



## Reading Group 2023-24

We read texts by or about women writers of the (very) long eighteenth century, many of which are in the Chawton House collection. Our reading group meetings are informal, with all levels of education and knowledge welcome.

From September 2023, we will continue to hold two reading groups on the third Monday of each month, facilitated by Kim Simpson (Deputy Director, Chawton House): one onsite at Chawton House (12pm in the Billiards Room), and one online (3.30/4pm). For those joining in person, the £3 fee includes tea/coffee and cake, and we'd encourage our online participants to [donate if possible](#). The group usually runs for an hour and a half, and details of timings and Zoom joining details are sent out one week in advance. An online sign-up sheet is available for members.

To join the mailing list, please email [kim.simpson@chawtonhouse.org](mailto:kim.simpson@chawtonhouse.org)

### **September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Frances Burney, *Camilla* (1796)

<https://www.gutenberg.org/files/40619/40619-h/40619-h.htm>

\*\*\* Long

### **October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023**

Aphra Behn, *The Luckey Chance* (1686)

<https://quod.lib.umich.edu/e/eebo/A27303.0001.001?rgn=main;view=fulltext>

\* Short

### **November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Anne Brontë, *Agnes Grey* (1847)

<https://www.gutenberg.org/files/767/767-h/767-h.htm>

\*\*Mid-length

### **December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Jane Austen, *Emma* (1815)

<https://www.gutenberg.org/files/158/158-h/158-h.htm>

\*\*\*Long

## January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024

James Austen et. al., *The Loiterer*

<http://www.theloiterer.org/loiterer/contents.html>

\*\*Mid-length

## February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Devoney Looser, *Sister Novelists: The Trailblazing Porter Sisters, who paved the way for Austen and the Brontës* (2022)

Available from Amazon (UK) or Bloomsbury Publishing (USA), from \$21

\*\*\*Long

## March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Fanny Kemble, *Records of a Girlhood* (1878)

<https://www.gutenberg.org/cache/epub/16478/pg16478-images.html>

\*\*Mid-length

## April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Paula Byrne, *Perdita: The Life of Mary Robinson* (2004)

Available online from £3

\*\*\*Long

## May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Charlotte Smith, *Celestina* (1791)

Available online

Vol. 1: <http://name.umdl.umich.edu/004845840.0001.001>

Vol. 2: <http://name.umdl.umich.edu/004845840.0001.002>

Vol. 3: <http://name.umdl.umich.edu/004845840.0001.003>

Vol. 4: <http://name.umdl.umich.edu/004845840.0001.004>

A Broadview edition is available but expensive.

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## June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Onsite group:

*The memoirs of Ann Lady Fanshawe* (London, 1907)

<https://archive.org/details/memoirsofannlady00fansuoft/page/230/mode/2up>

\*\*Mid-length

Online group:

Germaine de Staël, *Corinne, or Italy* (1807) [online]

<https://www.gutenberg.org/files/16896/16896-h/16896-h.htm>

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