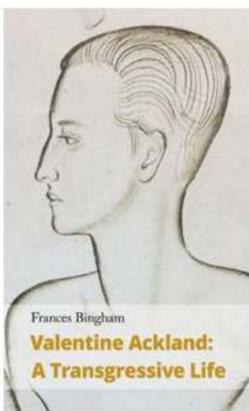


The Handheld Newsletter

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Valentine Ackland biography supported by the Society of Authors

Our author Frances Bingham was delighted to be told that her application for a grant to help her complete her biography of Valentine Ackland, which we will be publishing in May 2021, had been successful. [The Society of Authors awarded her and 50 other authors](#) grants to help them complete works in progress. This is a tremendous accolade for the quality of Frances's writing, and the importance of the book. [You can preorder it here](#).



New videos

As we have four books to publish in the rest of 2020, we've made four new videos, for Rose Macaulay's *Potterism*, for her *Non-Combatants and Others*, for James Machin's *British Weird*, and for the second Melissa Edmundson anthology, *Women's Weird 2*. Notice that Kate changed her outfit for each shoot, to give the impression that these were not filmed all together on what looked like being the last sunny morning of the summer.

Book launch!

We will be publishing our two new Rose Macaulay titles, *Potterism* and *Non-Combatants and Others*, on Monday 24th August, and we are celebrating this with a Zoom book launch. [Look at our events page](#) to see details of how to sign up to attend. All you need is Zoom on your phone or computer: no fee, no subscription. We know that Sarah LeFanu, Rose Macaulay's most recent biographer, will be in the audience too, and we can accommodate up to 100 people.

We've timed the launch for 16h UK time, which will let people in North America have a chance of participating too, at 11h, 10h or 9h, depending on your time zone. Please join us for a fascinating hour of talks and readings.

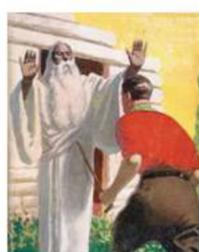


The Times Literary Supplement

We have a tiny advert in the *Times Literary Supplement* this week. If you Tweet, Insta or email us its pic in your copy, we'll send you a special code for a discount offer for one of these titles! Send your snap to enquiries@handheldpress.co.uk. Offer ends 14th September 2020.

John Buchan's birthday

On 26th August it will be John Buchan's birthday! Celebrate his outstanding storytelling with a £2.99 discount from his last short story collection *The Runagates Club*. Use code HEARTY in our shop. Offer valid on 26th August only.



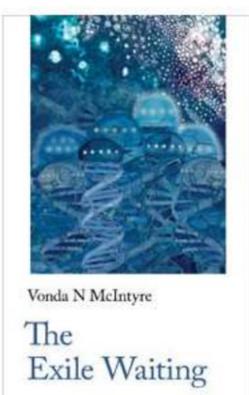
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Vonda McIntyre's birthday

It's Vonda N McIntyre's birthday this month! We love her science fiction novel *The Exile Waiting* so much that we want to make sure lots of people read it. It's full of empathy and love. Please enjoy a £2.99 discount on it, using code HELIX in our shop. Offer valid on 28th August only.



Vonda N McIntyre

The Exile Waiting

Elizabeth von Arnim's birthday

It's Elizabeth von Arnim's birthday on 31st August! We think you'll love *The Caravaners*, the funniest feminist novel about horse-drawn caravanning with a monster husband and shortening one's skirts. Use code NEEDLE in our shop, for 31 August only.



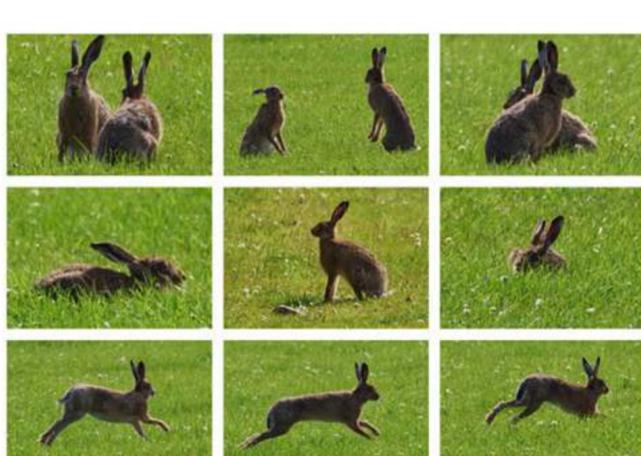
Elizabeth von Arnim

The Caravaners

News from the garden

We've given up on the broccoli which was becoming a day nursery for caterpillars, so it's all in the compost heap now. The peas were very productive, but are coming to an end, so we think that leeks will be the next to go in, hopefully for winter usage. Baby pumpkins keep appearing, then falling off their stems, so we doubt we'll get any of those this year, but the rhubarb is doing magnificently. And the damsons! David found a small self-sown tree when hedge-cutting back in the spring, and cut back the surrounding laurels and holly to give it some space. It's packed with damsons now, also netted against the birds, and we will try to pick the fruit this week.

We got away for a week in the Scottish Borders in July, to a remote and communications-free cottage on the edge of the Lammermuir Hills, from the top of which, on a clear day, we could see from the English border past Edinburgh to Fife. Here is a composite photo of some of the local hares.



Kate & David

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