



Pick up your passport from your local library and read our short list of local authors:

**Agatha Christie • Kate Furnivall • Flora Thompson**  
**Katharine Roberts • Robert Graves • Brian Lumley**

Other writers with local connections include:

Author	Title	Connection to Torbay
Charles Kingsley	<i>Westward Ho!</i>	Kingsley was inspired to write <i>Westward Ho!!</i> during his stay at Livermead House in Torquay.
Lord Alfred Tennyson	<i>Audley Court</i>	The great poet was inspired to write the poem during a visit to Torre Abbey in Torquay.
Elizabeth Barrett Browning	<i>De Profundis</i>	Written, along with other works, when she stayed at the Bath Saloons in Torquay to benefit her health from 1838 – 41.
Chris Lintott	<i>Bang! The Complete History of the Universe</i>	The Paignton astrophysicist co-authored his 2006 book with Sir Patrick Moore and Brian May.
Harold Pinter	<i>The Birthday Party</i>	Poet, playwright and screenwriter started as an actor appearing in a six month season at the Pavilion Theatre in Torquay
Oscar Wilde	<i>A Woman of No Importance</i>	Written while staying at the Beach Road villa, Babbacombe Cliff.
Hilary Bonner	<i>A Moment of Madness</i>	Crime novel set in Torquay.

Sean O'Casey	<i>Juno and the Paycock</i>	The Irish dramatist spent the last ten years of his life in St Marychurch.
Dick Francis	<i>To the Hilt</i>	This novel by the best selling writer of horse racing thrillers was set in a town based on Paignton, where he holidayed from the 1950s onwards.
Ann Goring	<i>A Song Once Heard</i>	Brixham based writer of historical sagas of the West Country.
Rudyard Kipling	<i>Stalky &amp; Co.</i>	Kipling based the book on his military school education and was written whilst he was residing at Rock House, Maidencombe.
Brian Carter	<i>A Black Fox Running</i>	Paignton based writer and columnist nominated in the Guardian National Poll of Classic Books about the British countryside.
Rupert Brooke	<i>Collected Poems</i>	The poet was inspired to write <i>Seaside</i> during a visit to Torre Abbey sands in Torquay.
Henry Frances Lyte	<i>Miscellaneous Poems*</i>	Brixham vicar of All Saints Church wrote over 300 hymns and poems including <i>Abide with Me</i> and <i>Praise my Soul the King of Heaven</i>
Edmund Crispin (aka Bruce Montgomery)	<i>The Moving Toyshop</i>	The <i>Carry On</i> film soundtrack composer also wrote the Gervase Fen crime novels and lived in Brixham.
Chris Hutchins	<i>Mr Confidential</i>	Torquay born journalist and gossip columnist specialises in writing biographies of celebrities and the royal family.



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