



GLADSTONE'S
LIBRARY

COURSE: BEWITCHING SHAKESPEARE - MACBETH

LED BY EMMA REES

Friday 18th August to Sunday 20th August

In 1589, James VI of Scotland's future wife, Anne of Denmark, came perilously close to being shipwrecked. James was convinced that witchcraft lay behind the violent storms, and by the time he became King James I of England, he had been responsible for the execution of hundreds of innocent people – usually women – suspected of witchcraft.

Shakespeare's *Macbeth* – which was probably first performed for King James at Hampton Court Palace – has been bewitching audiences for more than four hundred years. In 'Bewitching Shakespeare' we'll be considering *Macbeth* in its early modern context, but also in terms of its startlingly modern resonances in the #MeToo era, in which the language of the 'witch hunt' has been crudely misappropriated. Whether you already love Shakespeare's plays, or whether they're a source of frustration to you, this will be a weekend of Shakespeare without fear, with just one play – *Macbeth* (c. 1606) – to read or watch in advance, and all other materials provided for you.

This course is led by Emma Rees, Gladstone's Library's Political Writer in Residence in 2016. She is professor of literature and gender studies at the University of Chester, and she has taught Shakespeare and Renaissance literature in universities for over 20 years. *(Rates and timetable on reverse)*



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PROGRAMME

Fri 18th
AUGUST

6pm
8pm

Welcome to Gladstone's Library and introductions
Macbeth: 'Thunder and lightning'

Sat 19th
AUGUST

9.30am
11am
11.30am
2pm
4pm
4.20pm
8pm

'Pale Hecate's offerings': which witch is which, and why?
Refreshments (tea or filter coffee)
'Come fate into the list': destiny and design
'Unsex me here': gender's strictures and structures
Refreshments (tea or filter coffee)
Film: *Macbeth* (dir. Justin Kurzel, 2015, 113 mins)
The butcher and the fiendlike queen:
Fassbender and Cotillard

Sun 20th
AUGUST

9.30am
11am
11.30am
12.30pm

Macbeth for the 21st Century
Refreshments (tea or filter coffee)
Is the hurly-burly done?
Lunch and depart

RATES

Single attendee in single ensuite £328
(with student, clergy or Society of Authors discount £280)

Two guests in a double ensuite - both guests attending course £530
(with student, clergy or Society of Authors discount £450)

Two guests in a double ensuite - one on course £460
(with student, clergy or Society of Authors discount £400)

Single guest in a double ensuite £370
(with student, clergy or Society of Authors discount £310)

Non residential attendance £240
(with student, clergy or Society of Authors discount £208)

Prices have been adjusted to include the August 30% accommodation discount.