

HANDBOOK

Banned Books Week UK

KEY INFORMATION



DATES: 22 - 28 September 2019

WEBSITE: www.bannedbooksweek.org.uk

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22-28 September 2019

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In a nutshell

Banned Books Week UK is a nationwide campaign for radical and rebellious readers of all ages to celebrate the freedom to read.

Between 22 - 28 September 2019, **bookshops, libraries, schools and publishers** will be hosting events and making noise about some of the most **sordid, subversive, sensational and taboo-busting** books around.

about

Banned Books Week was initiated by the **American Library Association (ALA)** in 1982 in response to an increasing number of challenges to books in US schools, bookshops and libraries. **Index on Censorship** is the UK partner to the US coalition, and leads the UK coalition of literary and free expression organisations including:

- Booksellers Association
- British Library
- English PEN
- Free Word
- Islington Library and Heritage Services
- Libraries Connected
- Publishers Association
- Royal Society of Literature
- Hachette UK
- Vintage



aims & objectives

The aim of Banned Books Week UK is to develop a **bold, surprising** and **imaginative** campaign that captures a UK-wide audience, inspiring people of all ages and backgrounds to "celebrate the freedom to read" while at the same time **educating** and **informing** them about key issues relating to book **censorship** - from outright banning of books to more subtler forms of silencing, such as a lack of diversity in the publishing industry or taboo topics.

Banned Books Week UK is a chance for free expression advocates - **publishers, booksellers, librarians, educators, journalists, readers** - to publicly shine a light on censorship past and present, and make some noise about why we must defend the freedom to read and write.

Banned Books Week UK aims to take a **global literary view** to promote unheard voices and highlight specific topics, themes or groups such as **academic freedom, BAME & LGBTQ+, disabled, female, non-western** voices.

AUDIENCE

In 2019, Index wants to engage:

- **100+** independent bookshops
- **75+** library services
- **20+ state** schools
- all major and independent UK publishers

in Banned Books Week activities - by hosting events and making noise either online or in person.

get involved

bookshops, libraries & schools



displays

start a conversation in your shop, classroom or library by making an eye-catching display:

- wrap censored books in yellow **warning tape**
- wrap challenged or banned books in **brown paper**, and write a label with the author, title and reason why it was banned / challenged
- create a "mugshot" **photo wall** using cardboard, posters, post-it notes and **tweet photos** of your customers or library-goers reading a banned book.

Tweet us your pictures: [@bannedweekuk](https://twitter.com/bannedweekuk)

get social

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[#BannedBooksWeek](https://www.bannedbooksweek.org)

Download a social media pack at:
<https://www.bannedbooksweek.org/resources/>

events

why not have a get together?

- **read excerpts** of banned books, plays or comics out loud. why not ask a local author(s) to come along?
- **host** a discussion on censorship with a local journalist or writer
- **write** to a banned author. check out: www.englishpen.org
- run a banned books **quiz night**

about Index on Censorship



"Freedom of expression is not self-perpetuating, but rather has to be maintained through the constant vigilance of those who care about it.

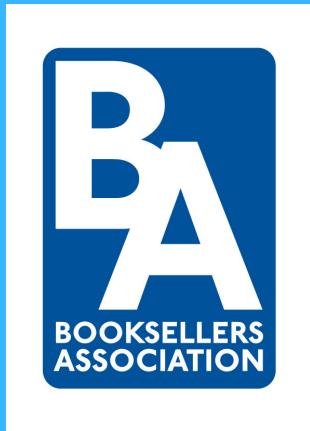
- INDEX ON CENSORSHIP MAGAZINE, 1972

Index on Censorship is a nonprofit organisation that **fights against censorship** and defends the free expression of **writers, artists, journalists** and **campaigners** worldwide through events, advocacy and an award-winning quarterly magazine.

Our Patrons include **Margaret Atwood, Simon Callow, Michael Palin, Tom Stoppard, Alexandra Pringle** and **Steve Coogan**.

We are proudly sponsored by Hachette. If you are interested in sponsorship or partnership opportunities, contact: helen@indexoncensorship.org

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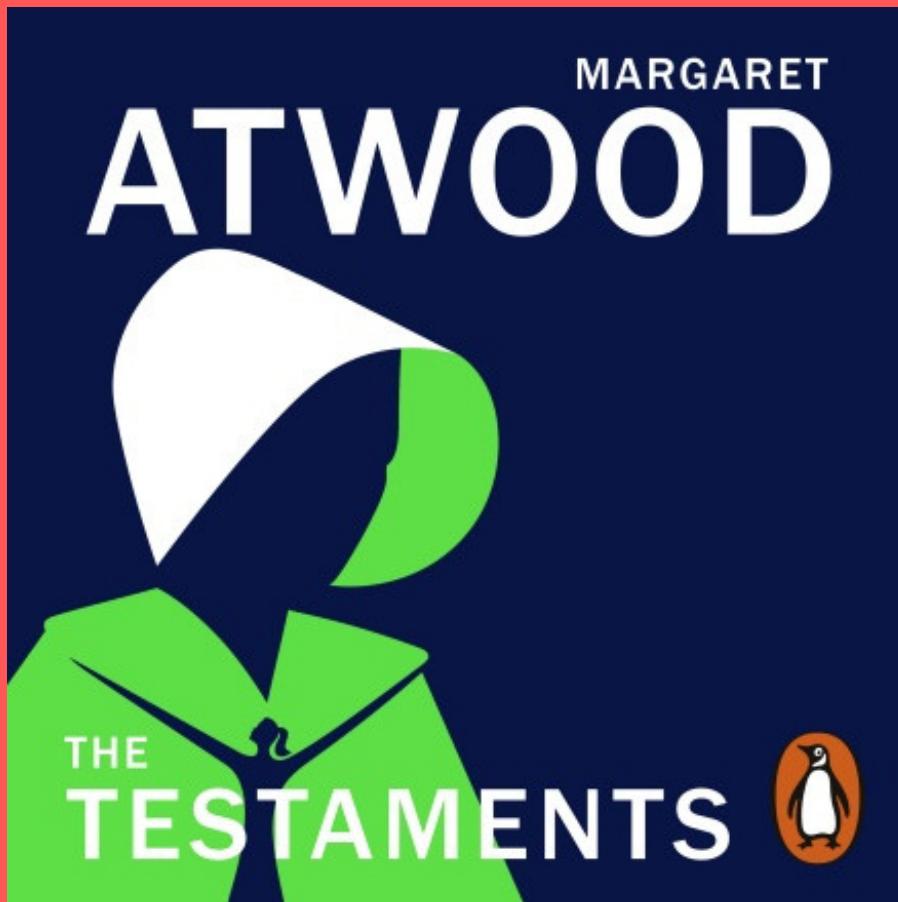


**The Royal Society
of Literature**

VINTAGE

vintage partnership

Inspired by our friends *Book-ish* in Crickhowell, Index on Censorship and **VINTAGE** are coordinating a nationwide series of **publication-day celebrations** and **midnight openings** at **independent bookshops** across the UK as part of Banned Books Week UK to celebrate the publication of **Margaret Atwood's** highly anticipated *The Testaments* (sequel to *The Handmaid's Tale*) on 10 September.



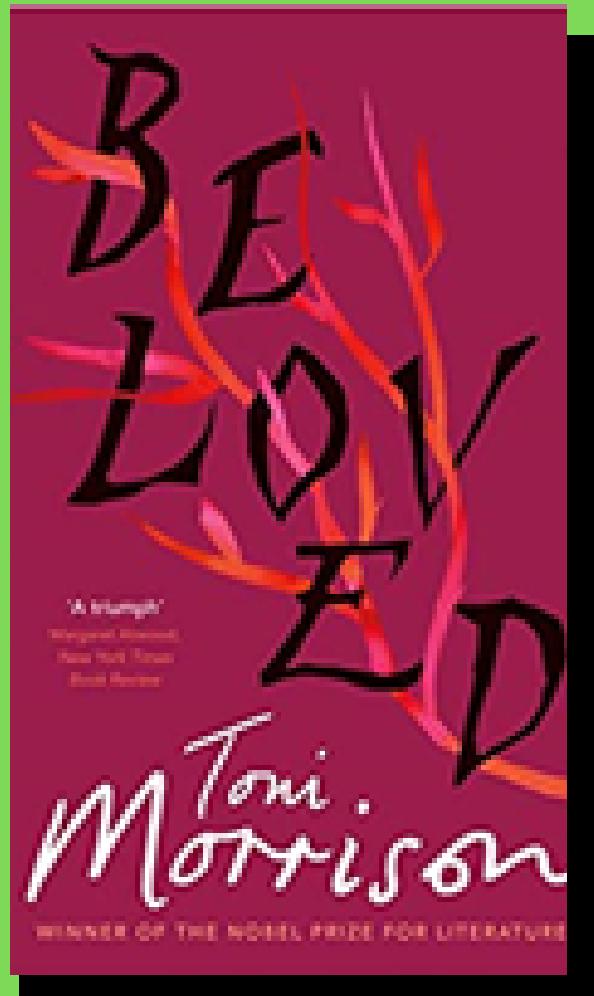
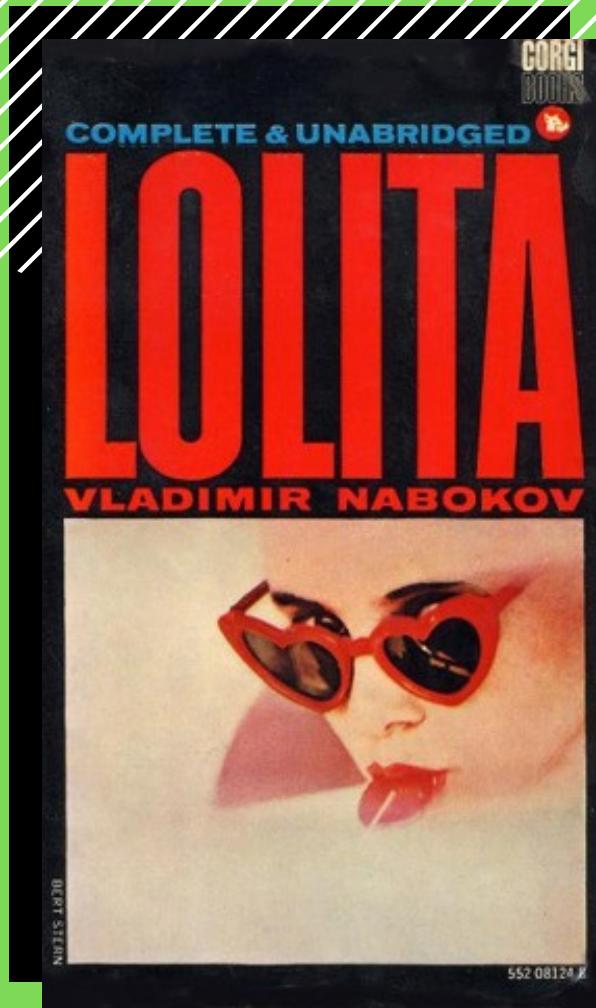
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