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READING LIST

Course Title: The First English Novels
Location: Ewert House, Oxford
Term Dates: 22 Apr 2025 to 24 Jun 2025
Tutor: Paul Stephens

The reading list below was supplied by the course tutor.

If you have enrolled on a course starting in the autumn, you can become a borrowing member of the Rewley House library from 1st September. If you are enrolled on a course starting in other terms, you can become a borrowing member once the previous term has ended. For example, students starting in January can join the Library in early December and those starting in April can join in early March.

If you are planning to purchase any books, please keep in mind that courses with insufficient students enrolled will be cancelled. The Department accepts no responsibility for books bought in anticipation of a course running.

Preparatory Reading List

The items on this list are to give you some background to the materials and ideas that we will be covering on the course.

Author	Title
Armstrong, Nancy,	<i>Desire and Domestic Fiction: A Political History of the Novel</i> (OUP, 1987)
Davis, Lennard J.,	<i>Factual Fictions: The Origins of the English Novel</i> (Uni of Pennsylvania Press, 1997)
McKeon, Michael,	<i>The Origins of the English Novel, 1600-1740</i> (Johns Hopkins UP, 1987)
Richetti, John J. (ed.),	<i>The Cambridge Companion to the Eighteenth-Century Novel</i> (CUP, 1996)
Spacks, Patricia Meyer,	<i>Desire and Truth: Functions of Plot in Eighteenth-Century English Novels</i> (Uni of Chicago Press, 1990)
Watt, Ian,	<i>The Rise of the Novel: Studies in Defoe, Richardson and Fielding</i> (Bodley Head, 2015)

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The items on this list are to support your learning while you are taking the course.

Author	Title
Behn, Aphra,	<i>Oroonoko and Other Writings</i> (ed. Paul Salzman (OUP, 2009))
Defoe, Daniel,	<i>Robinson Crusoe</i> (ed. Thomas Keymer et al. (OUP, 2020))
Fielding, Henry,	<i>Joseph Andrews and Shamela</i> (ed. Douglas Brooks-Davies (OUP, 2020))
Johnson, Samuel,	<i>The History of Rasselas, Prince of Abissinia</i> (ed. Thomas Keymer (OUP, 2009))
Lennox, Charlotte,	<i>The Female Quixote</i> (ed. Margaret Dalziel (OUP, 2008))
Richardson, Samuel,	<i>Pamela, or, Virtue Rewarded</i> (Richarded. Thomas Keymer and Alice Wakely (OUP, 2020))
Sterne, Laurence,	<i>The Life and Opinions of Tristram Shandy, Gentleman</i> (ed. Ian Campbell Ross (OUP, 2020))