

Words Worth Reading Ltd

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Hello, and welcome to the October edition of the Words Worth Reading Ltd newsletter. The autumn is well and truly here and we're keeping cosy and warm at the Words Worth Reading Ltd office. There's nothing like autumn to get the creative juices flowing! Our editorial team have been working closely with writers this month and we are busy with IGT audits and toolkit uploads.

Potential Abolition of Irish Censorship Board

Ireland has had one of the strictest censorship regimes of the 20th century; banning many well-known books in the past including East of Eden by John Steinbeck and The Heart of the Matter by Graham Greene. However, this may all be about to change as it seems that Ireland's main opposition party, Fianna Fáil, has tabled a bid to abolish the Irish Republic's Censorship of Publications Board.

This would be quite a change in Irish censorship regulation as this board has been in existence since 1929. The board was borne out of the Censorship of Publications Act and has been prolific in its approach! Thousands of authors have fallen foul of this board including, but not limited to, James Joyce, Brendan Behan, F Scott Fitzgerald, Edna O' Brien and DH Lawrence.

The board is authorised to ban any works that it feels are obscene. Initially, a number of books relating to sex and marriage were banned and some works by the women's rights campaigner, Marie Stopes. Any member of the public can refer to the board; however, it is felt that the board has outlived its function with no new members being appointed since 2011 and only eight books referred since 2008.



The CQC announces further hospital visits

On the 24th October 13 the CQC announced that a further 19 NHS trusts will be inspected next year, starting from January 2014. These additional inspections will pull on larger, expert teams that include professional and clinical staff and members of the public who use care.

These NHS trusts are the first to be given one of the following ratings.

- Outstanding
- Good
- Requiring improvement
- Inadequate

The CQC have selected the next 19 NHS trusts to inspect based on whether they:

- Score highly in their intelligent monitoring tool.
- Are a foundation trust applicant that Monitor have asked the CQC to look at.
- Were inspected by Sir Bruce Keogh.



Catton wins Man Booker Prize 2013

Spotted on Twitter



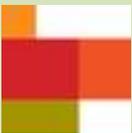
The Book

Bag @TheBookbag Frost Hollow Hall: makes you wish you were 10 years old again



HealthServiceJournal

@HSJnews
CSU 'axed' amid complaints from CCGs over cost and quality
ift.tt/GWWvWI



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Finally, after all the speculation, the winner is announced. Elanor Catton, at 28, is the youngest Man Booker winner in the history of the prize. *The Luminaries* also has the honour of being the longest ever winning novel at 832 pages. Catton is only the second New Zealander to win the prize.

The novel itself is set in 1866 during the New Zealand gold rush. The story revolves around a group of 12 men gathered for a meeting in a hotel and a traveller who stumbles upon them. The story goes on to involve a missing rich man, a dead hermit, a huge sum in gold, and a beaten-up whore. In effect this is a mystery involving sex, opium and lawsuits. The story is told through multiple voices and, eventually, what happened in the small town of Hokitika on New Zealand's South Island is revealed.

The book was described by Robert Macfarlane as a “dazzling work, luminous, vast”. It is, he said, “a book you sometimes feel lost in, fearing it to be 'a big baggy monster', but it turns out to be as tightly structured as an orrery”. He goes on to say that *The Luminaries* is a novel with heart, “The characters are in New Zealand to make and to gain – the one thing that disrupts them is love.”

Catton's life will now change forever. She will be recognised as one of the great modern day writers and, for one so young, she should have a long, and hopefully productive, writing career ahead of her. It will be interesting to see how and with what she follows up this success!



We have launched our remote external auditing service for the Information Governance Toolkit. If you have completed your Organisation's IGT, you will have to demonstrate in-year evidence of maintaining Level 2 compliance and our service can help you do just that.



In other news...

- CQC recommends special measures for Colchester Hospital University NHS Foundation Trust following cancer waiting times concerns.
- The Guardian suggests that UK teaching could learn a lot from those who teach English overseas to students learning English as a second language.
- The wonderful Hannah from the Words Worth Reading Ltd team has had a beautiful baby boy – Freddie Albert. Another tiny WWRL supporter to add to the mix!

Things that we like this month



Warm and cosy crochet blankets.

<http://www.cozymadethings.blogspot.co.uk>



Magnetic boxes for supporting children's language development.

<http://www.playathomemomllc.com>



Quotes on Pinterest.

<http://www.pinterest.com>

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