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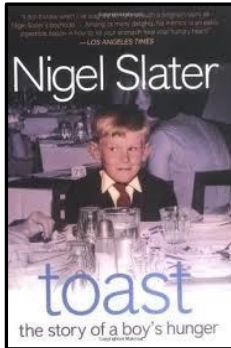
Newbury

## Book Lovers

- We are a lively, friendly group with 15 members at the moment.
- We use sets of books provided by West Berkshire Library. The library sets are only of 10 books in each but some members read on Kindle so we always seem to manage. However, 15 is the maximum group number.
- One of our members chooses a book from the library list and they manage to provide us with a wide variety of reading.
- We start the discussion by each member giving a brief review of the book and a score out of 10. It is not unknown for a book to score from 0 to 9 and nobody's opinion is the right one. This opening gives every member the chance to contribute and is followed by a lively and more in-depth discussion of different aspects of the book. Members might comment on the style of the writing; the strength of the characters or the skill with which the author has developed the plot.
- Most of us go across the car park to the Teashop by the Canal for a cuppa afterwards and we have a social meeting in the middle of the month at a Garden Centre.

## Recent Book Lovers Activities

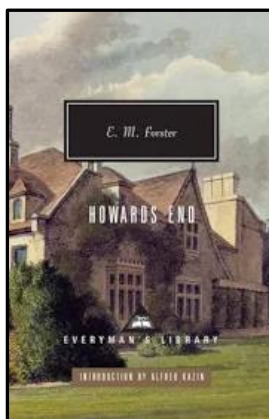
In the last year we have read:



Nigel Slater's often amusing memoir, 'Toast'



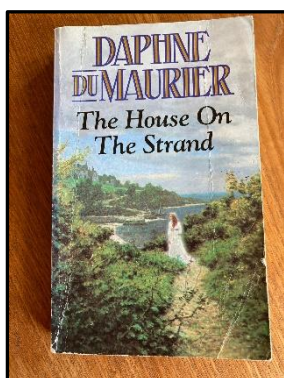
A harrowing account of the traumas of a deprived childhood in Glasgow in 'Shuggie Bain' by Douglas Stuart



An Edwardian classic, 'Howard's End', by E. M. Forster



An intriguing time travel novel from Daphne du Maurier; 'The House on The Strand'



And many more!