

# Join in on the Bath Readathon!

**A fun reading experience for adults of all ages.**

Our 'landmarks' inspired readathon activities are designed for sharing the enjoyment of reading with other people. There are three ways you can participate:

**Readathon Sprint** location-based, booking required

Bring along your book, poem or play to read with other people in the room. You can then chat about what you have just read with the group, or you can simply listen to what others have to say. This Bath Readathon! Prompt Map offers a range of reading texts if you are looking for ideas.

**Readathon Sprint** virtual/online: booking required

Bring along your book, poem or play to read with other people in the virtual room. You can then chat about what you have just read with the group, or you can simply listen to what others have to say. This Bath Readathon! Prompt Map offers a range of reading texts if you are looking for ideas.

Throughout our **Bath Readathon!** you can join us on Instagram [@bath\\_readathon](https://www.instagram.com/bath_readathon) where we will be setting you fun tasks. You can also share your images and comments about your communal reading experience. For further information about the Being Human Festival please see [www.beinghumanfestival.org](http://www.beinghumanfestival.org)

For further information about **Being Human: Bath** please see [www.beinghumanfestival.org/2024/hubs/bath-spa](http://www.beinghumanfestival.org/2024/hubs/bath-spa).

For further information about the **Bath Readathon!** please see [www.beinghumanfestival.org/events/bath-readathon](http://www.beinghumanfestival.org/events/bath-readathon).

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## Self-guided Readathon Team Challenge

Guidance:

- Our **Bath Readathon!** runs from Thursday 7 to Wednesday 13 November 2024.
- There are 15 landmark reading prompts at specified locations across Bath's city centre.
- Referring to the prompts, choose your book, play or poem (or all the above!). We have included suggestions for reading material but feel free to find your own texts.
- If a book, play or poem fulfils more than one landmark prompt, it's okay to count it towards multiple prompts. It's meant to be fun, so no-one will mind if you want to cut a corner or three.
- Audiobooks, E-books and hard copy texts all count.
- It is fine to read only a part of your chosen book/s, or play/s and poem/s. For example, one chapter of a book, or one act of a play.
- Please share your photos and thoughts about your readathon team challenge with us on social media.

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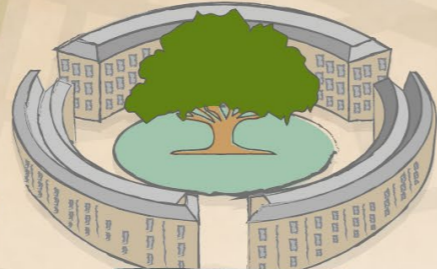
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Read a book, play or poem set in Bath



The Royal Crescent



The Circus

Read a book, play or poem that features a ball.



Assembly Rooms

Read a book, play or poem where the TV or film adaptation used a setting in Bath for filming



Holburne Museum

Read a book, play or poem that uses a landmark from Somerset on its front cover

Read a book, play or poem that is written by an author from Bath

Read a book, play or poem that mentions a landmark in Somerset

Read a book, play or poem that is written about an author who has lived in Bath



The Jane Austen Centre

Bath Central Library



Pulteney Bridge

to:  
Fairfield House  
Locksbrook Campus  
Newton Park  
Campus



Bath Royal Literary & Scientific Institution

Read a book, play or poem that is set in Somerset before 1900.

Read a book, play or poem that is written by an author from the southwest

Bath Abbey



Read a book, play or a poem that contains a wedding and a funeral.

Read a book, play or poem that involves a journey to Bath



Roman baths

Read a book, play or poem that mentions hot water springs (either the ones in Bath or anywhere else in the country)

Read a book, play or poem that involves a journey through Somerset

Read a book, play or poem that is set somewhere other than Bath, but still in the southwest

Read a book, play or poem that contains magic or magical creatures from Somerset

River Avon



# Bath Readathon! Prompt Map

# What to read... looking for ideas?

Please find below a list of suggestions for your reading material, associated with this year's Being Human Festival theme of 'landmarks'. These are suitable for the self-guided readathon team challenge or the readathon sprints.

## **A book, play or poem set in Bath**

These books also mention famous landmarks

- *Sometimes in Bath* by Charles Nevin
- *The Frequency of Us* by Keith Stuart
- *Islands of Mercy* by Rose Tremain
- *Belle Nash and the Bath Souffle* by William Keeling
- *Persuasion* and/or *Northanger Abbey* by Jane Austen
- *The Rivals* by Sheridan
- *Poems* by Betjeman

## **A book or poem that is written by an author who has lived in Bath**

- Jane Austen
- Mary Shelley
- Henry Fielding
- Sarah Fielding
- Anna Sewell
- Tim Weaver
- Douglass Westcott
- William Beckford
- John Betjeman
- Jacqueline Wilson

You can also read biographies of these authors for:

## **Read a book, play or poem about an author who has lived in Bath**

## **A book, play or poetry collection that uses a landmark from Somerset on its front cover**

- Douglass Westcott's *Bath Chronicles*
- *Literary Somerset* by James Crowden
- *Folklore of Somerset* by Alan Holt
- *Glastonbury Swan* by Julie S. Howlin

## **A book, play or poem that involves a journey through/to Somerset or Bath**

- *The Unremarkable Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* by Rachel Joyce
- *The Expedition of Humphrey Clinker* by Tobias Smollett
- *Deepest Somerset* by Fanny Charles and Gay Pirrie-Weir

## **A book or drama where the TV or film adaptation used a setting in Bath for filming**

- *The Bridgerton Chronicles*
- *Les Misérables* by Victor Hugo
- *Vanity Fair* by William Makepeace Thackeray
- *The Pursuit of Love* by Nancy Mitford

## **A book, play or poem that has magic or magical creatures from Somerset.**

- Somerset Folk Tales by Sharon Jacksties
- *Folklore of Somerset* by Alan Holt
- *The Chalice: A Glastonbury Ghost Story* by Phil Rickman
- *Somerset Dragons* by Brian Wright
- *When fishes flew: A selection of legends and old wives' tales from the West Country* by Josephine Poole

## **A book, play or poem that is set in Somerset before 1900**

- The Somerset Tsunami by Emma Carroll
- Bath Tangle by Georgette Heyer
- The Shape of Darkness by Laura Purcell
- Random Army by Madeleine A. Polland
- The Pickwick Papers by Charles Dickens
- 'An Evening in Autumn near Nether Stowey, Somerset' by Henry Alford

## **A book, play or poem that is set in the Southwest**

- *Three Hours* by Rosamund Lupton
- *Blacklands* by Belinda Bauer
- *The Second Sleep* by Robert Harris
- *The Long Call* by Ann Cleeves
- *The Alibi Girl* by C.J. Skuse
- *The Past* by Tessa Hadley
- *Lorna Doone* by R.D. Blackmore
- *Down Among the Dead* by Damien Boyd
- *Oxygen* by Andrew Miller
- The *Poldark* series by Winston Graham

## **Read a book, play or poem about hot springs**

- *Diseased, Douched and Doctored: Thermal Springs, Spa Doctors and Rheumatic Diseases* by Roger Rolls
- *Epilogue III: Bains Turcs* by Katherine Mansfield
- *Hot Springs* by Stephen Hunter