



**Issue 4: 12<sup>th</sup> May Welcome back to TeaBooks Chats – designed to keep you up to date with all things book-ish over the coming weeks!**

We hope you are staying well and keeping safe. Do keep in touch with TeaBooks via your group leader or contact Amanda the co-ordinator directly at TeaBooks, 19 East Lockinge, Wantage, Oxon OX12 8QG or by email at [amanda.ferguson@bookfeast.net](mailto:amanda.ferguson@bookfeast.net). We'd also love to hear what you've been reading and/or what you've enjoyed listening to!



## NEW CREATIVE WRITING & ARTS COMPETITION FOR THE OVER 70s

Did you know Shakespeare wrote King Lear whilst he was socially isolating due to the plague? Inspired by this fact, a new competition for the over 70s has been launched, encouraging creative output whilst in lockdown for people who have never been published before.

It's free to enter and there are five categories: **Short Story** (2000 – 10,000 words), **Poetry** (up to 40 lines), **Solo Music Composition** (up to 4 mins, 1 instrument, manuscript or recording), **Short Drama** (15 minute script for up to 4 people) and **Art** (photo of painting/drawing/craft/textiles/collage/photography).

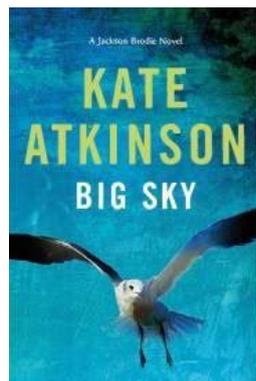
The prize for each category is £1000 but you need to be quick – the deadline is 29<sup>th</sup> May!

If you think you would like to enter by post, please call Amanda, the TeaBooks co-ordinator asap on 07826 529232 and she will be able to send you an entry form in the post.

If you would like to enter online, see the website [kinglearprizes.org.uk](http://kinglearprizes.org.uk)

Good luck!

Kate Atkinson is a favourite author with lots of our TeaBooks groups - so you may be pleased to know that her latest Jackson Brodie novel *Big Sky* is out now in paperback – heralded as “the standout read of the summer” by The Independent. You can order a copy by phone from Mostly Books in Abingdon on 01235 525880.



The Hay Literary Festival is going digital for 2020 and all the events will be available online from 18<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> May. Authors include Hilary Mantel talking about the final novel in her Thomas Cromwell trilogy. See website for more details [hayfestival.com](http://hayfestival.com)