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# books

## #OOTD Fashion Flat Lay Colouring Book

Laura Hickman (Laurence King)

BOOK OF THE MONTH



In a world that seems to have been taken over by the veritable hashtag, it was pretty clever of Laura Hickman to tap into one of Instagram's biggest phrases. #OOTD, or Outfit Of The Day, has more than 89 million search results via social media. Hickman has produced one of the first fashion flat-lay colouring books that allows aspiring designers to personalise #OOTD's with pattern and detail.

For those of us who are not aspiring designers, a 'flat-lay' is an outline drawing of a garment or accessory and is used in the industry instead of photographs or detailed illustrations. These simple but accurate drawings make them perfect fodder for a fashion colouring book. Each double page is dedicated to a fashion story. You can choose from numerous themes

such as Rockabilly, Seventies Sister, Culture Clash or Pool Party. Depending on your mood you can pick which outfit of the day you want to decorate with your own imagination. My favourite is Geek Chic; I thoroughly enjoyed reproducing the floral dress, Arran cardigan, knee-high socks, satchel, with obligatory iPad in full technicolour sharpies!

The therapeutic adult colouring vibe that everybody harps on about, is actually true. There was something quite relaxing about completing a task so often associated with children. It was great not to worry about the usual mundane chores of life and simply get lost in hundreds of outfits that I secretly wished I owned. This won't be the last we see of Hickman's work. #Illustrator #Fashion #ColouringBook #SouthWales #GlobalStar

**BETH MORRIS**

Price: £9.95. Info: [www.laurenceking.com](http://www.laurenceking.com)

## MY FALLING DOWN HOUSE

Jayne Joso (Seren)

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JAYNE JOSO



"To box yourself in." This book takes that idiom both literally and figuratively. Two of the worst things that can happen to you is losing your job and home. That's what befalls 25-year-old Takeo Tanaka after the financial crisis. When his girlfriend throws him out permanently, he finds that rare thing in Tokyo – space – and a traditional paper and wood house. He takes up residence in the empty place, with only a stray cat keeping him company. Over the next year (or is it that long?), he loses his grip and goes off the deep end. Not sure exactly what's real, or if Joso intended this to be a horror story in addition to a commentary on dropping out of society, but it sure scared me. Gripping and not just for Japan aficionados. **RLR**

Price: £8.99. Info: [www.serenbooks.com](http://www.serenbooks.com)

## THE TOOLSHED COLOURING BOOK

Lee John Phillips (Laurence King)



There's something pleasing about this simple-looking colouring book, containing over 1,400 illustrations based on Lee John Phillips' Shed Project. Back in 2013, Phillips set himself a challenge in memory of his late grandfather – drawing every single item in his Grandfather Handel Jones' beloved shed. Initially drawing one item a day, Phillips

has completed 5,500 illustrations so far and estimates the project might just take him the rest of his life – there are thought to be over 100,000 items to be catalogued. Phillips' style is to simply outline the objects in linear illustrations; some pages contain full-size tools like vintage screwdrivers, rusty saws and hammers, others are filled with thousands of nails, washers or rivets. I'm predicting a lot of men retiring to their sheds with pencil cases this Christmas. **BM**

Price: £9.95. Info: [www.laurenceking.com](http://www.laurenceking.com)

## VAMPIRE IN LOVE

Enrique Vila Matas (New Directions)



*Vampire In Love* is a masterpiece of short stories by the already well-received Spanish author Vila-Matas. This is the first time the work has been translated and readers will not be disappointed. Issues of identity and self-knowledge, the balance between life and death and the fine line between truth and fiction are all deftly addressed in this collection. Vila-Matas's writing is wonderfully imaginative and engaging and the work is packed with black humour. The self-reflective nature of writing is also well handled. By creating an intriguing, often bizarre, variety of characters that range from a washed-up actor to a hunchback barber, Vila-Matas establishes new ways of engaging the reader with old themes in thought-provoking narratives. Overall, this is an easily accessible and entertaining collection: something to get your teeth into. **LM**

Price: £12.99. Info: [www.ndbooks.com](http://www.ndbooks.com)



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Cwrdd is the word. This storytelling, music, and spoken word night takes place at Caffi Iechyd Da in Carmarthen on Tue 11 Oct, and features Laurence James, Nick Bruger and Mark Montinaro. It's reputedly a top, top event, and the vegetarian food at the cafe is delightful. Get there for a 7.30pm start.

In Bridgend, acclaimed poet Rhian Edwards hosts Pinned On The Bont on Thurs 13 Oct. Come to Carnegie House to hear T.S. Elliot Prize winner Philip Gross and Geoff Stevens Memorial Prize winner, er, me, read from our respective tomes. The wordy wonderment begins at 7.30pm.

On Thurs 20 Oct, Cardiff Central Library hosts its regular Open Space events. Since it's Black History Month, there will be readings with this in mind from: Eric Ngalle Charles, who will also be playing the djembe, a traditional African drum; Clare Potter; Ric Hool; and Mike Jenkins. The tickets to this are free and can be booked via Eventbrite, or from the Library ([leisurelibrary@cardiff.gov.uk](mailto:leisurelibrary@cardiff.gov.uk) / 029 2070 8961).

Free Write is a space for writers to meet, relax, and (most importantly) write in! It takes place in Cardiff's cosy Chapter cwtch every final Friday of the month from 10am-1pm (this month Fri 28 Oct). Find out more by searching out the Facebook group. It's a great way to be in community with what is, essentially, quite a solitary activity... All writers of all styles and experiences are welcome, and the event is ably hosted by poet Will Ford.

Every third Wednesday of the month, The Salon provides a platform for poets, spoken word artists, and musicians, at the popular Clwb y Bont in Pontypridd. Again, check out Facebook for details, but usually this event starts at 7.30pm and is a great way to mingle with the literary locals.

Have fun, once again, and see you in November!

## Examples from Cardiff Libraries Twitter page

The screenshot shows a Twitter browser window with the following tweets:

- Cardiff Libraries**  
We are excited about @mullermm talking about #MyOwnDearBrother on 19/01 at Open Space at Central! Tickets here [bit.ly/2IEByWU](http://bit.ly/2IEByWU)
- Waterstones Cardiff**  
Delighted to announce that the amazing #MyOwnDearBrother by Holly Muller is our Welsh Book of the Month for January
- Cardiff Libraries**  
Rob's first @AlzSocCymru @DementiaFriends sesh..started with the boss so it will get easier! Here she is posing in front of 1/2 a @Rampods!

The screenshot shows a Twitter browser window with a tweet from Cardiff Libraries. A book cover for 'My Own Dear Brother' by Holly Muller is overlaid on the tweet. The book cover features the title in large letters, a small red apple, and a crow perched on a branch. The author's name 'HOLLY MULLER' is at the bottom.

**Cardiff Libraries**  
Open Space is back on 19/01 when @mullermm's in Central to discuss 'My Own Dear Brother!' 'FREE' tickets here [bit.ly/2IEByWU](http://bit.ly/2IEByWU)

## Literature Wales Website Advertising

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Literature Wales website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the logo 'Llyfrgell Cymru Literature Wales' and a search bar. Below the navigation bar, there is a 'What's On' section featuring a large banner for an event titled 'Open Space at Cardiff Central Library: Holly Müller'. To the right of the banner is a 'Find an Event' form with dropdown menus for 'What', 'Where', 'When', and 'Who'. The website is displayed in a browser window with the URL 'http://www.literaturewales.org' visible in the address bar.

## Cardiff Libraries Facebook Page

The screenshot shows the Facebook page for Cardiff Libraries. The main post is a promotional event for Holly Müller, a Cardiff-based author, reading from her debut novel 'My Own Dear Brother' on 19th January 2017 at 5:45pm. The post includes a photo of the author and a description of the book. Below the main post, there is a section for 'Forthcoming literary events' listing other events. The Facebook page is displayed in a browser window with the URL 'https://facebook.com' visible in the address bar.

# Eventbrite Ticket Booking

The screenshot shows the Eventbrite website interface. At the top, there are navigation links: BROWSE EVENTS, HELP, SIGN UP, LOG IN, and CREATE EVENT. The main event card features a photo of Holly Müller and the book cover for 'My Own Dear Brother'. The text on the card reads: '19th January 2017 @ 5.45pm', 'Holly Müller', 'Cardiff-based author reading from her acclaimed debut novel My Own Dear Brother, a captivating coming-of-age story set in 1940's wartime Austria.', and 'Free'. A green 'REGISTER' button is visible. Below the card, there are tabs for 'DESCRIPTION' and 'DATE AND TIME'. The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows various application icons and the system clock.

## External Advertising for event:

The screenshot shows an external advertising page for the event. The header includes the logo 'Carpe Diem! Cardiff' and navigation links 'Events' and 'Authorization'. The main content area features a large image of a library interior. Below the image, the event details are repeated: '19th January 2017 @ 5.45pm', 'Holly Müller', and a brief description of the reading. A 'Free Event!' notice includes the booking URL: 'www.openspacecardifflibrary.eventbrite.com'. At the bottom, there is a 'Get in touch:' section with social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn, and logos for 'l:l:l', 'mwyh', and 'h'. The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows the system clock and application icons.

Open Space: Holly Müller

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**Open Space at Cardiff Central Library: Holly Müller**

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Holly reads from and discusses her novel *My Own Dear Brother*

Open Space at Cardiff Central Library: Holly Müller  
 Thursday January 19th 5.45pm  
 Cardiff Central Library, Floor 3

Holly reads from and discusses her novel *My Own Dear Brother*, a coming-of-age story set in Nazi-controlled 1940's Austria.

Cardiff Libraries are delighted to welcome back Holly after her recent appearance at the International Cardiff Book Festival

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19th January 2017 @ 5.45pm



**Holly Müller**

Cardiff-based author reading from her acclaimed debut novel *My Own Dear Brother*, a continuing coming-of-age story.

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# HOLLY MÜLLER




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Radio appearances:  
 To book Holly for an event, please contact [Holly Müller](#)  
 located at Bloomsbury

## UPCOMING

19th January 2017 **Open Space**  
 Cardiff Central Library Hub, Floor 3  
 5.45pm  
 Free entry  
 Holly will be reading from her novel My Own Dear Brother.  
 Limited to 35 seats. Book a place via link below.  
[\[more info\]](#)

Beth oed eich barn chi am ddiwyddiad heddiw?  
 What did you think of today's event?


Ydych chi'n aelod o'r llyfrgell?  
 Are you a member of the library?

Ydw / Yes  Nac Ydw / No

Unrhyw sylwadau? Any comments?

Excellent reading. Book  
 sands really interesting

**Diolch! Thank you!**



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Unrhyw sylwadau? Any comments?

It's a great space for  
readings!

**Diolch! Thank you!**



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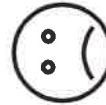
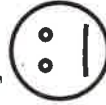
Unrhyw sylwadau? Any comments?

Never visited  
really enjoyed.

**Diolch! Thank you!**



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Unrhyw sylwadau? Any comments?

Looking forward, will read  
books!

**Diolch! Thank you!**

