



Issue 6: 23rd June 2020. Welcome back to TeaBooks Chats – designed to keep you up to date with all things book-ish until our TeaBooks groups are up and running again!

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. We'd also love to hear what you've been reading and/or what you've enjoyed listening to!

STOP PRESS! The government has just announced easing of a number of lockdown measures, including re-opening of libraries from July 4th. We are in regular contact with Oxfordshire libraries and will keep you updated with any news of when our library, care home and community TeaBooks groups can start to meet again.

SOUND WAVES

Brixton Hill by Lottie Moggach is a contemporary novel focusing on Rob, who is coming to the end of his seven year stretch in Brixton Prison. Part character-study, part thriller, the book is serialised in 14 episodes on R4 at noon and 10.45pm each day for two weeks.

Also, listen out for **A Good Read** (Tuesdays at 4.30pm). Popular TeaBooks author, David Nicholls will be sharing thoughts on his favourite book on Tuesday July 7th. Another book lovers' must is **Open Book** on Thursdays at 3.30pm.

What have you been reading?

Many thanks to those of you who have been in touch to let us know what you've been reading during lockdown. Some wonderful ideas here for future TeaBooks book lists!

Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng "A good yarn!"

When All is Said by Anne Griffin "A gem"

The Dutch House by Ann Patchett

Gervase Phinn **Little Village School** books "Light and easy to read"

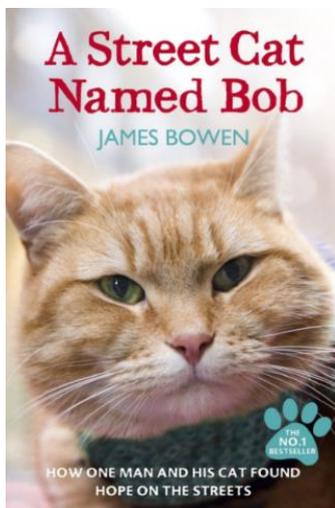
Olive Kitteridge by Elizabeth Strout

A Month in Siena by Hisham Matar

Night Train to Lisbon by Pascal Merrer "Can't put it down"

Unsheltered by Barbara Kingsolver "A lovely human story"

Don't forget your local bookshops are still taking phone and online orders although many are now open – and you can still browse books as before, as most will have a trolley or box where you can put books you have looked at but aren't buying. These will then be quarantined before being returned to the shelves.



Very sad to hear that Bob died last week, at the age of about 14. Many of our TeaBooks groups enjoyed the story of **A Streetcat Named Bob** about a stray cat who befriended the then-homeless James Bowen and changed both their lives forever.