

Ilkley Literature Festival's Festive Quiz

Round #1 – 2020 Fiction

1 – This year, Hilary Mantel released *The Mirror and the Light*, the final instalment to her trilogy charting the life of a famous Tudor figure. **Which Tudor figure is this?**

- A. Anne Boleyn
- B. Thomas Cromwell
- C. Henry VIII
- D. Martin Luther

2 – *The Vanishing Half*, an intriguing novel exploring a pair of twins' experiences of race in the U.S., was a big hit this year.

Who wrote *The Vanishing Half*?

- A. Colson Whitehead
- B. Yaa Gyasi
- C. Brit Bennett
- D. Jesmyn Ward

3 – Douglas Stuart's sensitive debut *Shuggie Bain* took home the coveted Booker Prize this year.

Where is the novel set?

- A. Glasgow
- B. Manchester
- C. London
- D. Belfast

4 – It's been a great year for historical fiction with Maggie O'Farrell's *Hamnet* picking up the 2020 Women's Prize for Fiction. The novel imagines the life of Shakespeare's son Hamnet, who sadly died young.

How old was Hamnet when he died?

- A. 5 years old
- B. 11 years old
- C. 20 years old
- D. 26 years old

5 – In a tough year for just about everybody, Matt Haig's hopeful novel exploring the possibilities of life has brought some joy back. After a suicide attempt, Nora is transported to a library in which every book represents a different version of life, all she has to do is decide which life she wants.

What is the title of this novel?

- A. *The Infinite Library*
- B. *The Library of Possibilities*
- C. *The Hopeful Library*
- D. *The Midnight Library*

Round #2 – 2020 Non-Fiction

6 – Barack Obama's memoir *A Promised Land* was arguably the biggest non-fiction book of 2020.

How many copies did it sell in its first week in North America?

- A. Half a million
- B. 1 million
- C. 1.7 million
- D. 2.8 million

7 – Pulitzer Prize-winning author Isabel Wilkerson published her second book *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents* this year. Wilkerson investigates the hidden class system of one of the world's most populous countries.

Which country is this?

- A. China
- B. Brazil
- C. India
- D. United States

8 – Marie Kondo published the follow-up to her bestseller *The Life Changing Magic of Tidying Up* this year, this time focusing on organising our work lives. *Joy at Work* explains how we can implement her tidying method to clear out the clutter and bring more joy to our workspaces.

What is Marie Kondo's tidying method called?

- A. KonMari Method
- B. Joyful Tidying
- C. Spark Joy Method
- D. Calm Cleaning

9 – *More Than A Woman* takes a wry look at middle age with a hilarious feminist bite. The book is the author's fourth non-fiction release following her bestselling *How to Be a Woman* published in 2011. **Who wrote *More Than A Woman*?**

- A. Sandi Toksvig
- B. Caitlin Moran
- C. Scarlett Curtis
- D. Lena Dunham

10 – Anna Wiener's book *Uncanny Valley* is a tell-all memoir about her experience working in one of America's most profitable industries. **Which industry did Wiener work in?**

- A. The tech industry
- B. The construction industry
- C. The publishing industry
- D. The finance industry

Round #3 – Pandemics in Literature

11 – Daniel Defoe’s novel *A Journal of the Plague Year* has been cited by many authors as their inspiration for pandemic-inspired novels. **What real pandemic does *A Journal of the Plague Year* recount?**

- A. The Antonine Plague
- B. The Black Death
- C. The Cocoliztli Epidemic
- D. The Russian Plague

12 – **Which of these Mary Shelley novels/short stories is set in a futuristic Britain which has been devastated by disease?**

- A. *Valperga*
- B. *Falkner: A Novel*
- C. *The Mortal Immortal*
- D. *The Last Man*

13 – Stephen King’s novel *The Stand* imagines a world brought to its knees after the accidental release of a weaponised super-flu.

What is this flu called?

- A. Captain Trips
- B. Agent Blue
- C. The Fear
- D. Breach 357

14 – *The Masque of the Red Death* is a short story which follows Prince Prospero’s futile attempts to hide from a dangerous plague, the ‘Red Death’.

Who wrote *The Masque of the Red Death*?

- A. Edgar Allan Poe
- B. Oscar Wilde
- C. H.P. Lovecraft
- D. Ernest Hemingway

15 – *Pale Horse, Pale Rider* by Katherine Anne Porter focuses on a young woman falling in love with a soldier, as a pandemic looms ominously in the background.

During which pandemic is *Pale Horse, Pale Rider* set?

- A. Philadelphia Yellow Fever
- B. Polio Epidemic
- C. Spanish Flu
- D. AIDS Epidemic

Round #4 – 2020 Translated Fiction

16 – *The Discomfort of Evening* won the International Booker Prize this year. **Which language was it originally written in?**

- A. French
- B. Spanish
- C. Korean
- D. Dutch

17 – *The Lying Life of Adults* was one of the most hotly anticipated novels of 2020. Originally written in Italian, it follows Giovanna as she searches Naples to uncover her family’s secrets.

Who wrote *The Lying Life of Adults*?

- A. Elena Ferrante
- B. Erri de Luca
- C. Viola di Grado
- D. Dacia Maraini

18 – Shokoofeh Azar’s latest release was shortlisted for the International Booker Prize this year. The reader is led through post-revolutionary Iran by the ghost of Bahar – a 13-year-old girl whose family fled Tehran hoping to find peace in a small Iranian village. **What is the title of this novel?**

- A. The Enlightenment of the Fig Tree
- B. The Enlightenment of Greengage Tree
- C. The Enlightenment of the Oak Tree
- D. The Enlightenment of the Cypress Tree

19 – *The Eighth Life* by Nino Haratischvili is a generational epic. It traces the life of a Georgian family who owe their prosperity to a carefully guarded chocolate recipe that is handed down the generations.

Which language was the novel originally written in?

- A. Russian
- B. Greek
- C. German
- D. French

20 – **Which of the following novels was not written in Japanese?**

- A. *Untold Night and Day* by Bae Suah
- B. *Earthlings* by Sayaka Murata
- C. *Breasts and Eggs* by Mieko Kawakami
- D. *The Memory Police* by Yoko Ogawa

Round #5 – Kindness in Literature

21 – **Which poet wrote these words: ‘Continue/ To be who and how you are/ To astonish a mean world/ With your acts of kindness’?**

- A. William Wordsworth
- B. Maya Angelou
- C. Gertrude Stein
- D. Rupi Kaur

22 – **The quote ‘kindness don’t have no boundaries’ is taken from which novel?**

- A. *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak
- B. *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini
- C. *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett
- D. *The Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd

- 23 – Rutger Bregman’s book *Humankind: A Hopeful History* includes the story of six boys who were caught in a storm and ended up shipwrecked on an island for 15 months. Luckily, this was not a *Lord of the Flies* situation. With teamwork and kindness, the boys worked together to survive and eventually return home.

Where were the boys from?

- A. New Zealand
- B. Jamaica
- C. Canada
- D. Tonga

- 24 – **Which Jack Kerouac novel is this quote taken from: ‘One man practicing kindness in the wilderness is worth all the temples this world pulls.’?**

- A. *One The Road*
- B. *The Dharma Bums*
- C. *Big Sur*
- D. *Desolation Angels*

- 25 – **Which children’s book character said this: ‘If we’re kind and polite, the world will be right.’?**

- A. Mr Toad
- B. Pippi Longstocking
- C. Matilda
- D. Paddington Bear

Round #6 – Justice and Injustice

- 26 – *Sway: The Science of Unconscious Bias* investigates how our implicit bias affects our perception of the world.

Who wrote *Sway*?

- A. Ed Yong
- B. Dr Pragya Agarwal
- C. Matthew Walker
- D. Alice Gregory

- 27 – *Hood Feminism* takes a critical look at modern feminism, addressing the growing inequalities among women. **Who wrote *Hood Feminism*?**

- A. Mikki Kendall
- B. Roxanne Gray
- C. Mona Eltaway
- D. Betty Friedan

- 28 – Deirdre Mask’s book *The Address Book* looks into the strange history of our street addresses and what they reveal about justice and injustice in our societies.

Mask uncovered some strange addresses, but which one of these U.S. street names is not real?

- A. Error Place
- B. Bad Route Road
- C. Jay Z Avenue
- D. Stub Toe Lane

- 29 – Rebecca Earle discussed her book *Feeding the People: The Politics of the Potato* at our Justice/Injustice weekend in October. She discussed the power of the potato and how it has shaped our politics and societies.

Where was the potato originally found?

- A. India
- B. China
- C. Peru
- D. Afghanistan

- 30 – The Secret Barrister is a junior criminal law barrister and author who reveals the hidden world of the UK justice system. In 2018, their book *Stories of The Law and How It’s Broken* became a bestseller.

They released its sequel this year – what was it called?

- A. *Justice On Trial*
- B. *The New Jim Crow*
- C. *In Black and White*
- D. *Fake Law*

Round #7 – Nature Writing

- 31 – *A Life on Our Planet* was one of the biggest environmental books of 2020.

Who wrote *A Life on Our Planet*?

- A. Greta Thunberg
- B. Jane Goodall
- C. David Attenborough
- D. Julia ‘Butterfly’ Hill

- 32 – *The Book of Trespass* by Nick Hayes investigates the borders that scar the English countryside. He questions how we came to accept the dominance of landowners over our experience of nature.

How much of the English countryside is open to the public?

- A. 5%
- B. 10%
- C. 30%
- D. 50%

- 33 – Merlin Sheldrake’s book *Entangled Life* investigates one of the world’s most common but strangest life forms.

What life form does *Entangled Life* focus on?

- A. Fungi
- B. Rodents
- C. Jellyfish
- D. Beetles

- 34 – *Vesper Flights*, a series of essays reflecting on the human relationship to the natural world, became a Sunday Times Bestseller this year. **Who wrote *Vesper Flights*?** (Clue – they also wrote *H is for Hawk*)

- A. Helen Macdonald
- B. Robert Macfarlane
- C. Stephen Moss
- D. Melissa Harrison

- 35 – Dara McAnulty became the youngest ever recipient of the Wainwright Prize for UK Nature Writing this year with his book *Diary of a Young Naturalist*.

How old was Dara McAnulty when he won the prize?

- A. 12 years old
- B. 16 years old
- C. 22 years old
- D. 27 years old

Round #8 – Yorkshire Literature

- 36 – The Brontë sisters are some of the most famous Yorkshire writers. **In which Yorkshire village did they live?**

- A. Stanbury
- B. Haworth
- C. Hawes
- D. Grassington

37 - 'Brunette Coleman' was a pseudonym used by which Yorkshire poet?

- A. Philip Larkin
- B. W. H. Auden
- C. Andrew Marvell
- D. Ted Hughes

38 - Ted Hughes' poem 'Stubbing Wharfe' recounts a dark evening spent in a Yorkshire pub with his wife Sylvia Plath.

Which Yorkshire town is the poem set in?

- A. Keighley
- B. Ripon
- C. York
- D. Hebden Bridge

39 - Which Alan Bennett play makes reference to Betty's Tearoom in Harrogate?

- A. *The History Boys*
- B. *Talking Heads*
- C. *Cocktail Sticks*
- D. *Hymn*

40 - York-born author Kate Atkinson won the Whitbread Book of the Year Prize in 1995 for her novel about Ruby, a girl growing up in York. What is the title of that novel?

- A. *Behind the Scenes at the Theatre*
- B. *Behind the Scenes at the Restaurant*
- C. *Behind the Scenes at the Museum*
- D. *Behind the Scenes at the Cinema*

Round #9 - Bobs in Literature

41 - Which Charles Dickens novel does Bob Cratchit appear in?

- A. *Oliver Twist*
- B. *Great Expectations*
- C. *David Copperfield*
- D. *A Christmas Carol*

42 - Which of these Bobs has won the Nobel Prize in Literature?

- A. Bob Dylan
- B. Robert Burns
- C. Bob Kaufman
- D. Bob Hicok

43 - *Rag, Tag and Bobtail and other Magical Stories* is a collection of stories written by which children's author?

- A. Beatrix Potter
- B. Judy Blume
- C. Enid Blyton
- D. Lauren Child

44 - Bob Ewell features in which famous American novel?

- A. *The Heart Is a Lonely Hunter*
- B. *To Kill a Mockingbird*
- C. *East of Eden*
- D. *The Catcher in the Rye*

45 - Roberta 'Bobbie' Waterbury appears in which children's book?

- A. *The Railway Children*
- B. *Harry Potter*
- C. *The Secret Garden*
- D. *Little Women*

Round #10 - Winter Literature

46 - *Village Christmas* by Laurie Lee paints a touching portrait of the winter season in Lee's childhood home.

Where was Laurie Lee's childhood home?

- A. Merseyside
- B. The Cotswolds
- C. The Highlands of Scotland
- D. Isles of Scilly

47 - In Angela Carter's short story, *The Snow Child* from *The Bloody Chamber*, the Count and his wife go riding midwinter. Amongst other things, the Count wishes for 'a girl as white as snow', but when she appears it is revealed that the Countess hates her.

How does the Countess orchestrate the child's death?

- A. By asking the child to visit her grandma in the woods
- B. By asking the child to eat an apple
- C. By asking the child to pick a rose
- D. By asking the child to prick her finger on a spinning wheel

48 - In C.S. Lewis's *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe* the evil White Witch reigned over Narnia and cursed the land to suffer from a century of perpetual winter with no Christmas! The Pevensie children help Aslan save Narnia and end the 'Age of Winter'. Which Pevensie child nearly defects to the White Witch's side?

- A. Peter
- B. Susie
- C. Edmund
- D. Lucy

49 - For all the crime fiction lovers out there, did you know that you can get your fix of Maigret with some festive cheer? *A Maigret Christmas* sees the popular detective solving mysteries in a snow-covered Paris.

Who wrote the Maigret detective novels?

- A. George Simenon
- B. Hugo Klaus
- C. Louis Paul Boon
- D. Amélie Nothomb

50 - The Stanza Stone Trail is a collaboration between Poet Laureate Simon Armitage and Ilkley Literature Festival. The trail features 6 stanza stones with 6 poems inspired by the language and landscape of the Pennine Watershed. One of the 6 poems is called Snow. Which one below is not a name of Armitage's Stanza Poems?

- A. Beck
- B. Storm
- C. Puddle
- D. Mist