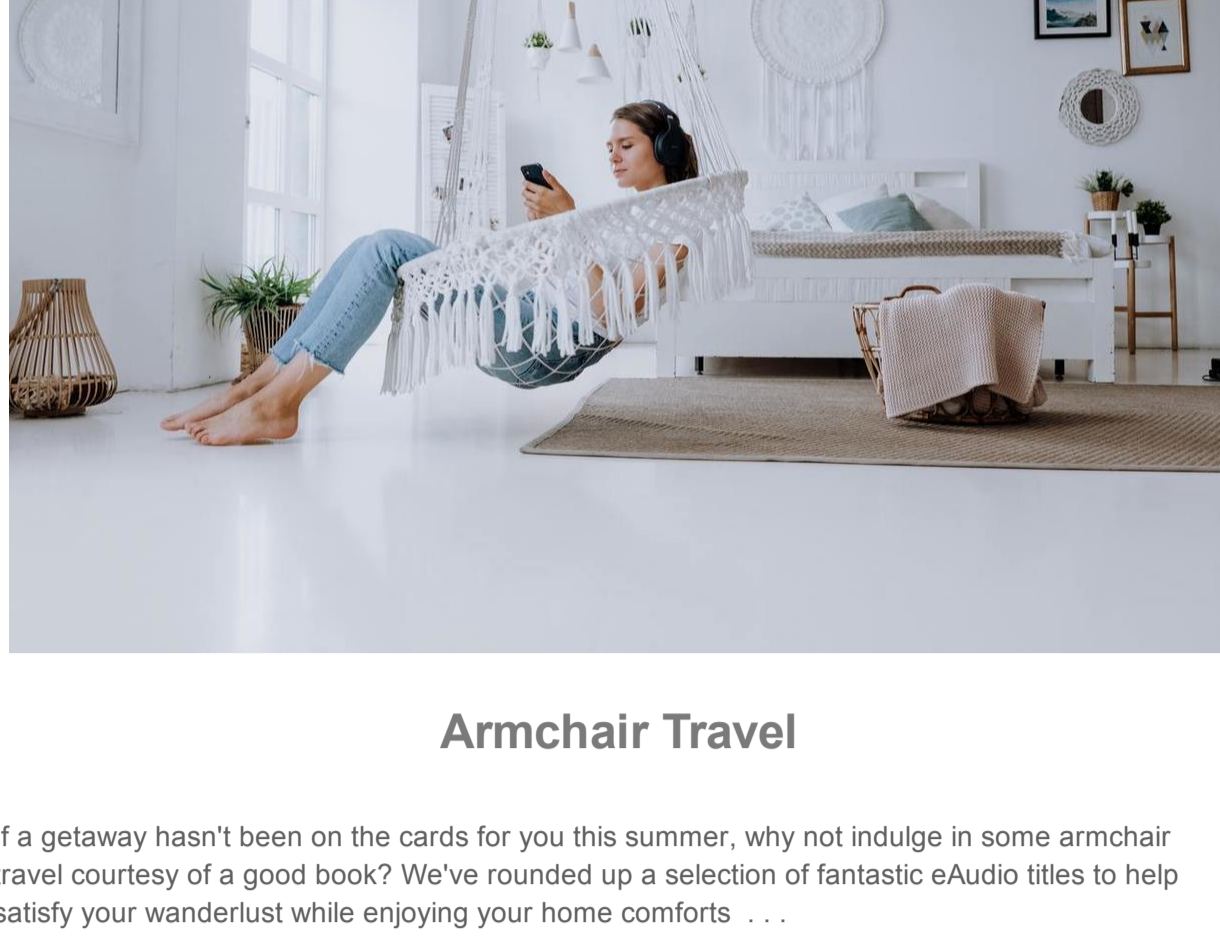




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Armchair Travel

If a getaway hasn't been on the cards for you this summer, why not indulge in some armchair travel courtesy of a good book? We've rounded up a selection of fantastic eAudio titles to help satisfy your wanderlust while enjoying your home comforts . . .

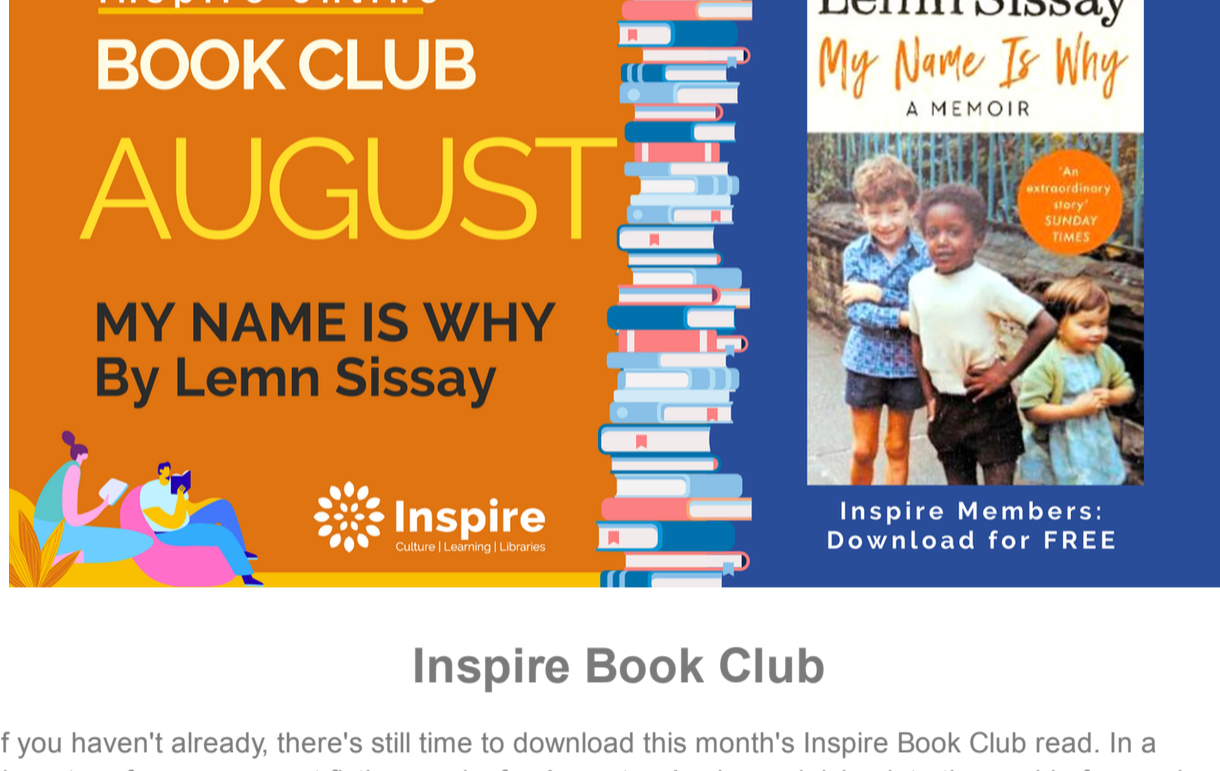
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A <VIRTUAL> Evening with Simon Armitage

This September we are delighted to be hosting none other than the UK's **Poet Laureate Simon Armitage live online** from his famous writing shed - for conversation, poetry reading and audience Q&A. This major event is the highlight of our Inspire <VIRTUAL> Poetry Festival. It's limited capacity and won't be recorded, so do secure your tickets (from £5).

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Inspire Book Club

If you haven't already, there's still time to download this month's Inspire Book Club read. In a departure from our recent fiction reads, for August we've been delving into the world of memoir with *My Name is Why* by Lemn Sissay. Available to borrow on eBook or eAudiobook **now**.

Described as a 'searing' and 'affecting' memoir by the Guardian, *My Name is Why* was named a Book of the Year in The Times, Guardian, Daily Telegraph, Sunday Times and more.

Visit our page to find out more and download, and watch our Book Club Zoom Chat about July's title *The Unexpected Return of Josephine Fox* by Claire Gradidge.

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Our latest interview

We talk to poet, performer and educator Leanne Moden about launching her fabulous new collection, the surprise of being *allowed* to write poetry, 'word hugs', and finding innovative ways of being creative in lockdown.

Whether you normally read poetry or not, it's entertaining stuff from an engaging and fascinating talent, so make yourself a cuppa, sit back and enjoy . .

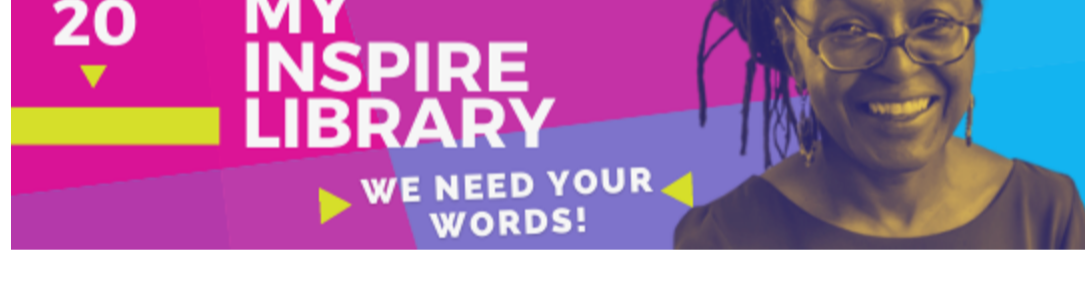
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Booker Prize Longlist

Chaired by Margaret Busby, alongside Lee Child, Lemn Sissay, Sameer Rahim and Emily Wilson, this year's Booker panel have announced possibly the most eclectic longlist in the award's 50+ years, including an incredible **eight** first novels.

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My Inspire Library

A poem by Panya Banjoko - and YOU!

Nottingham poet and performer PANYA BANJOKO invites everyone across Nottinghamshire to be part of a collaborative poem. She wants you to send her 50 words about what your library means to you.

Panya will weave your words together with her own and create a poem which reflects the special qualities of our libraries and the people who use them. Whatever you use your library for, let us know what it means to you and be part of a wonderful community project.

Deadline for participating is Monday 14 September.

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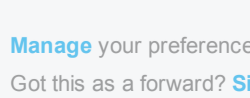
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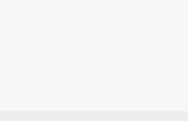
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