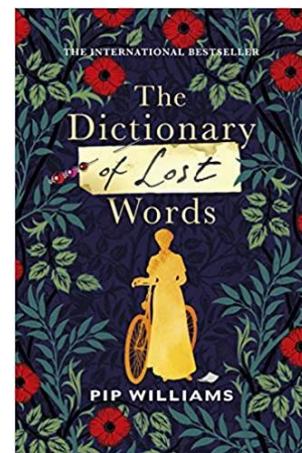


ENGLISH BOOK CLUB



WHY JOIN OUR ONLINE ENGLISH BOOK CLUB:

- Read new books
- Improve your reading and speaking skills in English
- Hear different opinions
- Increase your motivation to read
- Develop social ties

This book club is open to everyone who is fond of reading and of the English language.

Our meetings will be held for 5 consecutive Fridays beginning January 14th in a chilled, relaxed atmosphere.

Minimum level of English required: Upper Intermediate

THE DICTIONARY OF LOST WORDS Pip Williams

In 1901, the word 'Bondmaid' was discovered missing from the *Oxford English Dictionary*. This is the story of the girl who stole it.

Esme is born into a world of words. Motherless and irrepressibly curious, she spends her childhood in the 'Scriptorium', a garden shed in Oxford where her father and a team of dedicated lexicographers are collecting words for the very first *Oxford English Dictionary*. Esme's place is beneath the sorting table, unseen and unheard. One day a slip of paper containing the word 'bondmaid' flutters to the floor. Esme rescues the slip and stashes it in an old wooden case that belongs to her friend, Lizzie, a young servant in the big house. Esme begins to collect other words from the Scriptorium that are misplaced, discarded or have been neglected by the dictionary men. They help her make sense of the world.

Over time, Esme realises that some words are considered more important than others, and that words and meanings relating to women's experiences often go unrecorded. While she dedicates her life to the *Oxford English Dictionary*, secretly, she begins to collect words for another dictionary: The Dictionary of Lost Words.

Set when the women's suffrage movement was at its height and the Great War loomed, *The Dictionary of Lost Words* reveals a lost narrative, hidden between the lines of a history written by men. It's a delightful, lyrical and deeply thought-provoking celebration of words, and the power of language to shape the world and our experience of it.

CALENDARIO INCONTRI:

Friday 14th January 6.30pm – 8pm

Friday 21st January 6.30pm – 8pm

Friday 28th January 6.30pm - 8.00pm

Friday 4th February 6.30pm - 8-00pm

Friday 11th February 6.30pm - 8-00pm