



**Welcome to the first of our TeaBooks Chats – designed to keep everyone up to date with all things book-ish over the coming weeks!**

### Missing your book group chat?

I know it's not the same – but if you want to feel part of a shared reading experience, BBC Radio 4 has its own book club which is broadcast once a month. The next episode is on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 4pm James Naughtie and guests will be talking to Jenny Offill about her novel Dept. of Speculation. The episode is repeated on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April at 3.30pm.

Although the libraries and bookshops are shut, you can still order a copy of Dept of Speculation by phoning a local bookshop – there is a list at the bottom of the newsletter of the shops which are still sending out books – so do take a look!



### Also listen out for:

**A Good Read** – Radio 4 every Tuesday at 4.30pm – guests choose their favourite books in conversation with Harriet Gilbert.

**The Mirror and the Light** – Radio 4 every day at 12 noon and 10.45pm. Hilary Mantel's finale in her series about Thomas Cromwell, read over 3 weeks.

**Only Artists** – Radio 4 this Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> at 11.30am – print maker Norman Ackroyd meets writer Robert Macfarlane – a TeaBooks favourite!

**Open Book** – Radio 4 every Thursday at 4.30pm. Mariella Frostrup with interviews and book news.

**Book of the Week** – Radio 4 from Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 9.45am and 10.45pm: Dickens – A Life by Claire Tomalin – a wonderful biography of a fascinating man and this edited version will be a wonderful taster!

### Take part in a study

UCL has today launched a study into the psychological and social effects of Covid-19 in the UK, and if you have access to the internet, you may want to take part.

The study is open to all adults in the UK. Participation involves answering a 15-minute online survey now and then answering a shorter 10-minute follow-up survey once a week whilst social isolation measures are in place. To take part, visit

[www.covid19study.org](http://www.covid19study.org)

### Buying Books by Phone

**Mostly Books**, Abingdon - 01235 525880. Open between 9am and 3pm for telephone or online orders. They will post any books for £3 flat postage fee.

**Blackwells**, Oxford – 01865 792792. The website says free delivery – but do check when you order.

**Madhatters**, Wantage - 01235 763215. They will deliver free to within 10 miles of Wantage. You will need to leave a message but they will check it regularly.

**Jaffe and Neale**, Chipping Norton - 01608 641033. Phone to check delivery options.

We'll be back in touch soon! Take care,  
The TeaBooks Team