

BOOKA BOOKSHOP, CHURCH STREET, OSWESTRY

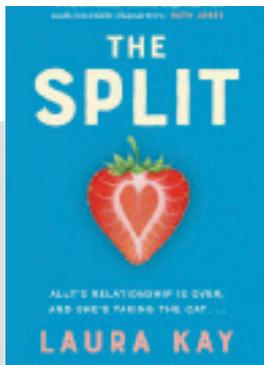
Since opening in 2009 by husband-and-wife team Tim and Carrie Morris, this popular, award-winning bookshop has been taken to the heart of the local community and gained a reputation for top quality books and fantastic author events.

As well as selling lots of other gorgeous gifts, cards, and stationery, you can drink freshly-brewed coffee and eat their ridiculously delicious home-made cakes while marvelling at the beautiful art that adorns the shop windows – bliss!

“Bookshops have experienced a mini-renaissance during the pandemic and this trend has continued as people seek belonging, connection and understanding,” says Carrie. “In economic terms, books are a relatively inexpensive treat and one that keeps on giving as they can be shared with others and offer opportunities for people to have conversations,” she adds. This

February Booka’s team are looking forward to the following romantic reads...

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NEW RELEASES

The Split by Laura Kay, £8.99

Uplifting, warm, funny, and relatable fiction, for when your love story doesn't work out as planned! An ode to friendship, Sheffield, cake, and cats. Our bookseller Ruth is a huge fan.

The Answer to Everything by Luke Kennard (out on Feb 17, £8.99)

The path to romance is not always straightforward and life is often complicated, so we love this debut by Luke Kennard that lots of readers will relate to and recognise. It is a heartbreakingly moving and hilariously funny novel about marriage, parenting, love, desire and betrayal. Beautifully written, as you would expect from an author who has just won the Forward Prize for Poetry. Our Bookseller Amanda is so taken with this book, that she has selected it as her “Amanda Reads...” Book club choice for February.



ONE TO WATCH

Love Marriage by Monica Ali (out on Feb 3, £18.99)

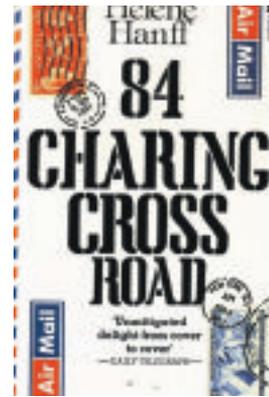
After an almost ten-year absence, the Brick Lane author makes a triumphant return with this new novel. Truly contemporary, *Love Marriage* is a story about who we are and how we love in today's Britain – with all the complexities of modern life, desire, marriage, and family. What starts as a captivating social comedy develops into a heart-breaking and gripping story of two cultures, two families and two people trying to understand one another. Signed copies are available for pre-order from our website: bookabookshop.co.uk.



OLD FAVOURITES

84 Charing Cross Road by Helen Hanff, £8.99

One of my absolute favourites and what I am calling a “Booka Classic” – a book that stays on our shelves at all times and one I will be pressing eagerly into readers' hands this February. This is not fiction but literary biography and



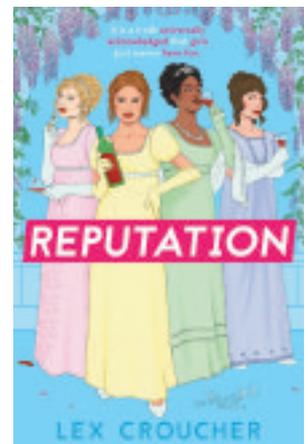
tells of the love affair between Miss Helen Hanffe (New York) and a bookshop in London, Messrs Marks & Co. It is sublime and will surely make the reader want to start writing letters again.

Mr Loverman by Bernardine Evaristo, £8.99

At Booka we are huge fans of Bernardine's Booker winning *Girl, Woman, Other* – it has been one of our perennial best-sellers over the last two years and is a constant on our fiction table. In February we will also have a stack of *Mr Loverman*, a vibrant and surprising tale of love in all its guises, centred around the joyful characters and complex relationships of Britain's older Caribbean community. A book with great heart and perfect for this time of year. The perfect gift for someone you love.

Reputation by Lex Croucher, £8.99

This has been such a hit for us this autumn and is a particular favourite of our bookseller, Imi who describes it as a sharply witty, joyful romp through Regency London with plenty of debauchery, impropriety and hedonistic delights. Brilliant fun!



GRAPHIC NOVEL

Heartstopper by Alice Osman, £10.99

This is a young adult graphic novel series, that we can't keep on the shelf. It is charming with all the joy of first love and not just for teens! Why not try something new?

PICTURE BOOK

Under the Love Umbrella by Davina Bell & Allison Colpoys, £7.99

An incredibly uplifting, rhyming story for readers of all ages, to share, enjoy and return to. We love this book, and the incredible warm, vibrant, celebratory illustrations will fill the hearts of all who open the page. Treat yourself to a little joy. ☺