



## Clema Books Winter Reading Recommendations

Wind forecast and rain on the horizon means one thing – a cosy day indoors with a book in hand. Newquay's independent bookshop Clema Books have gathered a reading list guaranteed to entertain you when it's blowing a gale this winter.

Found on the corner of Bank Street and Beachfield Avenue, just a short walk from Towan Beach, Clema Books is Newquay's independent bookshop. Stocking a curated selection of new fiction, non-fiction, children's literature and Cornish books.

Jaimie, Clema Books owner, has compiled some recommendations of Cornish titles perfect for storm season in Newquay. Grab a cuppa and pick which titles to add to your to be read.

### The Murder at World's End by Ross Montgomery

A cosy crime mystery contained in a remote Cornish stately home finds an under butler wrongly suspected of murder and an octogenarian genius investigating whodunnit.



### Gorse by Sam K. Horton

Historical fantasy set in Cornwall's wild moorland sees Nancy try to protect the old ways as belief in piskeys and spriggans wanes - a more modern religion takes hold.

### Winter by Ali Smith

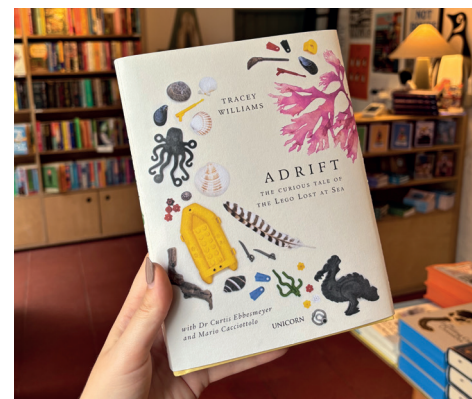
Published in quick succession, Winter is book number two in Smith's seasonal quartet. This book merrily examines the dynamics of a family thrust together at Christmas in a Cornish house.

### Trelawney's Cornwall by Petrock Trelawney

Travel writing, memoir and history meld together in this interesting exploration of Cornwall by the BBC Radio 3 presenter. Touching on mining, the methodist church, Cornish language and the complex issue of tourism.

### Over Sea, Under Stone by Susan Cooper

The classic fantasy is a wonderful read for children aged 9 and up – but we imagine parents and grandparents will relish in the adventures just as much as youngsters. Follow three siblings over Cornwall's landscape as they fight against dark and light.



### Adrift: The Curious Tale of the Lego Lost at Sea by Tracey Williams

Lego Adrift is a subtle way to begin conversations with children about plastic pollution in our oceans. This book looks back almost 30 years to the capsizing of the Tokio Express, where five-million pieces of sea-themed Lego were lost overboard and continue to wash up on our shores today.

Clema Books bookseller Jaimie got the chance to ask author of Adrift and plastic archaeologist Tracey Williams some questions about her book and beachcombing.

### Favourite Cornish beach for Lego beachcombing?

TW: Whitsand Bay, a prime dragon hunting spot!

### Best time to look for Lego?

TW: After winter storms and high spring tides, when old plastic is often washed out of the sand and plastic trapped between rocks is released by surging waves. It's a good time to do a beach clean too!

### Your best Lego find?

TW: Probably my first Lego life raft. Originally everyone thought the Lego life rafts would be easy to find because of their size and colour but I didn't find one until 18 years after the spill. Although 28,700 were lost overboard from the Tokio Express back in 1997, relatively few have been found.

### Your best non-Lego related find?

TW: I found 100-year-old shipwreck cargo known as gutta percha, a rubber like material from Indonesia. It was used before plastic and is thought to be from the Japanese liner the Miyazaki Maru which was sunk in 1917 by a German submarine just 150 miles west of the Isles of Scilly.

### Advice for budding beachcombers and plastic archaeologists?

TW: Always check the tide times before venturing out! If you've found a bit of plastic, see if you can work out what it is and what could have been done to stop it ending up on the beach.



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