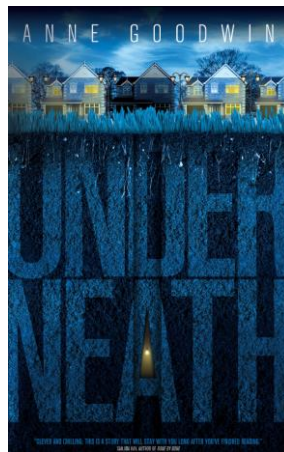


Readings and literary quizzes with author Anne Goodwin

Exploring Identity in Fiction

Identity is a common theme in fiction, but what does it actually mean? Author, book blogger and former psychologist, Anne Goodwin invites you to explore the concept through extracts from classical and contemporary novels and readings from her first short story collection, *Becoming Someone*. Test your literary knowledge in the quiz by identifying the sources of the quotations. Sit back and enjoy the stories from the collection described as “a thought-provoking look at what it is to ‘be’”.



Exploring concepts of home and away in contemporary fiction

Home is not only a physical place, but the metaphorical building blocks of the person we become. The idea of home we develop in childhood influences our adult relationships, mental health and well-being. For some that sense of home spells security and comfort; for others it's a source of confusion and conflict. When that's the case, going away can be less about where we're heading, than what we're leaving behind.

These themes bring emotional depth and narrative tension to fiction, in a way that can help us understand ourselves. Author, book blogger and former clinical psychologist, Anne Goodwin will introduce you to some of these ideas through readings and a literary quiz matching quotations to well-known contemporary novels. She will also share relevant extracts from her own novel, *Underneath*, about a man whose problems begin when he gives up travelling try to make a home for himself.

No specialist knowledge required beyond an interest in fiction.

Suitable for book groups, library events and literary festivals.

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