

## Chawton House Reading Group 2021-22

From September 2021, COVID permitting, we will hold two reading groups: one onsite at Chawton House (1pm), and one online (3.30pm). For those joining in person, we will reinstate the £3 fee, which includes tea/coffee and cake, and we'd encourage our online participants to donate if possible.

A sign-up sheet will be emailed out to members in August 2021. To join the mailing list, please email [kim.simpson@chawtonhouse.org](mailto:kim.simpson@chawtonhouse.org)

### **September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

*The Lady's Magazine*, vol. 22 (1791), January to March issues

<https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=hvd.hw291s&view=1up&seq=6>

### **October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

Aphra Behn, *Oroonoko* (1688)

Decent editions are available cheaply on Amazon and I recommend the Penguin Classics edition edited by Janet Todd, but you can also read the text in many locations online, including this photocopy: [https://www.sas.upenn.edu/~cavitch/pdf-library/Behn\\_Oroonoko.pdf](https://www.sas.upenn.edu/~cavitch/pdf-library/Behn_Oroonoko.pdf) taken from the Norton Critical Edition, edited by Joanna Lipking.

### **November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

*Selected Prose and Poetry of Lady Mary Wortley Montagu*, transcribed by Richard Bear, selected from *The Letters and Works of Lady Mary Wortley Montagu, Edited by her grandson Lord Wharncliffe, Third Edition* (1861):

<https://extra.shu.ac.uk/emls/iemls/resour/mirrors/rbearold/montagu.html>

### **December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

Anon, *The Woman of Colour* (1808)

This text has not been digitised. The Broadview edition edited by Lyndon J. Dominique, is the only modern edition currently available, and can be purchased from Amazon for around £15.

### **January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Mary Shelley, *The Last Man* (1826)

Wordsworth Classics editions are available cheaply on Amazon, or you can read the Romantic Circles electronic edition here: <http://romantic-circles.org/editions/mws/lastman/index.html>

### **February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022**

Maria Edgeworth, *Castle Rackrent* (1800)

The Penguin Classics edition (which includes *Ennui*) is available relatively cheaply on Amazon, or you can read the Gutenberg version online:

<https://www.gutenberg.org/files/1424/1424-h/1424-h.htm>

### **March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022**

Margaret Cavendish, *The Blazing World* (1666)

Penguin Classics have a scholarly edition, or you can read a version online here:

<http://digital.library.upenn.edu/women/newcastle/blazing/blazing.html>

### **April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Mary Brunton, *Self Control* (1811)

Anthony Mandal's edited modern version was published as part of the Chawton House Library series in 2013. You can read this online at Project Gutenberg:

<https://www.gutenberg.org/files/41196/41196-h/41196-h.htm>

### **May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Eliza Haywood, *A Wife to be Lett* (1723)

You can read a facsimile first edition on Google Books here:

<https://books.google.co.uk/books?id=15kNAAAAQAAJ&pg=PP4#v=onepage&q&f=false>

### **June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Sydney Owenson, *The Wild Irish Girl* (1806)

Gutenberg link: <https://www.gutenberg.org/files/54683/54683-h/54683-h.htm>

**OR**

Hester Thrale Piozzi, *Thraliana: The Diary of Mrs Hester Lynch Thrale* (1942)

Archive.org link:

[https://archive.org/stream/in.ernet.dli.2015.59336/2015.59336.Thraliana-The-Dairy-Of-Mrs-Hester-Lynch-Thrale1776-1809\\_djvu.tx](https://archive.org/stream/in.ernet.dli.2015.59336/2015.59336.Thraliana-The-Dairy-Of-Mrs-Hester-Lynch-Thrale1776-1809_djvu.tx)

We can either do one per group, or take a vote. TBC.