

SOUTH WEST
READING PASSPORT

Bristol's Books

Set in Bristol		
Author	Suggested Title	Description
Jeffrey Archer	Only Time Will Tell	The first of the popular writer's Clifton Chronicles is set in pre-war Bristol
Melvin Burgess	Junk	The award-winning but controversial teen novel features squatting, anarchy and heroin addiction - based on the author's own time in the city during the 80s.
Angela Carter	"The Bristol Trilogy" - Shodow Dance, Several Perceptions, Love.	A stylish look at the sinister underside of Bristol in the swinging sixties, when the writer was a student at Bristol University.
Patricia Ferguson	Peripheral Vision	"The most under-rated author in Britain today" lives in Bristol and teaches creative writing at the university. Her prize-winning novels include this one, set in her home city during the 1950s.
Philippa Gregory	A Respectable Trade	The devastating consequences of the slave trade are explored through the powerful but impossible attraction of well-born Frances and her slave, Mehuru.
M.R. Hall	The Coroner	Jenny Cooper, newly appointed as Coroner for the Severn Vale, is plunged headfirst into a trail of murder, corruption and dark secrets. The first of the popular Coroner series.

Mo Hayder	Ritual	A novel that leads you into the darkest recesses of Bristol's underworld, where an ancient evil lurks, an evil that feeds on the blood – and flesh - of others - you'll definitely need a strong stomach for this one!
Robert Lewis	The Last Llanelli Train	An instant noir and black comedy classic, this novel drags the private eye novel into the 21 st Century - and into some very dark places indeed.
Lizzie Lane	Wartime Brides	The war is over...but for three very different Bristol women anxiously awaiting their loved ones return, the story is only just beginning.
Robert Louis Stevenson	Treasure Island	"The Hole on the Wall" on Queen's Square is believed to be the inspiration for the "Spyglass", where Jim Hawkins first meets literature's greatest pirate, Long John Silver, before setting sail from Bristol's docks.
Ed Trewas	Shawnie	Set in Knowle West and based on his experiences as a social worker, Trewavas's highly controversial novel is grim, unrelenting and deeply unsettling.
Christopher Wakling	The Devil's Mask	It's 1835, and Bristol has put the dark days of the slave trade behind it. Or has it? A routine investigation leads young lawyer Inigo Bright into a web of murder, corruption and intrigue.
Tony White	Missorts	iPhone and Android users can visit www.missorts.com to download the Missorts app and listen to a series of site-specific short stories in the Redcliffe area of Bristol.

E.H. Young	William	One of a series of novels set in “Radstowe”, based on the Clifton area of Bristol, “William” is a sharply observed period novel about English family life set in post-WW I England.
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Other Bristol Connections

Prize-winning poet and novelist Helen Dunmore and hugely popular chick-lit writer Jill Mansell both live in the city, whilst Julie Birchill was born in the city.

In 1709 Bristol sea captain and privateer Woods Rogers rescued Scottish sailor Alexander Selkirk who had spent the previous four years stranded on Juan Fernandez Island in the Pacific Ocean. On his return Selkirk is rumoured to have met with Daniel Defoe in the Llandoger Trow pub, sowing the seed for the book originally published as “The Life and Strange Surprizing Adventures of Robinson Crusoe”, often regarded as the first modern novel in English

Bristolian Robert Southey was Poet Laureate for 30 years from 1813 to his death in 1843, “boy poet” and literary forger Thomas Chatterton was born in the city, and “Lyrical Ballads” was first printed in Bristol - William Wordsworth and Samuel Taylor Coleridge were users of the city library.