

# Useful Links

**Nigerian writer Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie describes the relationship between stories and how we think about ourselves and others:**

[https://www.ted.com/talks/chimamanda\\_ngozi\\_adichie\\_the\\_danger\\_of\\_a\\_single\\_story](https://www.ted.com/talks/chimamanda_ngozi_adichie_the_danger_of_a_single_story)



# The Birth of Love

Dr Laura Ashe reveals how our ideas of romantic love were born in 12th-century literature.

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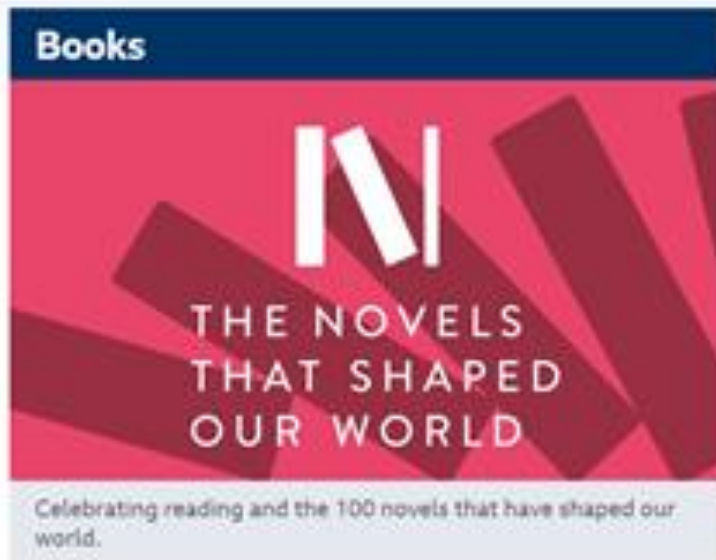


Before the 12th century, love didn't figure much in English literature. Instead, the historical epics and myths of the distant past dealt with inscrutable heroes, high causes, and sacrifice - unknowable monsters and unfeeling Gods. Then, in the 12th century, there was a sudden shift to a new focus on the individual, on a psychologically realised self. This is reflected in writing which is not historical or mythic, but fictional - imaginative, emotional, creative, speculative.

And this new fiction brings with it an exploration of relationships - of love. This led to the new, strange idea - strangeness now obscured by its familiarity - that love is life's most profound purpose, an idea that is still at the centre of our culture today.

Laura explores the cultural legacy of Henry II and Eleanor of Aquitaine, at whose court the Romance was born. She visits battle sites and castles and talks to experts in medieval history and literature, and she considers how some of her favourite films reflect ideas of love born 800 years ago - ideas which still captivate our imaginations and emotions today.

Dr Laura Ashe is Associate Professor of English at Worcester College, Oxford.



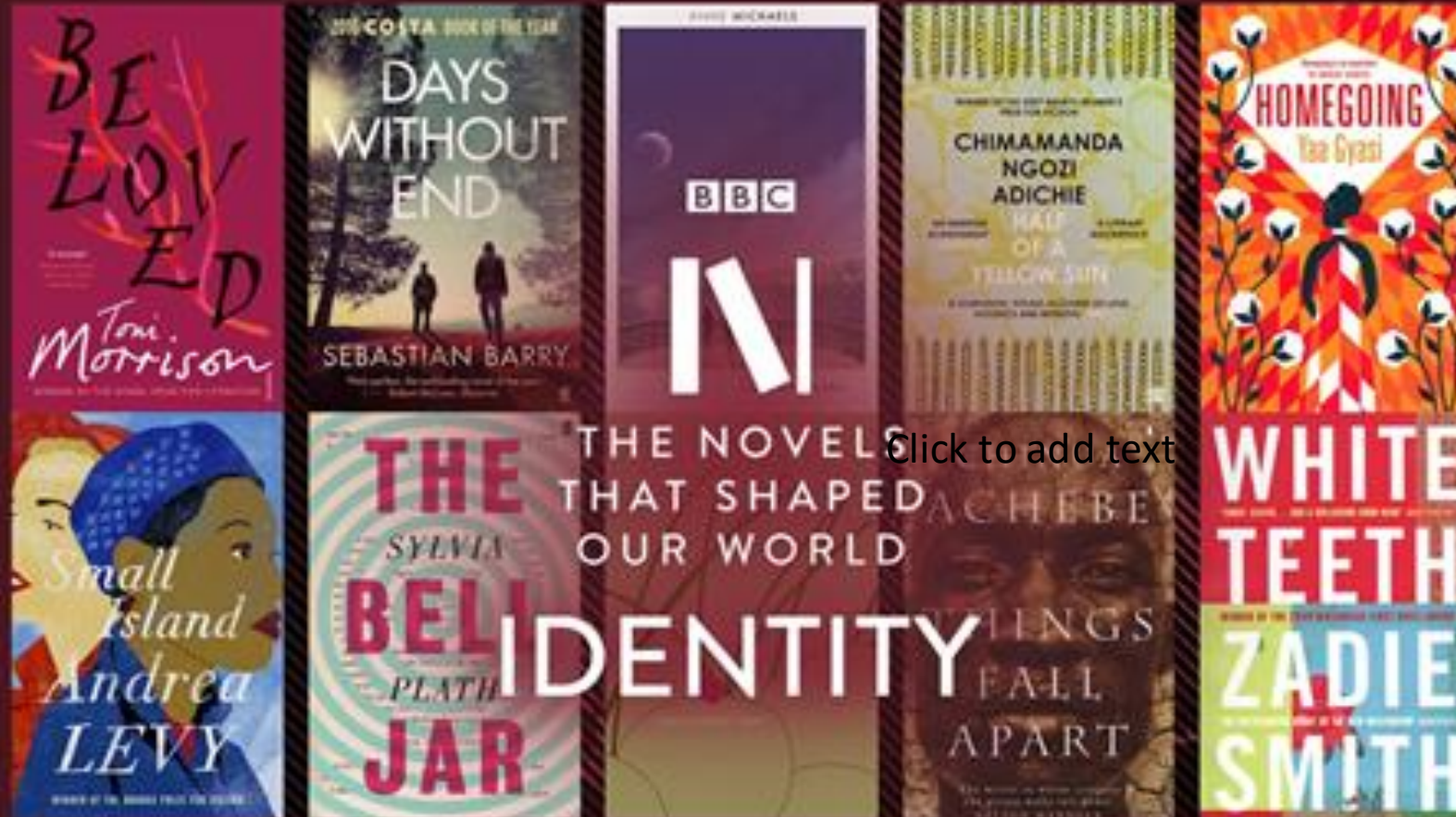
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/arts/arts-books>



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/494P41NCbVYHIY319VwGbxp/explore-the-list-of-100-novels-that-shaped-our-world>

## Finding your story: Ten remarkable novels about identity

These ten remarkable novels about identity have been selected for the 100 Novels That Shaped Our World. They have already sparked passionate discussion about the qualities of books that help us to find ourselves. Explore the ten, then pick one up at a library and join the conversation.



Novels about identity

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/4BVkZMWFwdMVDcqTQpfgyyN/finding-your-story-ten-remarkable-novels-about-identity>

# BBC Book Club: Between The Covers -

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000n7sl>

<https://www.bbc.com/mediacentre/2023/between-the-covers-series-seven>

The screenshot shows the BBC website interface for the 'Between the Covers' program. At the top, the BBC logo and navigation menu are visible. The main header reads 'TWO Between the Covers'. Below this, there are navigation tabs for 'Home', 'Episodes', 'Clips', and 'BBC Arts: Books'. The central focus is a large image of host Sara Cox, with a text overlay that says 'Click to add text' and 'Click to add text'. To the right of the main image are two columns: 'On iPlayer' featuring 'Episode 7 Series 4' and 'Next on' featuring 'Episode 2 Series 4'. Below these are four smaller featured content blocks, each with a book cover and a host's photo, and a descriptive text block. The first block is about Maria Callas, the second about books recommended by Jen Brister, Mel Giedroyc, Jordan North, and Rhys Stephenson, the third about books that break the rules from Catherine Bohart, Colin Salmon, Dan Smith, and Katy Wix, and the fourth about 14 splendid reads for a Jubilee summer.

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## TWO Between the Covers

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Sara Cox hosts the irreverent, entertaining show where books spark the banter.

**Episode 7**  
Series 4

**Episode 2**  
Series 4  
TOMORROW 01:15  
BBC TWO

All available episodes (13 total)

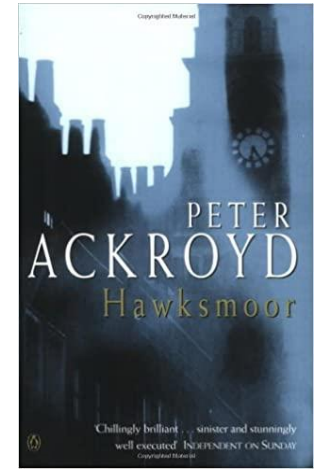
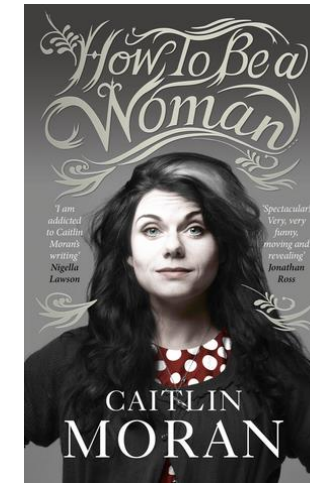
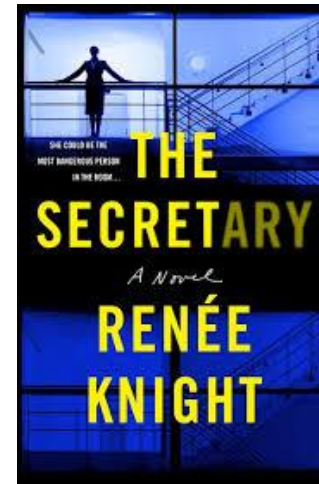
Upcoming episodes (4 total)

**Which titles - all written by women - are recommended by Emeli Sandé and this week's other guests?**

**Brilliant books from Jen Brister, Mel Giedroyc, Jordan North and Rhys Stephenson**

**Books that break the rules from Catherine Bohart, Colin Salmon, Dan Smith and Katy Wix**

**14 splendid reads for a Jubilee summer**



A Good Read is Radio 4's Book Club, where well-known figures share texts they would recommend. Check out this broadcast on

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000gc5y>



THE SECRETARY by Renee Knight  
HAWKSMOOR by Peter Ackroyd  
HOW TO BE A WOMAN by Caitlin Moran

Wider Context and Media to support with the themes covered in your study of Modern Times Literature

## BBC Radio 4 - Woman's Hour

- Keep up to date with current affairs and gender.
- Laura Bates, Founder of Every Day Sexism Project offers insights and awareness into gender inequality and VAWG
- [https://www.ted.com/talks/laura\\_bates\\_everyday\\_sexism](https://www.ted.com/talks/laura_bates_everyday_sexism)
- Check out Emma Dabiri, author of Disobedient Bodies, activist and writer, she discusses intersectionality and society's views of women's bodies.

