



# THE BOOKSELLING YEAR 2019

## MAJOR RELIGIOUS CELEBRATIONS

**Buddhist**  
 13 Jan Bodhi Day  
 15 Feb Parinirvana  
 19 May Visakha Puja/Wesak Day  
 16 Jul Asalha Puja Day

**Christian**  
 6 Jan Epiphany  
 6 Mar – 18 Apr Lent  
 14 Apr Palm Sunday  
 19 Apr Good Friday

21 Apr Easter Sunday  
 9 Jun Pentecost  
 1 Nov All Saints' Day  
 25 Dec Christmas Day

**Hindu**  
 15 Jan Makar Sankranti  
 4 Mar Maha Shivratri  
 21 Mar Holi  
 14 Apr Rama Navami  
 15 Aug Raksha Bandhan

23 Aug Janmashtami/Krishna Jayanti  
 2 Sep Ganesh Chaturthi  
 7 Oct Dussehra  
 27 Oct Diwali/Deepavali

**Jewish**  
 20 Mar Purim  
 19–27 Apr Passover (Pesach)  
 9–10 Jun Shavuot  
 10–11 Aug Tisha B'Av  
 29 Sep – 1 Oct Rosh Hashana

9 Oct Yom Kippur  
 14–20 Oct Sukkot  
 20 Oct Shemini Atzeret  
 21 Oct Simchat Torah  
 22–30 Dec Hanukkah

**Muslim**  
 3 Apr Lailat-AL-Miraj  
 20 Apr Lailat-AL-Bara'ah  
 5 May–4 Jun Ramadan  
 31 May Lailat-UL-Qadr  
 4 Jun Eid-UL-Fitr

11 Aug Eid-ul-Adha  
 30 Aug AL-Hijra/Islamic New Year  
 9 Sep Ashura

**Sikh**  
 13 Jan Guru Gobind Singh's birthday  
 13 Jan Maghi – Lohri  
 14 Apr Baisakhi  
 16 Jun Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev

20 Oct Installation of Scriptures  
 27 Oct Diwali  
 12 Nov 550th Birth Anniversary of Guru Nanak  
 24 Nov Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur

	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	
M				1 April Fool's Day, 1-4 Bologna Children's Book Fair, Stress Awareness Month			1 1-14 Wimbledon Championships						M
T	1 New Year's Day, Bank Holiday			2 International Children's Book Day			2			1 Black History Month, International Day of Older Persons			T
W	2 Bank Holiday (Scotland), National Science Fiction Day			3	1 International Workers' Day		3			2 Gandhi Jayanti, International Day of Non-Violence			W
T	3			4 International Dublin Literary Award shortlist announced	2		4	1		3			T
F	4	1 LGBT History Month	1 St. David's Day, Women's History Month	5 5-7 Laugharne Weekend	3		5 5-14 Ludbury Poetry Festival, 5-21 Buxton International Festival, 5-15 Ways With Words Festival of Words and Ideas	2		4 4-13 Cheltenham Literature Festival	1		F
S	5	2 James Joyce's birthday	2 2-10 Jewish Book Week	6	4	1 Pride Month	6 Pride, London	3		5 Bookshop Day	2		S
S	6	3 3-7 Spring Fair, London	3	7	5	2	7	4		6	3		S
M	7 Costa Book Awards category winners announced	4	4 4-9 Academic Book Week	8	6 Bank Holiday	3	8	5 Summer Bank Holiday (Scotland)	2	7	4	2 Bank Holiday (Scotland)	M
T	8	5 Chinese New Year (Year of the Pig)	5 Shrove Tuesday, 5-10 St Anza, Scotland's International Poetry Festival	9	7	4	9	6	3	8	5 Guy Fawkes Night	3 International Day of Disabled Persons	T
W	9	6	6 Ash Wednesday	10	8	5 Women's Prize for Fiction winner announced	10	7	4	9	6	4	W
T	10	7 Introduction to Bookselling Course, Harry Potter Book Night, Charles Dickens' birthday, Time To Talk Day	7 World Book Day, Blue Peter Book Awards	11 11-14 Books by the Beach Festival	9 9-10 Academic Book Trade Conference, 9-12 Book World Prague, 9-12 CrimeFest	6	11	8	5	10 World Mental Health Day	7	5	T
F	11	8	8 International Women's Day, Irish Book Trade Conference, Dublin, Women's Prize for Fiction longlist announced, 8-17 Words by the Water Festival	12 12-14 FCBG Conference	10	7 7-9 Stoke Newington Literary Festival	12 Bank Holiday (Northern Ireland)	9 Book Lovers' Day	6 National Read a Book Day	11 International Day of the Girl Child	8	6	F
S	12	9	9	13	11	8 Queen's Birthday	13	10 10-26 Edinburgh International Book Festival	7	12	9	7	S
S	13 13-16 Harrogate Christmas & Gift Fair, 13-15 Top Drawer	10	10 BAFTA Film Awards	14 Palm Sunday	12	9	14	11	8 8-9 BA Conference, National Literacy Day	13	10	8	S
M	14	11	11 Commonwealth Day, 11-17 London Book & Screen Week	15	13 13-19 Mental Health Awareness Week	10	15	12	9	14	11 Armistice Day Remembrance Day	9	M
T	15	12	12 12-14 London Book Fair	16	14	11	16	13	10	15	12	10 Nobel Prize Day	T
W	16	13	13 13-14 Christian Resources Exhibition, Manchester	17	15	12 International Dublin Literary Award winner announced	17 17-3 (August) Petworth Festival	14	11	16 16-20 Frankfurt Book Fair, Oscar Wilde's birthday	13 Robert Louis Stevenson's birthday	11	W
T	17	14 Valentine's Day, International Book Giving Day	14	18	16	13 13-16 Borders Book Festival	18 18-21 Latitude Festival, 18-21 Theakston Old Peculier Crime Writing Festival	15	12 12-16 Chiswick Book Festival	17	14	12	T
F	18 Winnie the Pooh Day	15	15 15-17 King's Lynn Literature Festival	19 Good Friday, Bank Holiday	17 17-26 The Bath Festival	14	19	16	13 Roald Dahl Day, 13-22 Jane Austen Festival, Bath	18	15	13	F
S	19	16	16	20 Record Store Day	18	15 15-22 Independent Bookshop Week	20	17	14	19	16	14	S
S	20 20-21 Remainder & Promotional Book Fair	17 Random Acts of Kindness Day	17 St. Patrick's Day	21 Easter Sunday, Charlotte Brontë's birthday	19	16 Father's Day	21	18	15	20	17	15	S
M	21 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	18 CILIP Carnegie & Kate Greenaway Children's Book Awards longlist announced	18 Bank Holiday (Northern Ireland)	22 Easter Monday, Bank Holiday	20	17 CILIP Carnegie & Kate Greenaway Children's Book Awards winner announced	22	19	16	21	18	16 Jane Austen's birthday	M
T	22 22-25 ABA Winter Institute, Albuquerque	19	19 CILIP Carnegie & Kate Greenaway Children's Book Awards shortlist announced	23 St. George's Day, Shakespeare Day, World Book Night	21 World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development	18	23	20	17 17-18 Christian Retailers & Suppliers Retreat	22	19	17	T
W	23	20	20 Spring Equinox, World Storytelling Day	24	22	19	24	21	18	23	20 International Children's Day	18	W
T	24	21	21 World Poetry Day	25 25-28 Chipping Norton Literary Festival, Last day for Batch authorisations	23 23-2 (June) Hay Festival, Wales	20	25 25-28 Port Eliot Festival	22	19	24	21	19	T
F	25 Burns Night	22	22	26	24	21 Summer Solstice, International Yoga Day, Bring Your Dog To Work Day	26	23	20	25	22	20	F
S	26	23	23	27 27-4 (May) Wrexham Carnival of Words, Independent Bookstore Day (US)	25	22 Windrush Day	27	24	21	26	23	21	S
S	27 Lewis Carroll's birthday	24 Oscars	24	28	26	23	28 Beatrix Potter's birthday, Last day for Batch authorisations	25	22	27 Daylight Saving Time ends	24	22 Winter Solstice	S
M	28 Last day for Batch authorisations	25 Last day for Batch authorisations	25 Tolkien Reading Day	29 Women's Prize for Fiction shortlist announced	27 Bank Holiday	24	29	26 Summer Bank Holiday (England & Wales)	23 Autumn Equinox	28 Last day for Batch authorisations	25	23	M
T	29 Costa Book of the Year winner announced	26 Scottish Book Trade Conference, Edinburgh	26 Last day for Batch authorisations	30	28 Last day for Batch authorisations	25 Last day for Batch authorisations	30 International Friendship Day, Emily Brontë's birthday	27 Last day for Batch authorisations	24 F. Scott Fitzgerald's birthday	29 Last day for Batch authorisations	26 Last day for Batch authorisations	24 Christmas Eve	T
W	30	27	27		29 29-1 (June) BookExpo, New York	26	31 J.K. Rowling's birthday	28	25 Last day for Batch authorisations	30	27	25 Christmas Day, Bank Holiday	W
T	31	28 Edward Stanford Travel Writing Awards, 28-3 (March) The Aldeburgh Literary Festival	28		30	27		29	26 T.S. Eliot's birthday	31 Halloween	28	26 Boxing Day, Bank Holiday, Last day for Batch authorisations	T
F			29 29-31 Alderney Literary Festival		31	28		30	27 27-6 (October) Wigton Book Festival, Stephen King's birthday		29 C.S. Lewis' birthday	27	F
S			30 30-7 (April) Oxford Literary Festival			29		31	28 28-6 (October) Henley Literary Festival		30 St. Andrew's Day, Small Business Saturday	28	S
S			31 Mother's Day, Daylight Saving Time starts			30			29			29	S
M									30			30	M
T												31 New Year's Eve	T