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Welcome back to TeaBooks Chats – designed to keep you up to date with all things book-ish over the coming weeks!

We are now into the second month of lockdown and I hope you are all managing to find ways to fill the days. Here is another quick round up of some ideas for you – most of which don't need a computer! If you have any good ideas we can include, do drop us a line – either by post at TeaBooks, 19 East Lockinge, Wantage, Oxon OX12 8QG or by email at amanda.ferguson@bookfeast.net. We'd also love to hear what you've been reading and/or what you've enjoyed listening to! We look forward to hearing from you!



NEW on Radio 4: The Poet Laureate has Gone to his Shed, Saturdays 7.15pm

Poet Laureate Simon Armitage is a former probation officer, DJ and poet celebrated for his witty and profound take on modern life. He writes in the shed in his garden, and in this series he invites guest to join him to talk about life, language, the human voice, accents and the environment. Currently translating *The Owl and the Nightingale*, a long middle English poem in which the two birds debate many things, Simon asks guests to help with the poem and also to distract him from it. Guests include Kate Tempest, Guy Garvey, Lily Cole, Antony Gormley and Maxine Peake.

Looking for book recommendations? Did you know the BBC website links to personalised suggestions for your next great read? And you'll be helping to build a list for others too! Take a look here <https://www.bbc.co.uk/arts/arts-books>

Feeling crafty? Oxford arts charity OVADA are asking for contributions for their Covid Quilt project. You can embroider, stitch, applique, weave, sew, knit or print a square to help create a memorial to the shared experience of the pandemic. There are two themes:

- An abstract response using only orange, red and black
- A personal response to the broad theme of family togetherness and interior life.

Squares need to be 15 cm, with a 1cm border for the seam (so 17 x 17cm total size). We will keep you posted on where to send them once lockdown is over! Let me know if you need more information or check the website:

<https://www.ovada.org.uk/the-ovada-covid-quilt-project/>

If you need advice and support during this difficult time, AGE UK Oxfordshire has a special helpline. You can call them on 01865 411288 and leave a message. They will call you back in office hours. Do be aware, this is not an emergency service. For medical advice, please call 111.