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Our friends at Wimbledon BookFest have curated this special recommended reading list for books that would be perfect to read outside on your own balcony garden. We believe they are all novels to lift one's sprits and escape into a story. Many of these authors are featuring as part of the Wimbledon BookFest 2025 programme.

For tickets and to find out more visit: wimbledonbookfest.org or scan the QR code below.

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A RECOMMENDED READING LIST FOR ESCAPISM WHILST READING IN YOUR GARDEN

OUR EVENINGS *by Alan Hollinghurst*

Alan Hollinghurst's new novel gives us a portrait of modern England through the lens of one man's acutely observed and often unnerving experience.

YOU ARE HERE *by David Nicholls*

This affecting love story from the author of One Day finds two lost souls thrown together on an epic coast to coast walk.

THE ISLAND OF MISSING TREES *by Elif Shafak*

A rich, magical tale of belonging and identity, love and trauma, nature and renewal, from the Booker-shortlisted author.

HIDEOUS KINKY *by Esther Freud*

A transporting modern classic about the spirit of freedom, filled with the sights, smells and textures of twentieth century Morocco.

THE MIDNIGHT CAROUSEL *by Fiza Saeed McLynn*

The Night Circus meets Water for Elephants in this enchanting, darkly glittering debut mystery tale of obsession, revenge, and enduring love.

MIDDLEMARCH *by George Eliot*

This classic offers enduring insight into the pains and pleasures of life and explores nearly every subject of concern to modern existence.

THE BEST OF EVERYTHING *by Kit de Waal*

A novel about the meaning of kindness, and the love that can steal into our lives - in spite of the best laid plans.

LET THE LIGHT POUR IN *by Lemn Sissay*

Filled with resilience and defiant joy, this luminous collection brings together a decade's worth of gems born out of the author's daily poetry practice.

EIGHTEEN *by Alice Loxton*

Seamlessly blending big history with engaging stories of royalty, explorers, writers and entertainers, Eighteen builds a rich mosaic of Britain's past.

APPLE TREE YARD *by Louise Doughty*

Documenting an illicit affair that soon begins to go disastrously wrong, Apple Tree Yard is a chilling depiction of dangerous obsession.

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