

Literary Road Map of Islington

North Islington

Aaronovitch, Ben (1964-) *Whispers Under Ground* (2012). The third Rivers of London novel is set in Tufnell Park. [CT]

Akala *Natives: Race and Class in the Ruins of Empire* (2019). The BAFTA and MOBO award-winning hip-hop artist, writer and social entrepreneur details his life in Archway and his time at Acland Burghley School in Tufnell Park. [AB, NF, P]

Baird, Nicola *Coconut Wireless* (2010) and other titles. The journalist and author of the Islington Faces blog lives in north Islington. [F, NF]

Blackman, Andrew (1965-) *On the Holloway Road* (2009). Inspired by Jack Kerouac's *On the Road*, the novel is set over one windy night on Holloway Road. [F]

Brellend, Kay *The Street* (2011) and other titles. Books set in Campbell Road known locally as Campbell Bunk (now Whadcoat Street). [F]

Busby, Sian (1960-2012) *A Commonplace Killing* (2012). The novel was set around Holloway Road, Seven Sisters Road and Caledonian Road. [F]

Clee, Nicholas *Don't sweat the Aubergine* (2005). The writer and journalist lives in Plimsoll Road with his wife Nicolette Jones. [F, NF]

Craig, Joe (1981-) Jimmy Coates series (2013). Children's author lives in Tufnell Park. [CYA]

Davies, Caitlin (1964-) *Bad Girls: A History of Rebels and Renegades* (2018). Davies lives in Holloway and has written about Holloway Prison. [NF, AB]

Dickens, Charles (1812-1870) *Bleak House* (1853), *Our Mutual Friend* (1864/5) and other titles. In *Bleak House* Inspector Bucket first picked up the trail of Honoria, Lady Dedlock "at the Archway Toll over at Highgate". Reginald Wilfer's "home was in the Holloway region north of London, and then divided from it by fields and trees." in *Our Mutual Friend*. [F]

Dunant, Sarah (1950-) *Fatlands* (1993). Author lived in Highwood Road. [CT, F]

Fiegel, Eddi *John Barry - A Sixties Theme* (2012). The journalist and author has written widely on music biography and travel and lives in north Islington. [NF]

Grossmith, George (1847-1912) and **Weedon** (1854-1919) *The Diary of a Nobody* (1892). The Pooters live at The Laurels, Brickfield Terrace, Holloway, a fictional address which is reputed to be based on Pemberton Gardens. [F]

Hamand, Maggie Writer in residence at Holloway Prison 2000/1. [F]

Hegley, John (1953-) *Visions of the Bone Idol* (1984) and other titles. The poet and musician, grew up in Beversbrook Road. [P]

Heller, Zoe (1965-) *Notes on a Scandal* (2003). The narrator of the book, Barbara Covett, lives in Archway and works at St George's, a fictional local secondary school. [F]

Higson, Charlie (1958-) The Enemy series (2009-2016) The initial part of the first book in the series is largely based in the Waitrose on Holloway Road. [SF, CYA]

Hornby, Nick (1957-) *Fever Pitch* (1992), *High Fidelity* (1995), *About A Boy* (1998) and other titles. Hornby lives in Highbury and sets much of his work around the area. [F]

Horowitz, Anthony (1955 -) *The House of Silk* (2011). Sherlock Holmes escapes from Holloway Prison. [CT]

James, Clive (1939-) *Falling Towards England* (1985) and other titles. Lived in Tufnell Park in "a first floor horror of a room at the high end of Tufnell Park Road" in 1962. [AB, NF, P]

Jones, Nicolette *The Plimsoll Sensation* (2007). Lives in Plimsoll Road. [F, NF]

Lane, Harriet (1969-) *Her* (2014). A novel set in Archway and Highgate. [CT]

Lear, Edward (1812-1888) *A Book of Nonsense* (1846) and other titles. Poet, author and artist who was born and lived in Bowman's Lodge (now Bowman's Mews) off Seven Sisters Road. [P, NF]

Levy, Andrea (1956 -2019) *Small Island* (2004) and other titles. The author was born and grew up in Twyford House, Elwood Street. [F]

Maxwell, Kate *Husk* (2018). Author, lives in Tufnell Park. [F]

May, Peter *West Ham: Irons in the Soul* (2002) and other titles. The writer, journalist and dedicated West Ham fan lives in north Islington. [F, NF]

Muchamore, Robert (1972-) *CHERUB* series (2004-). The author was born in Tufnell Park. [CYA]

Quarmby, Katherine *Fussy Freya* (2008) and other titles. The children's writer and journalist lives in north Islington. [CYA, NF]

Sayers, Dorothy L. (1893-1957) *The Unpleasantness at the Bellona Club* (1928). Sayer's fourth Lord Peter Wimsey novel which features George Fentiman who lives in Finsbury Park. [CT]

Schillinger, Naomi *Veg Street: Grow Your Own Community* (2013). The gardener, writer and photographer lives in Finsbury Park. [NF]

Seskis, Tina (1966-) *One Step too Far* (2013). Crime and thriller writer, who lives in Archway. [CT]

Simon, Francesca (1955-) *Horrid Henry* series (1994-). Author lives in Tufnell Park. [CYA]

Stead, W.T. (1849-1912) Journalist, campaigner and author was imprisoned in Holloway Prison in 1885 for his role in a campaign against child prostitution. [NF]

White, Jerry (1949-) *Campbell Bunk: The Worst Street in North London Between the Wars* (2003). Set in Campbell Street (now Whadcoat Street). [AB]

Wilde, Oscar (1854-1900) Was imprisoned in Holloway Prison, awaiting trial for gross indecency and in Pentonville Prison after his conviction in 1895. [SP, P, F]

Young, Ian (1945-) *London Skin and Bones: The Finsbury Park Stories* (2017). The short stories are set in the Finsbury Park area. [F, LGBT]

South Islington

Ackroyd, Peter (1949-) *Clerkenwell Tales* (2003) and other titles. His stories are set in and around Clerkenwell and in *The House of Dr Dee* (1993), Dr Dee lives at the site of what is the Clerks' Well (14-16 Farringdon Lane). [AB, CT, F, LGBT, NF]

Arnott, Jake (1961-) *The Fatal Tree* (2017). Arnott's work of historical fiction looks at the life and crimes of Jack Sheppard from the point of view of his wife Edgeware Bess, as she helps him escape from the New Prison in Clerkenwell. [CT, F]

Bennett, Arnold (1867-1931) *Riceyman Steps* (1923). The story is about Henry Earlforward who owns a second-hand bookshop in Riceyman Steps, which were based on Gwynne Place, leading up from King's Cross Road to Granville Square (Riceyman Square in the book). [F]

Blake, William (1757-1827) *Songs of Innocence and of Experience* (1794) and other titles. The poet and artist is buried in Bunhill Fields Burial Ground. [NF, P]

Bunyan, John (1628-1688) *The Pilgrims' Progress* (1678) and other titles. The writer, preacher and author is buried in Bunhill Fields Burial Ground. [F, NF, P]

Burnett, Gilbert Bishop of Salisbury (1643-1715) *History of the Reformation of the Church of England* (1679). The Bishop lived in Clerkenwell and was described by John Dryden (1631-1700) as "a portly prince and goodly to the sight." [NF]

Cavendish, Mary Duchess of Newcastle -upon-Tyne (1623-1673) *The Blazing World* (1666). She wrote what is regarded as one of the first science fiction novels and lived in Clerkenwell after the Restoration in 1660. Samuel Pepys (1633-1703) thought her a "conceited ridiculous woman." [SF]

Defoe, Daniel (1660-1731) *Robinson Crusoe* (1719-22) and other titles. Defoe is buried in Bunhill Fields Burial Ground. [F]

Dickens, Charles (1812-1870) *Oliver Twist* (1837), *Pickwick Papers* (1836) and other titles. In *Oliver Twist* (1837), Oliver was introduced to pickpocketing by the Artful Dodger, and Mr Brownlow was pickpocketed by Fagin's gang in Clerkenwell Green. Dicken's serialised story in 'Bentley's Miscellany' magazine, written under his pseudonym 'Boz', was adapted by the manager of Sadler's Wells Theatre, Mr R Honner, and performed there in 1838. In *Pickwick Papers* (1836) Mr Pickwick lives at Goswell Street (now Goswell Road). [F]

Eliot, T.S. (1888-1965) *Four Quartets 1: Burnt Norton, III* (1941). Eliot refers to Clerkenwell as one of "The gloomy hills of London, Hampstead and Clerkenwell, Campden and Putney, Highgate, Primrose and Ludgate." [P, SP]

Gissing, George (1857-1903) *The Nether World* (1889), *New Grub Street* (1891) and other titles. Some of Gissing's novels were set in and around Clerkenwell Green. [F]

Herron, Mick (1963) Slough House Series (2010-) Jackson Lamb works in Slough House, an "administrative oubliette" for disgraced MI5 operatives situated in Aldersgate Street in the former Metropolitan Borough of Finsbury. [CT, F]

Heywood, Thomas (c1574-1641) *A Woman Killed with Kindness* (c.1603). Heywood was the resident playwright at the Red Bull Theatre, which was based in what is now Heywood's Place. He was living in Clerkenwell at the time of his death. [P, SP]

Hoban, Russell (1925-2011) *My Tango with Barbara Strozzi* (2007). The protagonist, Phil Ockerman, falls in love with Bertha Strunk at a tango lesson in Clerkenwell. [F]

Johnson, B.S. (1933-1973) *Albert Angelo* (1964). The author lived in Claremont Square. [AB F]

Johnson, Dr Samuel (1709-1784) *Gentleman's Magazine* (1731-1922). Dr Johnson worked in a garret in St John's Gate as translator and editor for the magazine from 1731-40s. [NF]

Lenin, Vladimir (1870-1924) *Iskra* (The Spark) (1902-03) and other titles. Lenin lived in both 30 Holford Square and later in 16 Percy Circus (1902-03). He edited the political newspaper *Iskra* from a socialist publishing house in Clerkenwell Green, based on the site of what is now the Marx Memorial Library. [NF]

Leland, John (c1503-1552) *History of the Antiquities of this Nation* (first published 1715). The chaplain and librarian to King Henry VIII, lived in Charterhouse Square. [NF, P]

Machen, Arthur (1863–1947) *The Islington Mystery* (1928). Machen wrote in his novel that “There is an odd street, not far from the region which was once called Spa Fields, not far from the Pentonville or Islington Fields, where Grimaldi the clown was once accused of inciting the mob to chase an overdriven ox.” [CT]

Mearns, Andrew (1837-1925) *The Bitter Cry of Outcast London: An Inquiry into the Condition of the Abject Poor* (1883). The account was written while the minister was living in Clerkenwell. [NF]

Milton, John (1608-1674) *Paradise Lost* (1667), *Paradise Regained* (1671), *Samson Agonistes* (1671) and other titles. The poet moved to Bunhill Row in 1663 and lived there until his death. [P, SP]

Moodie, Susanna (1803-1885) *Spartacus* (1822) and other titles. The children's author and abolition activist lived in Myddleton Square in 1832 before emigrating to Canada. [CYA, NF, P]

Parr, Katherine, Queen of England (1512-1548) *Prayers and Meditations* (1545), *The Lamentation of a Sinner* (1547). She lived with her husband Sir John Neville, Lord Latimer, in Charterhouse Yard before his death and her subsequent marriage to Henry VIII “because it stands in good air out of the press of the City.” [NF]

Pepys, Samuel (1633-1703) *The Diary of Samuel Pepys* (1664/65). Pepys wrote about “gadding about” Clerkenwell on Lord's Day, Oct 2 1664 with his son, while his wife was ill at home. [AB, NF]

Oldham, John (1653-1683) *Allusion to Martial* (1682). Oldham wrote “Tis a long way to where I dwell / At the far end of Clerkenwell / There in a garret next the sky / Up five pair of stairs I lie.” The poet & satirist lived in Clerkenwell. [P, NF]

Sansom C.J. (1952-) *Revelation* (2008). The book is set, in part, on the site of the dissolved Charterhouse monastery. [CT]

Shakespeare, William (1564-1616) *Henry IV Part 2* (c1600). Falstaff complains how Justice Shallow boasts about “the wildness of his youth and the feats he has done about Turnbull Street” (now Turnmill Street). [SP]

Smollett, Tobias (1721-1771) *The Expedition of Humphry Clinker* (1771). Win Jenkins sees a performance at Sadler's Wells “where I saw such tumbling and dancing upon ropes and wires, that I was frightened and ready to go into a fit.”

Swinnerton, Frank (1884-1982) *George Gissing: a Critical Study* (1912) and other titles. The biographer, novelist and essayist lived at 150 Farringdon Road as a boy from 1890-99. [AB, F, NF]

Thackeray, William Makepeace (1811-1863) *Vanity Fair* (1848) and other titles. The writer spent his formative years at Charterhouse. [F]

Underhill, Rev. Stanley (1927-) *Coming Out in the Black Country* (2018). The Reverend is currently one of the 41 residents of Charterhouse. [AB, LGBT]

Walton, Izaak (1593-1683) *The Compleat Angler* (1653). Walton retired to Clerkenwell sometime before 1650 and wrote his celebration of the art of fishing there. [NF]

Ward, Edward (1667-1731) *Islington Wells* (1691), *Walk to Islington* (1699). He wrote about "New Tunbridge Wells and Sadler's Musick House" and was a publican in Red Bull Yard (now Aylesbury Street) in 1712. [P, NF]

Central/East Islington

Ackerman, Len *In Their Footsteps* (2014), *And Now They Are Ghosts* (2015) and *No Place for Angels* (2018). He was born in and grew up in Packington Street and has written three books, all set in Islington. [AB, F, NF]

Adams, Douglas (1952-2001) *Hitchhikers' Guide to the Galaxy* (1979) and other titles. Adams lived in Duncan Terrace and used the estate agent Hotblack Desiato's name as a character. He also lived in a flat on Upper Street and sofa-surfed in a friend's house in Arlington Avenue. [FA, SF, SP]

Adams, Richard (1920-2016) *Watership Down* (1974) and other titles. Lived and wrote at 26 St Paul's Place from 1952-1974. [F]

Bawden, Nina (1925-2012) *The Ice House* (1983) and other titles. The rail campaigner and children's author lived in at 22 Noel Road and set *The Ice House* in Islington. [AB, CYA]

Beecham, Caroline *Maggie's Kitchen* (2016). The story follows the fortunes of Maggie Johnson as she sets up and runs a British Restaurant in Islington during WWII. It features many Islington locations including Upper Street, St Mary's Church, Duncan Street and Barnsbury Road. [F]

Betjeman, John (1906-1984) *Summoned by Bells* (1960). Betjeman mentions St Saviour's Church on Aberdeen Park, which he used to attend. He also lived at 329 Holloway Road [P, F, NF]

Bowen, James (1979-) *A Street Cat Named Bob* (2012). The story of James and his cat Bob was set around Islington Green and Waterstones. [AB, NF]

Dickens, Charles (1812-1870) *The Lamplighter* (1854). Tom Grig's new beat was "somewhere near Canonbury Tower ... In a quiet part of town, where there were some queer old houses." [F]

Eliot, T.S. (1888-1965) *The Wasteland* (1922). Eliot wrote "Highbury bore me..." in the second draft of the poem. His first wife, Vivian, edited it out of the third and final draft. [P]

Gaiman, Neil (1960-) *Neverwhere* (1996). In the story 'Islington' is a fallen angel who lives under London. [F, FA]

Gissing, George (1857-1903) *New Grub Street* (1891) and other titles. Gissing lived at 5 Hannover Square in 1879 (now 60 Noel Road) and some of his novels were set in Clerkenwell. [F]

Goldsmith, Oliver (1728-1774) *The Good-Natur'd Man* (1768), *She Stoops to Conquer* (1771) and other titles. The writer lived in Canonbury Tower from 1762-64 [F, P, SP]

Greenaway, Kate (1846-1901) *Under the Window* (1879) and other titles. The children's book writer and illustrator lived at 147 Upper Street and 11 Pemberton Gardens. [CYA]

Hale, Lionel (1909-1977) *These Two* (1934). The critic, broadcaster and playwright lived at number 76 Noel Road. [NF, SP]

Hoeben, Cato (1980-) and **Neustatter, Angela** (1943-) *The Lifestyle Entrepreneur: How to Turn Your Interests into Money* (2015). The mother and son writers lived in Highbury Place and now in Cross Street. [NF]

Hughes, M.V. (Molly) (1866-1956) *A London Family 1871-1900* (1946). The educator and writer grew up in Highbury New Park and mentioned it in her autobiographical work. [AB, NF]

Irving, Washington (1783-1859) *Rip Van Winkle* (1819), *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* (1820) and other titles. The essayist, biographer and historian lived in Canonbury Tower in the early 19th Century. [AB, F, NF]

Jozefkowicz, Ewa (1987-) *Mystery of the Colour Thief* (2018). The children's author lives in Highbury. [CYA]

Lamb, Charles (1775-1834) *Essays of Elia* (1823) and other titles. Lamb lived in Colebrooke Cottage in Colebrooke Row (now 64 Duncan Terrace) with his sister Mary from 1823-27. [NF]

MacDonald, James Hugh (1927-) *Happy Warriors* (2018) and other titles. The playwright lives on the top floor of a converted school at Angel. [SP]

MacNiece, Louis (1907-1963) *Letters from Iceland* (1937) and other titles. The poet lived at 52 Canonbury Park South. [P, SP]

Mant, Malcolm *30 Years Behind Bars: My Life & Times Running the British Pub* (2018). Landlord of The Compton Arms in Canonbury for seven years. [AB]

Matthias, Sarah (1973-) *A Berlin Love Song* (2019). The young adults' writer lives near Highbury Fields. [CYA]

Menzies, Gavin (1937-) *1421 The Year China Discovered the World* (2002). The author lives in Canonbury. [NF]

Mill, John Stuart (1806-1873) *On Liberty* (1859) and other titles. Mill lived in Newington Green 1810-13 as a boy. [NF]

North, Maria *Sibling Rhymery* (2016). Lives near Highbury Corner. [P]

Norton, Mary *The Borrowers* (1952) and other titles. The children's fantasy writer was born at 48 Mildmay Park in 1903. [CYA]

O'Farrell, Maggie (1972-) *Instructions for a Heatwave* (2013). O'Farrell set her novel in Highbury. [F]

O'Neill, J.M. (1921-1999) *God is Dead on Balls Pond Road* (1967), *Duffy is Dead* (1987). Former landlord of The Duke of Wellington Pub on Balls Pond Road. [F, SP]

Orton, Joe (1933-1967) *Entertaining Mr Sloane* (1964), *Loot* (1965), *What the Butler Saw* (first performance 1969) and other titles. Orton lived with his partner Kenneth Halliwell at 25 Noel Road from 1959, writing his best known works in the bedsit flat until his death in 1967. [SP]

Orwell, George (1903-1950) *Animal Farm: A Fairy Story* (1945), *Nineteen Eighty-four* (1949) and other titles. Orwell moved to 27b Canonbury Square in Autumn 1944 with his wife and son after being bombed out of their previous flat in Mortimer Crescent, and lived there until 1947. Parts of his last novel, *Nineteen Eighty-four*, were written there. [F, NF]

Rourke, Lee (1972-) *Regent's Canal* (2002). The book is set on and around the canal. [F]

Rushdie, Salman (1947-) *Satanic Verses* (1988) and other titles. The author lived at 41 St Peter's Street before the publication of *Satanic Verses*. [F]

Waugh, Evelyn (1903-1966) *Decline and Fall* (1928) and other titles. Waugh lived at 17a Canonbury Square from 1928-29. [F]

Wollstonecraft, Mary (1759-1797) *A Vindication of the Rights of Men* (1790) and *A Vindication of the Rights of Women* (1792) and other titles. The writer, teacher and feminist, opened a school for girls at Newington Green in 1784. [NF]

West Islington

Banks, Iain (1954-2013) *Wasp Factory* (1984), *Walking on Glass* (1985) and other titles. Banks lived at 27 Islington Park Street and wrote *Wasp Factory* while living there.

Baron, Alexander (1917-1999) *Rosie Hogarth* (1951). Baron wrote about the changes to a tightknit, working class community in a street close to Chapel Market at the end of WWII. [F, SP]

Betjeman, John (1906-1984) *New Bats in Old Belfries* (1945), *Summoned by Bells* (1960) and other titles. Betjeman's family ran a cabinet makers' business, G. Betjemann & Sons, at 34-42 Pentonville Road. [AB, P, F, NF]

Cargill, Perdita and **Honor**. Waiting for Callback series (2016-). The mother and daughter writing team live in Barnsbury. [CYA]

Conan Doyle, Arthur (1859-1930) *The Adventure of the Blue Carbuncle* (1892). Ryder tells of "a friend once called Maudsley, who went to the bad, and has just been serving his time in Pentonville." [CT]

Cosh, Mary (1919-) *History of Islington* (2005) and other titles. The Islington historian, turned 100 this year and lives in Barnsbury. [NF]

Cusk, Rachel (1967-) *Medea* (2015). The play premiered at the Almeida and was set in a modern Islington home. [F, SP]

Drabble, Dame Margaret (1939-) *The Garrick Year* (1964). In the novel Emma Evans lives near Pentonville Road and walks north from Angel to Islington Green. [F]

Duffy, Dame Carol Ann (1955-) *Eight World's Wives* (2018) and other works. The former Poet Laureate, along with other authors, took part in protests outside Pentonville Prison in 2014, against the government ban on prisoners being allowed books in their cells. [P]

Harvey, William (1796-1873) *London Scenes & London People* (1863). Doctor, Journalist and Superintendent of the Islington Reformatory. Died at 48 Lonsdale Square. [NF]

Hollis, J S *A Rational Man* (2018). The book is set in Islington in the near-future, where Sebastian grows up on the current site of Pentonville Prison. [SF]

Holyoake, George Jacob (1817-1906) *History of Co-operation in England* (1875). The newspaper editor coined the terms "secularism" and "jingoism". Lived at 62 Pentonville Road. [NF]

Hughes, Thomas (1822-1896) *Tom Brown's Schooldays* (1857). Tom Brown stays at the Peacock Inn (a coaching inn located at the site of 11 Islington High Street) before he sets off for Rugby School. [CYA]

Jarman, Derek (1942-1994). The artist, filmmaker, LGBT activist and writer lived at 60 Liverpool Road at the beginning of his career from 1967-69. [AB, LGBT]

Kavanagh, Patrick (1904-1967) *Ploughman and Other Poems* (1936) and other titles. The Irish poet lived in Milner Square. [F, P, SP]

Koestler, Arthur (1905-1983) *Darkness at Noon* (1940). The Hungarian-born Koestler was detained for six weeks in 1940 after arriving in England without papers. His best known work, *Darkness at Noon* was published in England while he was in Pentonville Prison. [F]

Lamb, Charles (1775-1834). The essayist and poet moved to 45 Chapel Street (now Chapel Market) with his father in 1797 and then across the road to number 36 in 1799. [NF, P]

Lock, Joan (1933-) Detective Best Series (2002-), *Princess Alice Disaster* (2013). Detective Best lives in Barnsbury and ends up on the Princess Alice, a pleasure steamer which sank in 1878 on the River Thames. 650 passengers and crew drowned in the tragedy, some of whom were from Islington. [CT, NF, SP]

Mill, John Stuart (1806–1873) *On Liberty* (1859) and other titles. Mill was born at 13 Rodney Street, off Pentonville Road, and then moved to Newington Green. [NF]

O'Brien, James "Bronterre" (1805-1864). *The Rise, Progress, and Phases of Human Slavery* (1885) and other titles. The chartist writer and activist was living at 20 Hermes Street (which is where the Elizabeth Garrett Anderson School is now located in Donegal Street) at the time of his death. [NF]

Oudot, Susan (1955-) *Real Women* (1995), *Coronation Street* (2012-). The author and scriptwriter grew up Milner Square and off Caledonian Road. [F, SP]

Owens, Lewis *The Pentonville Experiment* (2018). A historical novel about a newly opened 'model' prison, and those who have passed through its doors. [F]

Paget, Sidney (1860-1908) Illustrator for the Sherlock Holmes stories was born at 60 Pentonville Road.

Paine, Thomas (1737-1809) *Rights of Man* (1791). It is claimed that the political activist began writing *Rights of Man* while staying at the Angel Inn, late 1790. The work is also said to have been partly written while he stayed at Old Red Lion Public House in St John Street. [NF]

Rowling, J.K. (1965-) *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix* (2003). The Order's headquarters are at a fictional address in Islington, at 12 Grimmauld Place. [FA, CYA]

Rushdie, Salman (1947-) *Satanic Verses* (1988). Rushdie stayed in Lonsdale Square when he was in hiding, while living under a fatwa, after the book's publication. [F]

Sanderson, Lesley (1963-) *The Woman at 46 Heath Street* (2019) and other titles. The author and secondary school librarian lives in King's Cross. [CT]

Wilde, Oscar (1854-1900). Wilde was incarcerated in Pentonville Prison after his conviction in 1895 for gross indecency. [SP, P, F]

Williams, Kenneth (1926-1988). The actor and writer was born in a house off Caledonian Road, where 13/15 Bingfield Street is now located. [AB]

Wingrove, David (1954-) Chung Kuo Series (1989–1997) and other titles. The science fiction writer lives in Barnsbury. [SF]

Islington (general)

Barrat, David *Islington Murder Mystery* (2012). An army officer's wife is found dead in the front hall of her home in Islington. [CT]

Carlyle, Thomas (1795-1881) The Scottish philosopher, satirical writer and essayist, lived in Islington for 10 years before moving to Chelsea in 1834. [NF]

Channing Wright, Sarah *The Angels of Islington* (2014) A gothic thriller set in Islington following a group of vampires who have successfully integrated themselves into the goth scene of nineties. [CT, F]

Clarke, Adrian *Skeleton Sonnets* (2002), *Eurochants* (2010) and other titles. The poet worked for Islington Libraries. [P]

Cowley, Abraham (1618-1667) *Of Solitude* (1668) and other titles. "Let but thy wicked men from out thee go / And all the fools that crowd thee so / Even thou who dost thy millions boast / A village less than Islington will grow / A solitude almost" [P]

Eddleston, John J. (1952-) *Foul Deeds in Islington* (2010). An account of true crime in the borough. [CT, NF]

Gray, Simon (1936-2008) *Otherwise Engaged* (1975). The play is set in the living room of the Hensch's house in Islington. [SP]

Grimes, Martha (1931-) Richard Jury series (1981-). Scotland Yard inspector, Richard Jury, lives in Islington. [CT]

Higgins, Charlotte (1972-) *Under Another Sky: Journeys in Roman Britain* (2013) and other titles. The author, journalist and chief culture writer for the Guardian lives in Islington. [NF]

Higson, Charlie (1958-) The Enemy series (2009-). Islington features throughout Higson's post-apocalyptic, young adult horror series. [SF, CYA]

Jack, Ian (1945-) *The Country Formerly Known as Great Britain* (2009) and other titles. The journalist lived in Islington. [NF]

James, M.R. (1862-1936) *A Thin Ghost* (1919). The short story, *Two Doctors*, is set in the fictitious 'Dodds Hall' in Islington [CT, F]

King, Danny (1986-) *The Burglar Diaries* (2010) The journalist lived in Islington [CT, F]

Levy, Marianne Ellie May series (2012-) The children's writer lives in Islington. [CYA]

Pemberton, Victor (1931-2017) Doctor Who, Adventures of Black Beauty and other plays and scripts. The scriptwriter and television producer was born in Islington and wrote for the BBC and ITV. [SF, SP]

Pilger, Zoe (1984-) *Eat my Heart Out* (2014). The novel is set in part in Islington. [F]

Smith, Joan (1953-) Loretta Lawson series (1987) Her detective Loretta Lawson lives in Islington. [CT]

Soans, Zeb (1976-) *Gaspard the Fox* (2018). BBC presenter and author lives in Islington. [CYA]

Spark, Muriel (1918-2006) *The Symposium* (1990). The novel is set around a dinner party in Islington, ending with the murder of one of the guests. [CT, F]

Young, Hugo (1938-2003) *One of Us: Life of Margaret Thatcher* (1989). The journalist, biographer and political commentator lived in Islington. [AB]

Auto/Biography	AB
Children / Young Adult	CYA
Crime/Thriller	CT
Fantasy	FA
Fiction	F
LGBT+	LGBT
Non-fiction	NF
Poetry	P
Science Fiction	SF
Screen/Playwright	SP