

Hi there,

We would be delighted if you could pass on the information below about Stroud Book Festival and our student offers to your students. We are really hoping to encourage more young people to engage with the festival and particularly the below events which are so topical to them.

Please do let me know if you have any questions or need any further information!

Best wishes,

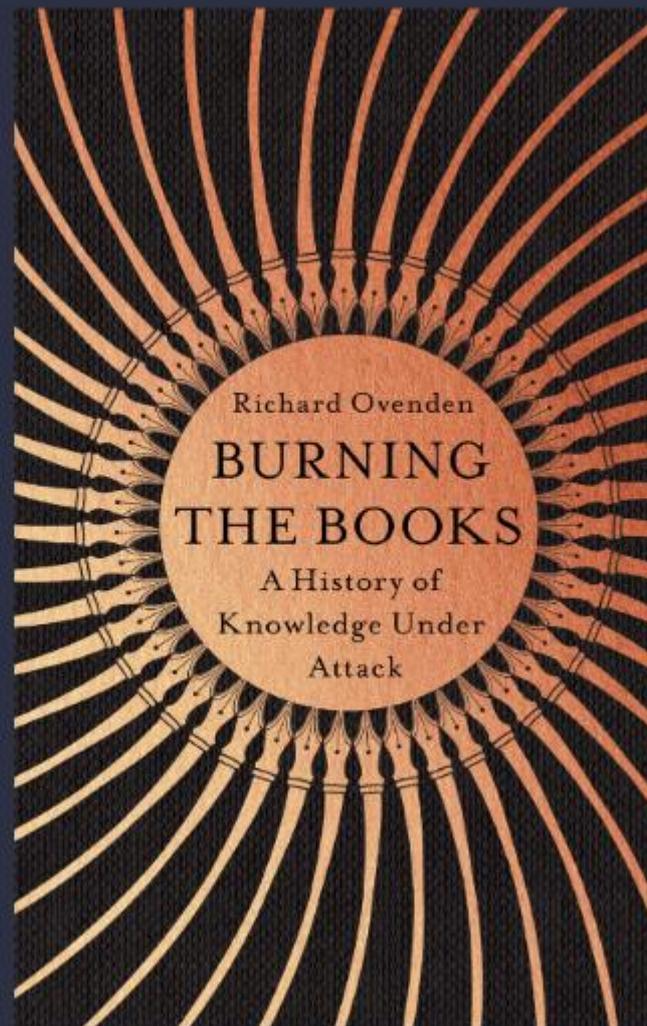
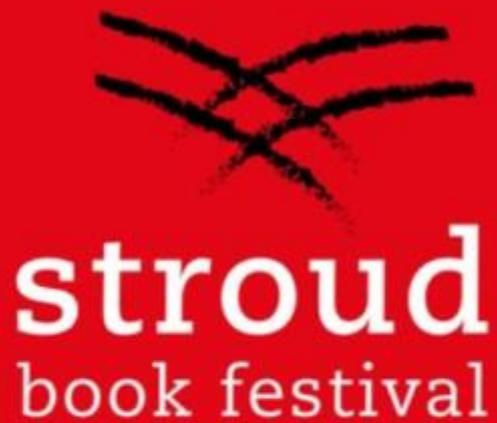
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**STROUD BOOK FESTIVAL 2025:
HALF-PRICE TICKETS FOR GLOUCESTERSHIRE STUDENTS**
Some of the biggest questions of our time – from climate change to disinformation – are of huge concern to your generation.

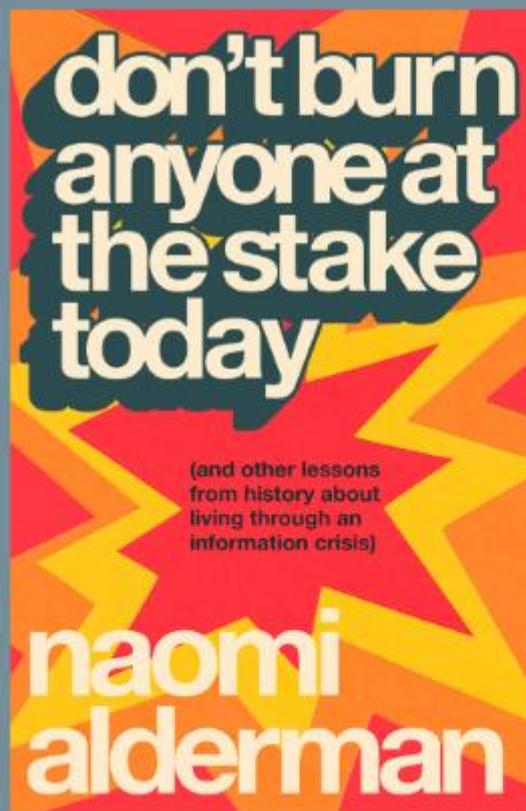
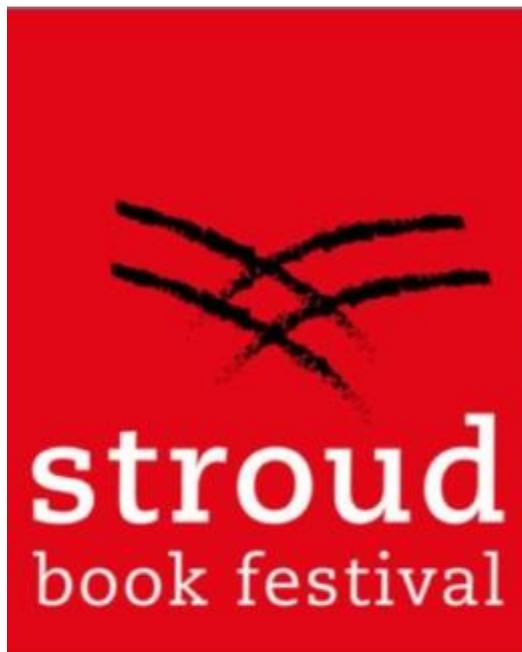
From 5-9 November at Stroud Book Festival 2025 we'll be discussing these questions and more.

We're offering you a half-price student discount on three of our most topical events so you can join the conversation, challenge ideas, and help shape what comes next.

If you are a student in Gloucestershire, you can purchase a ticket to any of the following events for £6 (normal price £12). <https://stroudbookfestival.org.uk/events/> – Book now using the code BOOKFEST25 to access the discount.



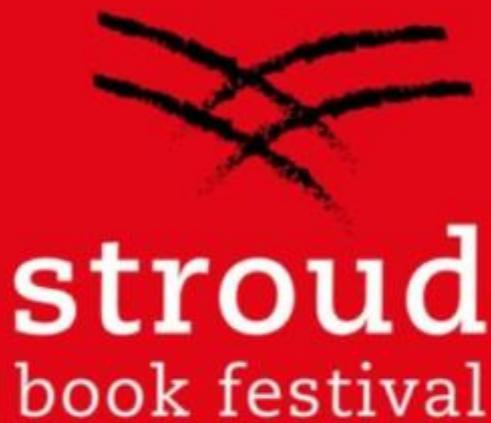
Join us to celebrate the enduring power of the written word, on the opening night of our tenth Stroud Book Festival. <https://stroudbookfestival.org.uk/events/firewords-night/>
Ten Stroud authors will read from books that have inspired their writing. And our special guest is **Richard Ovenden**, the 25th Bodley's Librarian at the University of Oxford, and author of "**Burning the Books: A History of Knowledge Under Attack**". He'll remind us why we must never take access to books and ideas for granted.



<https://stroudbookfestival.org.uk/events/good-bad-ugly/>

The internet has flooded us with more knowledge, opinions, ideas and opportunities – as well as verbal attacks and misinformation – than ever before. It lets us learn more quickly and spread falsehood more quickly; it brings us together, and also divides us in profound and potentially devastating new ways. So how do we navigate this online epoch we're living through: the good, the bad and the ugly?

To help answer that question, we'll be joined by two acclaimed writers and expert navigators of the online world; prize-winning novelist and video producer, **Naomi Alderman**; and the BBC's first disinformation and social media correspondent, **Marianna Spring**.



Ahmed Alnaouq and Pam Bailey

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The Voices of
Gaza's Youth

<https://stroudbookfestival.org.uk/events/numbers/>

The We Are Not Numbers project was founded in 2014 to give voice to the youth of Gaza. Spanning a period of more than ten years, the book of the same name collects the stories of 50 young people from Gaza. Urgent and full of heart, it portrays their struggles, fears, and often terrible losses as they fight to be recognised not as numbers, but as human beings with hopes, dreams and lives worth living.

We are honoured to welcome **Ahmed Alnaouq**, the book's co-editor, to discuss this powerful project. Ahmed himself grew up in Gaza and was the inspiration for and the original project manager of We Are Not Numbers.

We look forward to welcoming you to Stroud Book Festival!

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Please note I work flexible hours around other commitments and will reply to your email as soon as I can.