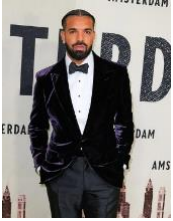




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Not sure if poetry is cool? Let this multi-platinum selling rapper set you straight



Canadian superstar rapper and actor Drake announced he was releasing a book of poetry via Instagram this month. "I don't know if I have ever wanted people to buy or support something more in my life" he said of the project, dubbed 'Titles Ruin Everything: A Stream of Consciousness'. The rapper – real name Aubrey Drake Graham – has created the book alongside his writing partner Kenza Samir and is available to purchase via Drake's website on June 24. The book features lyrics, poems and one-liners and is a sure-fire way of getting any Drake fan interested in poetry and might make us sonnet fans seem that little bit cooler (hopefully).

A chip off the old block: the link between parent and child reading

A study conducted this year, with the aim of investigating the relationship between parent and child reading interest, has found an exciting link. Conducted in Chile with almost 330,000 adolescents, findings revealed that frequent reading in parents had a significantly positive effect on the reading of young people. The impact of a parents' interest in reading was found to be more influential than the attitudes of their peers and a parents' interest was more significant than even socioeconomic status. What does this mean for you? Keep picking up those books and your young people will follow in your well-read footsteps.



Northumberland bookshop named one of the most beautiful in Europe



A Northumberland bookshop has been named one of the most beautiful in Europe. Barter Books in Alnwick inhabits the former Alnwick Railway Station, and is one of the most unique bookshops there is. It attracts around 350,000 visitors each year and while many come to pick up a book, others come to soak up the relaxed atmosphere of the café in the building's former waiting room. It also has an ice cream parlour and open

fireplaces, while model trains run overhead on a railway decorated with famous literary characters as a backdrop. Barter Books' uniqueness means that it's popular on social media too - a survey by The Knowledge Academy using Instagram data put the shop as the sixth most picturesque in Europe with 17,359 hashtags. Barter Books is open from 9am - 7pm every day, including Sundays.



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Tip of the month – Let your library come to you



Do you find leaving the house difficult or know someone who does? Northumberland Libraries operate three mobile libraries from bases across the county, serving people in villages and remote rural areas. It's a service specifically designed for housebound customers and involves a volunteer visiting the customer on a regular basis, discussing their book choices with them and delivering or returning items on their behalf. The mobile library service operates throughout Northumberland. Stop locations and times can be checked by calling 01670 620 204 and if you're not sure whether the Mobile Library comes to your area, contact the Mobile Library Service by emailing mylibrary@northumberland.gov.uk

Recommended Reads



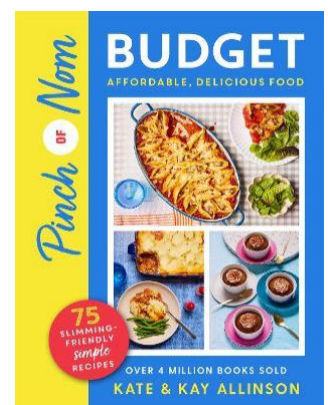
"Liar's Beach" by Katie Cotugno

This heart-pounding slasher by New York Times bestselling author and TikTok sensation Kalynn Bayron is perfect for fans of Hollywood horror movies. Charity Curtis has the summer job of her dreams, acting at Camp Mirror Lake in a full-contact terror game. As Charity and her summer crew recreate scenes from a classic slasher film, Curse of Camp Mirror Lake, Charity's co-workers begin disappearing. And when one ends up dead, Charity's role suddenly becomes all too real. If Charity and her girlfriend Bezi hope to survive the night, they'll need to figure out what this killer is after. Is there is more to the story of Mirror Lake and its dangerous past than Charity ever suspected?

(And for the grown ups)

Pinch of Nom Budget: Affordable, Delicious Food by Kate and Kay Allinson

The fantastic recipe book is all about great food at great prices. Seventy-five incredibly tasty, satisfying and low-cost recipes from the authors of the bestselling Pinch of Nom series. This books is bursting with slimming-friendly meals and desserts that bring all the flavour for a fraction of the cost. From cheeky fakeaways and hearty one-pan meals to mouthwatering sweet treats, these feel so indulgent that you'd never guess it's also wallet friendly. There are simple methods for air fryers, slow cookers and electric pressure cookers, giving you loads of flexibility.



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