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FULLERS CONFRONTS 'SCARY' BOOKS

Fullers Bookshop's 'young book group' XYZ will launch their series "Who's Afraid of The Big, Bad Book" **at 6pm on Wednesday 16 June at the Lark Distillery.**

Coinciding with the internationally celebrated literary event 'Bloomsday', the XYZ team are releasing their To Do list of classically terrifying novels, including such volumes as *Moby Dick* by Herman Melville and the famously long *War and Peace* by Leo Tolstoy.

"Too often people are intimidated by the sheer size or reputation of some of these books," says Fullers Bookshop manager Catherine Schulz, "so XYZ aim to methodically work their way through them using frequent support groups and guest talks from local 'survivors'."

Bloomsday is celebrated every year in commemoration of famous Irish writer James Joyce and his infamous modernist novel *Ulysses*, the thousand pages of which detail just one day (June 16, 1904) in the life of the protagonist Leopold Bloom in Dublin.

Traditionally celebrations include re-enactments, marathon readings of the novel (lasting up to 36 hours), and general Irish-themed revelry. On the 100th anniversary in 2004, ten thousand people in Dublin were treated to a free open air Irish breakfast.

On Wednesday members of XYZ will assemble at local pub the Lark Distillery for a can of Guinness and some readings from *Ulysses*, which, due to Joyce's endless use of stream of consciousness, made-up words and non sequiturs, headlines the "Who's Afraid of the Big, Bad Book" program.

Anybody over 18 is welcome to attend this free event.
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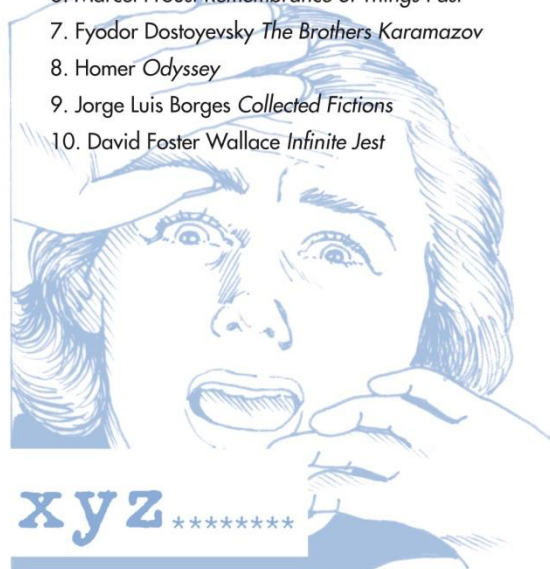


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WHO'S AFRAID OF THE BIG, BAD BOOK?

1. James Joyce *Ulysses*
2. Patrick White *Tree of Man*
3. Herman Melville *Moby Dick*
4. Dante Alighieri *Inferno, Purgatorio and Paradiso*
5. Leo Tolstoy *War and Peace*
6. Marcel Proust *Remembrance of Things Past*
7. Fyodor Dostoyevsky *The Brothers Karamazov*
8. Homer *Odyssey*
9. Jorge Luis Borges *Collected Fictions*
10. David Foster Wallace *Infinite Jest*



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