the Guardian will guide you through the art of caricatures.



Paid workshop: £15

# Food & Life: 'We Are What We Eat'



15:30 ~ 16:30 Booking via Eventbrite

## Guy Atkins and Ella Risbridger

Artist-researcher **Guy Atkins** (*We Are What We Eat*) and writer **Ella Risbridger** (*Year of Miracles*) will talk about the importance of food on our health and well-being, from the perspectives of people whose lives have been altered by imprisonment or grief.

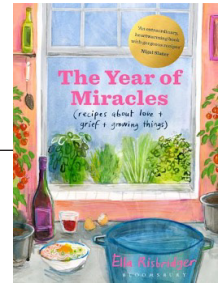
Guy Atkins' book *We Are What We Eat* has been produced as a part of Museum of London's public programme 'We Are What We Eat'.



**Guy Atkins** is a writer, researcher, and artist. He read Philosophy, Politics and Economics at Oriel College, Oxford, and holds an MA in Art and Politics from Goldsmiths, University of London.



**Ella Risbridger** is a writer, editor, cook and hobbyist librarian. She is the author of the bestselling *Midnight Chicken (& Other Recipes Worth Living For)*; and her new book *The Year Of Miracles* (recipes about love + grief + growing things) is out 26th May, with fans including Nigella Lawson, Nigel Slater, Diana Henry and more. She also writes children's books (*The Secret Detectives*), poetry anthologies (*Set Me On Fire: A Poem For Every Feeling*). She lives in Lewisham with three thousand books and a cat.



'Power Food' by Ahmad from 'We Are What We Eat' by the Pentonville Prison Art Group with Museum of London

## and MORE...

### Book Sales

a table dedicated for *Illumination of the Shadow* by Anthea Durand



### Poetry London Table

Jessie Mills joins us to discuss her book *Rosalind: DNA's Invisible Woman*

### Zine Table

inspired by Yuna Goda: selling local artists' zines

### Brockley's Literary Past

Wall signs: Exhibition of Brockley's literary past

### Scrabble Corner with Mark

### Writing Workshop

16:00-17:30

"in the neighbourhood" with Jane McLaughlin and Neil Lawrence

a relaxed and friendly workshop for people who enjoy writing about their neighbourhood. Writers of all levels welcome. You can maybe bring a newspaper cutting or book on the theme of 'My Neighbourhood'. Led by writers Jane McLaughlin and Neil Lawrence are members of Brockley-based group Writers Of Our Age.