

The Handheld Newsletter

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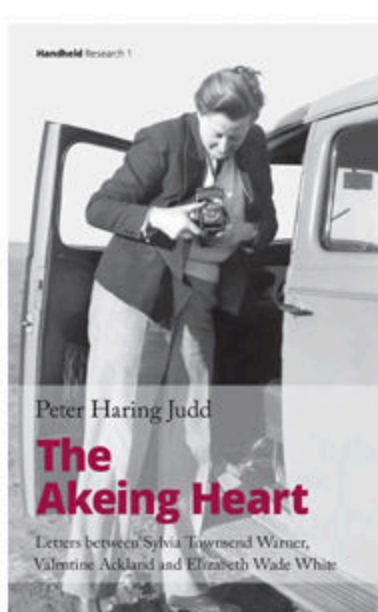
London Review Bookshop likes *The Caravans*

The London Review Bookshop, just around the corner from the British Museum, likes *The Caravans* so much that they sent us a three-figure order for their [December Book Box](#) scheme. Naturally we were delighted, and have been seeing tweets from excited customers glorying in their new month's reading.



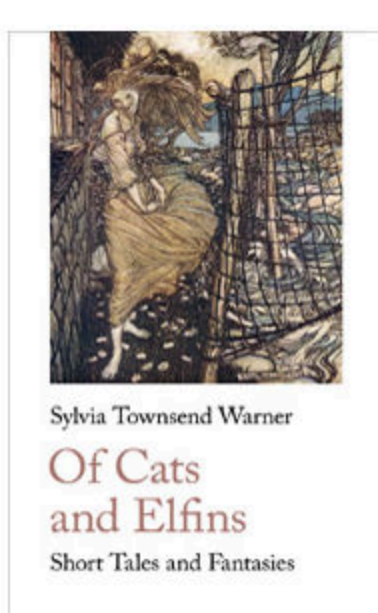
December discounts for Sylvia Townsend Warner

Remember that all through December there is a birthday discount for Sylvia Townsend Warner's *Kingdoms of Elfin*, and *The Akeing Heart*, to celebrate her erhumpteenth birthday.



Yet more Sylvia in January

We'll be launching our new collection of Sylvia Townsend Warner stories, *Of Cats and Elfins*, on 16 January at [London's Forbidden Planet](#), with the phenomenally well-known author and screenwriter Frank Cottrell-Boyce. If you have children you may have been tripping over his books on the stairs. If you watched the 2012 London Olympics you'll have heard his words in the Opening Ceremony. And he's written a lot of films as well. He's a massive Warner fan, and will be using the lure of his name to encourage readers new to Warner to give her a try. And signing books as well. Do come: 18.00-19.00, Forbidden Planet London, 179 Shaftesbury Avenue, London.



Our first festival panel of 2020: Bristol!

We've been busy organising panels at book festivals. On 23 February Kate will be in conversation with four outstanding women in science fiction at Foyles, Cabot Circus, Bristol, as part of the [Bristol Festival of Ideas](#). With sff authors Emma Newman, Emma Geen, and Liz Williams, and sff critic Cheryl Morgan, Kate will lead this celebration of female geekery and science fiction creativity, to unknot the bonds of unknowing and illuminate the best of feminist science fiction and fantasy.

Bristol Festival of Ideas

Our next festival panel of 2020: Bath!

Kate will also be moderating a discussion panel at the 2020 Bath Festival, with biographer and Women's Press editor Sarah LeFanu, Lucy Scholes of the *FT* and the *Paris Review* and poet and Dorset historian Louisa Adjoa Parker. We'll be talking about why stories get lost, and how we can recover forgotten fiction and extraordinary people from the past. Date and time and location (we're hoping, probably ambitiously, for the Assembly Rooms), to be announced.



A new cover for you to feast your eyes upon

We are currently madly reprinting all our recent titles to feed the demand from the USA. *Women's Weird* is doing very nicely indeed, and so we have commissioned a second volume of classic Weird short fiction by women authors from the USA, UK and now Australia as well. Melissa Edmundson's *Women's Weird 2* will be published in October 2020, alongside James Machin's *British Weird*. Preordering will be open in the New Year.



Garden news from Handheld Towers

The smaller garden birds have demolished the largest of the bird feeders on the lawn, so when they land on one of the perches, the fitting it's attached to lurches out so all the seeds fall onto the ground. Though it's possible that the damage was caused by the green woodpecker, which is a hefty bird. Squirrel activity underneath is definitely up. The deer are coming back, with two sightings in the last week of a young male roebuck, all black muzzle and spiky little antlers, looking at us with an offended expression from beside the shed, halfway up the garden slope. The mice that live under the brick garden steps have, we think, discovered a way into the outer house wall, as they scurry audibly around in there at night now. If they start chewing the underfloor heating tubes there will be big trouble. And the tawny owl is back, hooting on clear nights, but not when there's a strong moon.

Have a joyful Christmas and a happy New Year!

Kate & David

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