



# Lambeth Readers & Writers Festival 2022

**A GUIDE TO EVENTS IN  
OUR LIBRARIES  
SPRING TO SUMMER 2022**

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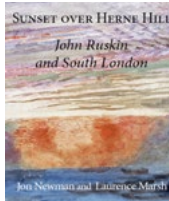
Lambeth Readers and Writers Festival

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Or phone your local library or email [readersandwriters@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:readersandwriters@lambeth.gov.uk)

**We are delighted to welcome you to the Lambeth Libraries Readers and Writers Festival.** Since the first festival some years ago, it has become a regular highlight in the library calendar and goes from strength to strength. In 2022 we have another month of events to suit all tastes – whether you enjoy reading, writing, discussion or simply sitting back and listening. Come and join us and express yourself! You'll be amazed at the fun you can have in your local library.

# PROGRAMME EVENTS

## Sunset Over Herne Hill – John Ruskin and South London with author Jon Newman



**Tuesday 10 May 7pm**  
**Carnegie Library**  
**SE24 0AG**

Eventbrite

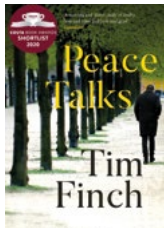
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Join archivist and author Jon Newman to discuss his latest book, written in collaboration with the Herne Hill Society. This is the first book to look in detail at the importance of South London in shaping Ruskin's thinking. For all his foreign travels, public lecturing, academic posts at Oxford and work for London's museums, Herne Hill

was the place where Ruskin lived well into old age. Here Ruskin witnessed, with increasing horror, the destruction of the natural environment through railway building and uncontrolled suburban growth.

This event is organised with the Friends of Carnegie Library.

## Peace Talks with author Tim Finch



**Wednesday 11 May**  
**7pm**  
**West Norwood**  
**Library**  
**SE27 9JX**

Eventbrite

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Tim Finch writes about war and love. In his prescient novel *Peace Talks*, Edvard Behrens is a senior diplomat of some repute and highly regarded for his work on international peace negotiations. Under his arbitration, unimaginable atrocities are coolly dissected; invisible and ancient lines, grown taut and frayed with conflict,

redrawn. An unforgettable novel of love, loss, and the human longing for peace, *Peace Talks* maps the darkest and most tender territories of the human heart.

Join Tim to discuss his Costa Award shortlisted novel.

## Readers and Writers Zine Fair



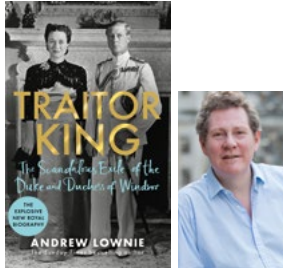
**Saturday 14 May**  
**12pm to 4.30pm**  
**Brixton Library**  
**SW2 1JQ**

Join us for another zine fair at the library. Local self-published, photocopied and cheap publications from zinesters, writers, artists and creatives will be on sale all afternoon. There'll be up to 20 stalls of fanzines and more that you can pick up, read, buy and swap. You can drop off your own zine to be sold at the individual zines table

too. So get out your scissors and glue, get to the photocopier and make that zine! Contact Colette [CTownend2@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:CTownend2@lambeth.gov.uk) if you would like a stall or put your zine on the individual zine table. You can also donate your zine on the day to Brixton Library's new Zine Library collection.

# PROGRAMME EVENTS

## Traitor King with author Andrew Lownie



Monday 16 May  
7pm

Durning Library  
SE11 4HF

Eventbrite

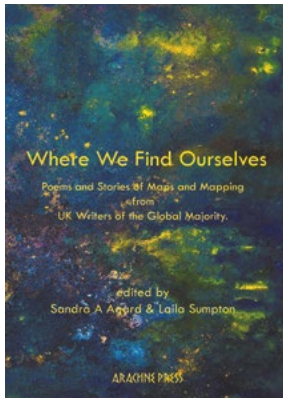
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Sunday Times bestselling historian, Andrew Lownie reveals the dramatic post-abdication lives of the Windsors, Edward and Wallis Simpson – a story of a Royal shut out by his family and forced into exile, and of the Nazi attempts to recruit the Duke to their cause. Lownie reveals a couple obsessed with their status, financially

exploiting their position and manipulating the media, filled with treachery and betrayal. This is the story of why the Royal family never forgave the Duke for choosing love over duty.

This event is organised with the Friends of Durning Library.

## Where We Find Ourselves: Diaspora Poems and Stories from Arachne Press



Tuesday 17 May  
7pm

Clapham Library  
SW4 7DB

Eventbrite

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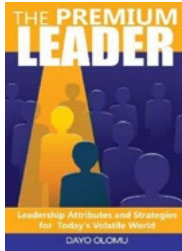
Join South London publisher, Arachne Press, for an evening of readings and conversation based around the anthology *Where We Find Ourselves: Poems and Stories from U.K. Writers of the Global Majority*. Writers from African, Asian, Middle Eastern, Caribbean, South American, Chinese and Malay communities contributed to this anthology on the theme of 'maps and mapping'.

Join us to hear stories and poems of finding oneself and getting lost, colonialism and diaspora, childhood exploration and adult homecoming, followed by a Q and A session with our panel of poets and authors.



# PROGRAMME EVENTS

## Leadership Attributes and Strategies for Today's Volatile World with Dayo Olomu



**Tuesday 24 May 7pm**  
**Brixton Library**  
**SW2 1JQ**

Eventbrite

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Join Dayo Olomu, author of *The Premium Leader: Leadership Attributes and Strategies for Today's Volatile World*, in conversation to discuss effective leadership in a hybrid world.

Dayo's recent book, *The Premium Leader* became an Amazon bestseller and was showcased at the International Leadership Association conference in Zurich,

Switzerland. As Covid restrictions come to an end and organisations contemplate the future workplace, Dayo discusses his thinking on the strategies and approaches leaders and organisations should take to effectively move forward.

## Miss Aldridge Regrets with author Louise Hare



**Wednesday 25 May**  
**7pm**  
**Brixton Library**  
**SW2 1JQ**

Eventbrite

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*Miss Aldridge Regrets* is the exquisite new novel from Louise Hare. A brilliant murder mystery that explores class, race and pre-WWII politics. Lena Aldridge is wondering if life has passed her by. The dazzling theatre career she hoped for hasn't worked out. Instead, she's stuck singing in a sticky-floored basement club in Soho and her married lover has just left her.

She has nothing to look forward to until a stranger offers her the chance of a lifetime: a starring role on Broadway and a first-class ticket on the Queen Mary bound for New York.

Join Louise to discuss her writing, from the brilliant *This Lovely City* to her latest novel.

## LGBTQ+ book club discuss Giovanni's Room by James Baldwin



**Friday 27 May, 7pm**  
**Online Event**

Eventbrite

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When David meets the sensual Giovanni in a bohemian bar, he is swept into a passionate love affair. But his girlfriend's return to Paris destroys everything. Unable to admit to the truth, David pretends the liaison never happened – while Giovanni's life descends into tragedy.

Join Lambeth Libraries LGBTQ+ book club to discuss this now classic work.

# PROGRAMME EVENTS

## Crime Night with Karen Rose



**Monday 6 June**  
**7pm**

**Online Event**

**Eventbrite**

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readersandwriters](http://www.lambeth.gov.uk/readersandwriters)

Internationally bestselling author Karen Rose was born and raised in the Maryland suburbs of Washington, DC. Her debut suspense novel, *Don't Tell*, was released in July 2003. Her twenty-sixth novel, *Quarter To Midnight*, will be released in August 2022. Karen's books have appeared on

bestseller lists all over the world and have been translated into more than twenty languages.

Join Karen, online from Florida, to discuss her *Sacramento Series* and upcoming novel. If you love crime writing it doesn't get better than this!

## City of Stories – Home: Celebrating London's libraries with poet Helen Bowell



**Wednesday 8 June**  
**6pm**

**Streatham Library**  
**SW16 1PN**

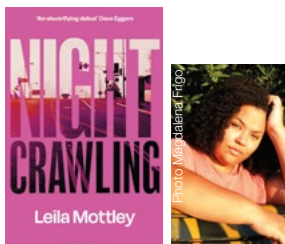
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Lambeth Libraries has been part of the City of Stories - Home project over the last few months celebrating London's libraries as places to make and share stories. A collaboration between Spread the Word and London Libraries, City of Stories – Home offered free writing workshops for Londoners and at

this event we celebrate the best of London's new short story writing. Poet Helen Bowell will lead a fun writing taster workshop from 6pm to 7pm followed by a celebration of the City of Stories anthology with local writers and competition winners.

## Nightcrawling with author Leila Mottley



**Tuesday 14 June**  
**7pm**

**Brixton Library**  
**SW2 1JQ**

**Eventbrite**

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readersandwriters](http://www.lambeth.gov.uk/readersandwriters)

Inspired by the true story of a shocking scandal engulfing a police department, *Nightcrawling* is a searing debut novel about vulnerability and survival from an astonishing young talent. One night Kiara is picked up by two police officers, and the gruesome deal she is offered in exchange for her freedom lands her at the centre of a media

storm. If she agrees to testify in a grand jury trial, she could help expose the sickening corruption of a police department. But honesty comes at a price – one that could leave her family vulnerable to their retaliation and endanger everyone she loves. Join Leila while she's in the UK from Oakland, California, to discuss *Nightcrawling* – a must-read of 2022.

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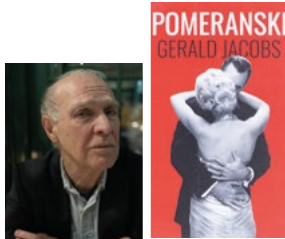
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## Pomeranski with author Gerald Jacobs



**Tuesday 14 June**  
**7pm**

**Carnegie Library**  
**SE24 0AG**

**Eventbrite**

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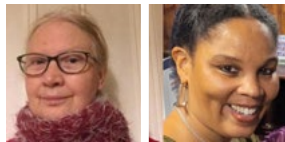
Join Gerald Jacobs and the Friends of Carnegie Library to discuss *Pomeranski* – a slice of south London life.

Simon Pomeranski looks back to his childhood and the post-war days of the Astorians, a small group of criminals and traders in 'swag' who ran their business from Brixton Market and exercised their own particular brand of justice. From this wonderful assortment of characters, we are introduced to 'Spanish Joe', the cultured Russian emigre, Sam 'the Stick', with his

wounded machismo and penchant for violent retribution, and the dazzling songstress Estelle, among others. Front and centre in their world, though, is Benny himself, the autodidact owner of Pomeranski Gowns, whose passionate affair with Estelle marks the beginning of a new era for the Astorians.

Both riotous and profound, this novel resurrects a vibrant era that deserves a place in our collective memory.

## Neighbourhood Voices



**Wednesday 15 June**  
**6.30pm**

**Brixton Library**  
**SW2 1JQ**

**Eventbrite**

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Local playwrights, recently trained through Young Vic's 'Taking Part' cohort, have created a tapestry of life from the 1970s to 1985.

Sandra Wareham, Marilyn Rogers, Sheila Rose and others will read excerpts from their plays and discuss how the process of playwriting has helped them develop creative writing skills while

showcasing the times in which we live. All welcome. @YVtakingpart

Event organised by the Friends of Brixton Library.

# PROGRAMME EVENTS

## Twenty-Eight Pounds Ten Shillings – A Windrush Story with author Tony Fairweather



Thursday 16 June  
7pm

Brixton Library  
SW2 1JQ

Eventbrite

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After WW2 England was on its knees, so the call went out to the British Empire for volunteers to rebuild the 'Mother Country'. Young men and women from different Caribbean islands were quick to respond, paying the considerable sum of twenty-eight pounds ten shillings (£600 in today's money) to board the ship of dreams. This historical novel is the back story of the people, many in their teens, who had never before left their parents or island. The two-week voyage on the HMT Windrush saw parties, friendships, fights, racism, sex, and discussions of God and Love. Tony Fairweather was born in Clapham, the son of Jamaican parents. He opened one of the first Black

bookshops in the UK, with an art gallery and artefacts. He then went on to work for the Voice newspaper heading up its book club. In 1989 he founded 'The Write Thing'. Tony is the founder and curator of the Windrush Collection and the Windrush Exhibition of artefacts associated with the Windrush generation. He lives in South London.

Join Tony in launching this fascinating story in Brixton Library – Windrush Square! This is more than a book reading, it's a Windrush experience in the Windrush month, with artifacts from the 40s/50s, Windrush Books, Music, Poetry, Fun & Rum. Don't miss this night.

## West Camel and David F Ross in Conversation

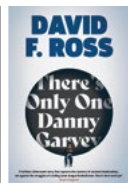


Friday 17 June  
7pm

South Lambeth  
Library  
SW8 1QP

Eventbrite

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readersandwriters](http://www.lambeth.gov.uk/readersandwriters)



Join West Camel and David F Ross to discuss their writing and latest novels.

In West's novel, *Fall*, estranged brothers are reunited over plans to develop the tower block where they grew up, but the desolate estate becomes a stage for reliving the events of one life-changing summer, forty years earlier.

David's *There's Only One Danny Garvey*, was shortlisted for the

Saltire Prize and see's a promising young football player return home to his tiny Scottish village, his dreams in tatters and a dark secret haunting his conscience, in a beautiful, unforgettable novel about hope and redemption, when everything seems lost...

With themes of place and the impact of the past on our todays, these novels set the backdrop to a fascinating discussion.



## OTHER EVENTS

### Lambeth Libraries Spring Local Business Fair



**Sunday 1 May**  
**11am to 4pm**  
**West Norwood**  
**Library SE27 9JX**

Eventbrite

[www.lambeth.gov.uk/readersandwriters](http://www.lambeth.gov.uk/readersandwriters)

### Painting, Community & History



**Thursday 19 May**  
**1pm to 3pm**  
**Wednesday 15 June**  
**1pm to 3pm**  
**Brixton Library**  
**SW2 1JQ**

Eventbrite

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### Folk Night at the Library with Topette!



**Sunday 19 June,**  
**7pm**  
**Clapham Library**  
**SW4 7DB**

**Ticket £13 via**  
**Wegottickets**

Lambeth libraries, in collaboration with West Norwood FEAST, is hosting the Spring local businesses fair. Come and support your local business in the library. This will be a great day for all the family with loads to see and do. Our community space will be open to families for under 5s activities, story and rhyme time from 12pm. There will also be

make-over sessions, tutorials and yoga! Bring your friends and family to the library for what is set to be a great day out for all.

Stall spaces still available, contact Rachel Samuels, email: [rsamuels1@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:rsamuels1@lambeth.gov.uk)

Lambeth Libraries are offering the opportunity for 10 participants to join a series of art workshops hosted by writers. The events are organised by Brixton Library and Camberwell College of Arts and funded by the University of the Arts London's Equity, Diversity and Inclusion teaching and learning fund. Join undergraduate Fine Art painting students from Camberwell College of Arts who will be working

towards a group exhibition of artworks to be held at Brixton Tate Gallery in December 2022.

**Workshop 1:** Concrete and Visual poetry with Latinx poet Leo Boix, Thursday 19 May.

**Workshop 2:** Ekphrastic poetry with poet, performer and arts producer Lewis Buxton, Wednesday 15 June.

Anglo-French acoustic five-piece folk band Topette! are back for their first UK tour since 2019. With two albums released since lockdown (Rhododendron, 2019 and Bourdon, 2022) they are hot, and raring to go... Book early! Featuring top English and French Bal-folk musicians.  
 Andy Cutting – diatonic accordion

& melodeon  
 Julien Cartonnet – French bagpipes & banjo  
 James Delarre – violin & viola  
 Tania Buisse – bodhrán  
 Barn Stradling – acoustic bass guitar  
 Irresistible to ears and feet alike  
 Topette bring a fantastic summer sound to Clapham Library – a delight for any folkies.

# OTHER EVENTS

## Windrush Playback Stories



**Tuesday 21 June**  
**6pm**  
**Brixton Library**  
**SW2 1JQ**

**Booking via 492**  
**KornaKlub website**

Windrush Playback Stories is an intergenerational storytelling project which aims to celebrate, commemorate and educate people about their lived experiences and their contribution to British society by using personal stories as source material. Life stories are volunteered by audience members and then enacted on the spot by the Windrush Playback Storytellers, accompanied by musicians.

The stories are real life moments: future hopes, dreams and memories of the audience. Each story will be creative, memorable and fun with lots of improvisation where we playfully challenge the way in which Windrush can be celebrated, commemorated, taught and understood to ensure future generations understand its historical and contemporary significance.

## StoryTrails – a unique immersive storytelling experience



**Brixton Library**  
**SW2 1JQ**

**<https://story-trails.com/>**  
**Facebook and Instagram**  
**@StoryTrailsProject**  
**Twitter @StoryFuturesA**

Brixton Library is proud to have been chosen as one of only 15 UK locations for StoryTrails, a unique immersive storytelling experience where untold stories from the past are brought to life through the magic of the 3D internet using augmented and virtual reality to reanimate public spaces in towns and cities across the UK. Audiences will time-travel via the wonder of new technologies to experience untold local histories where they happened. StoryTrails is one of 10 projects commissioned for UNBOXED, a UK-wide celebration of creativity in 2022 that will bring people together through free, large-scale immersive installations and globally accessible digital experiences in the UK's most ambitious showcase of creative collaboration.

In September audiences will be guided through an immersive tour of Brixton as they explore stories across virtual and augmented reality (AR) and via a series of installations. Outside the library, participants will enter the virtual story portal to begin the StoryTrails experience guided by a free mobile AR app.

Professor David Olusoga, Executive Producer for StoryTrails, said: *"I am thrilled to be working with StoryFutures to set the public's imagination alight with experiences that use the poetry of history to inspire a new vision of our future."* StoryTrails will culminate with a specially commissioned film by David Olusoga on BBC iPlayer and elsewhere. Watch out for further updates as we edge closer.

# EXHIBITIONS

## Peripheral Visions, Marginal Figures



Showing 9 to 31 May  
Brixton Library  
SW2 1JQ

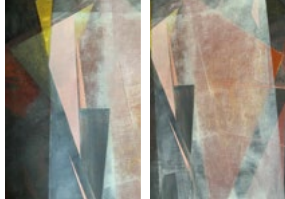
Exhibition available  
during Library  
opening hours

Paintings, screen prints and bus stops, by Martin Grover. Since graduating from the Royal Academy Schools sometime last century, Martin has embarked on a rambling artistic odyssey.

This exhibition includes recent paintings and screen prints but also encompasses a range of work from the past few years.

Largely influenced by the traditions of English romanticism and American realism, Martin merges themes of musical nostalgia, procrastination, lost property, elegiac decay, childhood recollections, wildflowers, bus stops, sheds and shelters into an intriguing and versatile array of images.

## It's Not Geometry! Marion Jones 1952 - 2021: A Retrospective



Showing 6 to 28 June  
Brixton Library  
SW2 1JQ

Exhibition available  
during Library opening  
hours

A celebration of the work of Marion Elma Jones whose painting and communication of the subject has had a profound influence on the many artists who came into contact with her throughout her career.

Her practice focused on layering, colour fields, contrasts of texture

and the interaction of shapes on the matrix of the canvas, underpinned by an in-depth understanding of the nature of painting and an intelligent irreverence for accepted orthodoxies

## LAMBETH LIBRARIES

### **Brixton Library**

Brixton Oval  
SW2 1JQ  
Tel: 020 7926 1058

### **Carnegie Library**

192 Herne Hill Road  
SE24 0AG  
Tel: 020 7926 6050

### **Clapham Library**

Mary Seacole Centre  
91 Clapham High Street  
SW4 7DB  
Tel: 020 7926 0717

### **Durning Library**

167 Kennington Lane  
SE11 4HF  
Tel: 020 7926 8682

### **Minet Library**

52 Knatchbull Road  
SE5 9QY  
Tel: 0207 926 6073

### **Streatham Library**

63 Streatham High Road  
SW16 1PN  
Tel: 020 7926 6768

### **Tate South Lambeth Library**

180 South Lambeth Road  
SW8 1QP  
Tel: 020 7926 0710

### **Upper Norwood Library**

39-41 Westow Hill  
SE19 1TJ  
Tel: 020 7926 1063

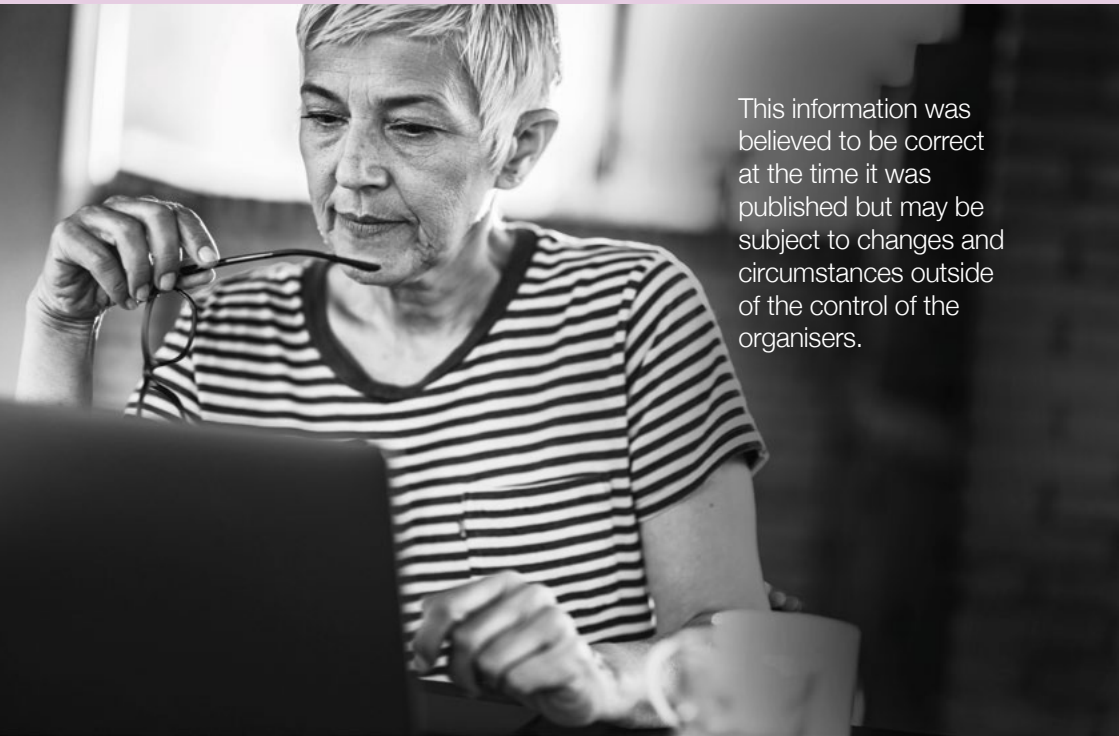
### **Waterloo Library**

The Oasis Centre  
1 Kennington Road  
SE1 7QP  
Tel: 0207 926 8751

### **West Norwood Library**

1-5 Norwood High Street  
SE27 9JX  
Tel: 020 7926 8092





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