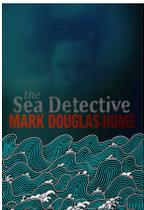


FORTHCOMING EVENTS

THURS 21 JULY
THE SEA DETECTIVE
BY MARK
DOUGLAS-HOME

Mark will be talking about his first novel, *The Sea Detective*.

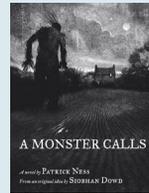
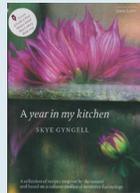
"The Sea Detective is extremely moreish, as much for its calm, open prose a hard trick to pull off as for its solid storytelling." *The Herald*



SAT 20 & SUN 21
AUGUST

**BOOKS, BORDERS
& BIKES**

We are delighted to be the official bookseller for the second time at Traquair House's excellent Books, Borders & Bikes festival. The full programme will be announced shortly. For more information go to www.beyondborderscotland.com



We are reading...

THE GERMAN BOY

by Patricia Wastvedt

(£12.99 hardback) *Review by Vivian*

This beautifully lyrical novel covers the lives of two families from 1927 through to the devastation following the Second World War. Karen and Elisabeth, two disparate sisters, briefly encounter a school friend's brother; the consequences of which will reverberate throughout their lives. The vastness of the changes occurring in both Britain and Germany around this time is perfectly contained in the minutiae of the novel.

THE GARDEN IN THE CLOUDS

by Antony Woodward

(£8.99 paperback) *Review by Bill*

If you like going to gardens on the Yellow Book Scheme then you will laugh your way through Woodward's book. A hilarious compilation of little stories of someone who actually did those things in the garden which we all aspire to do. From setting out an orchard, baling his own hay and dry-stone walling, to keeping bees. And on a wild Welsh mountain of all places. A really gratifying read.

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A YEAR IN MY KITCHEN

by Sky Gynge

(£14.99 paperback) *Review by Emma*

A beautiful book, nicely written and presented. A real labour of love written with great warmth and thoughtfulness. A strong commitment to fresh seasonal produce prepared with flair and individuality, Gynge reveals a fresh approach to the blending of flavours. This book will excite and inspire you.

A MONSTER CALLS

by Patrick Ness from an original
idea by Siobhan Dowd

(£12.99 hardback) *Review by Rosamund*

Any book that combines these two hugely talented children's writers gets my vote. But this is something special. The story of a teenager's journey as he comes to terms with his mother's terminal illness is told almost as a modern day fable. There is such heart to this story, and of course, sadness. I would recommend it as a crossover read simply for the pleasure of reading such good writing. Be prepared to weep, but don't let that put you off.



We are eating...



CUCUMBER RELISH

This recipe is taken from *River Cottage Handbook No.2, Preserves* (£12.99 hardback). We serve this with our Tombuie Smoked Cheddar Cheese sandwich. Think of it as a Ploughman's in a sandwich.

SYRIAN FATTOUSH

Taken from *Moro East* by Sam & Sam Clark (£25.00 hardback). Like Moro, we make our own crisp bread for a more delicate texture. The sweet pomegranate dressing goes beautifully with the smoky bitter aubergine.

SUMMER VEGETABLE GARDEN SOUP WITH PESTO

From Sarah Raven's *Food for Friends & Family* (£30.00 hardback). As Sarah says, this soup is the very essence of summer. We are lucky enough to source many of our vegetables from nearby Mertoun Gardens.

THE VERY BEST CHOCOLATE BROWNIES

From *Secrets of Aga Cakes* by Lucy Young (£16.99 hardback). We make this in a gluten-free version (substituting the flour for gluten free flour mix from Doves Farm) which still manages to be dense and delicious.

WE STOCK ALL OF THE ABOVE COOKBOOKS (and many more) AT THE SHOP

OPENING HOURS

9am - 5.30pm
TUES - SAT
11am - 4.30pm
SUNDAY

CUSTOMER PARKING

We have extensive
parking in the courtyard
and behind the barn
(16 spaces in total)

RECENT EVENTS



AND THE BAND PLAYED ON... by Christopher Ward

A magical summer's evening was had with Christopher Ward telling the story of his grandfather, Jock Hume, violinist on the Titanic. Catriona

Price completed the scene playing a haunting interpretation of *Nearer my God to Thee* on one of Jock's original violins.

SWIM THE FLY by Don Calame

Canadian Young Adult author, Don Calame, visited Peebles and Hawick High Schools in May. A brilliant performer of his very funny book, recommended for 13yrs +.



BLURRING THE LINES

Authors, Esther Freud, Helena McEwen & Alison Gangel, brought the creative process (and their work) to life with readings and a panel discussion, smoothly directed by chair, Jenny Brown.

