

Chawton House Reading Group 2022-23

From September 2022, we will hold two reading groups: one onsite at Chawton House (12pm), and one online (3.30pm). For those joining in person, the £3 fee includes tea/coffee and cake, and we'd encourage our online participants to donate if possible.

An online sign-up sheet is available for members. To join the mailing list, please email kim.simpson@chawtonhouse.org

September 19th, 2022

Georgiana Cavendish, Duchess of Devonshire, *The Sylph* (1778)

<https://www.gutenberg.org/files/38525/38525-h/38525-h.htm>

**Mid-length

October 17th, 2022

Caroline Lamb, *Glenarvon* (1816)

Volume 1: <https://archive.org/details/glenarvon01lambc/page/n5/mode/2up?ref=ol>

Volume 2: <https://archive.org/details/glenarvon02lambc/page/n5/mode/2up>

Volume 3: <https://archive.org/details/glenarvon03lamb/page/n9/mode/2up>

The Lady Caroline Lamb website contains lots of really fascinating biographical information about the author: <https://sites.google.com/sjsu.edu/caro/home?authuser=0>

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November 21st, 2022

Emily Brand, *The Fall of the House of Byron: Scandal and Seduction in Georgian England* (2020)

Available in paperback from various online retailers. This is the Waterstones link:

<https://www.waterstones.com/book/the-fall-of-the-house-of-byron/emily-brand/9781473664326>

**Mid-length

December 19th, 2022

Juvenilia by Jane Austen & Maria Edgeworth

I will email out a PDF photocopy of the collated reading to members in early November.

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January 16th, 2023

Frances Kemble, *Journal of a Residence on a Georgian Plantation in 1838–1839* (1863)

<https://www.gutenberg.org/files/12422/12422-h/12422-h.htm>

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February 20th, 2023

Margaret Cavendish, *A True Relation of my Birth, Breeding and Life* (1656)

Contained in this 1886 biography of William Cavendish (pp. 264-318):

<https://archive.org/details/lifeofwilliamca00newcuoft/page/n9/mode/2up>

*Short

March 20th, 2023

Anne Brontë, *The Tenant of Wildfell Hall* (1848)

<https://www.gutenberg.org/files/969/969-h/969-h.htm>

There are cheap Penguin Classics editions available on Amazon and abebooks.

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April 17th, 2023

Anne Hughes, *The Diary of a Farmer's Wife 1796-1797* (first published 1937-1938)

I have been unable to locate a digitised copy but there are a number of cheap copies available on Amazon or Ebay. You can find more information on this text on the Anne Hughes' Diary website: <https://www.annehughesdiary.co.uk/home.html>

*Short

May 15th, 2023

Mary Shelley, *Maurice, or the Fisher's Cot. A Tale* (written 1820, published 1998)

There is no digitised version of this, but I'd recommend the Knopf edition with an introduction by Claire Tomalin. It is available cheaply on Amazon.

*Short

June 19th, 2023

Please note there are different texts requested for different groups for this final meeting as follows:

On-site group: Elizabeth Billington, *Memoirs of Mrs. Billington, from Her Birth* (1792)

Google Books:

https://books.google.co.uk/books?id=CxsNxQEACAAJ&printsec=frontcover&source=gbs_ge_summary_r&cad=0#v=onepage&q&f=false

*Short

Online group: Charlotte Brontë, *Villette* (1853)

<https://www.gutenberg.org/files/9182/9182-h/9182-h.htm>

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