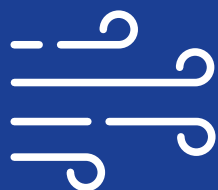




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FIND OUT MORE

You can join the conversation at #tflbookclub, and to download the app and become a member, visit the website at www.tflbookclub.co.uk

What a novel idea

LONDON-BASED writer and former Sunday Times journalist Sabine Durrant, author of Sun Damage, talks about her career, living in London, and her advice for aspiring novelists.

WHAT MADE YOU DECIDE TO BECOME A NOVELIST?

I loved working in newspapers, writing and editing and being part of a team, but I'd always wanted to write a novel. When I was on maternity leave with my second

child, I thought I'd have a quiet go without anyone noticing.

I sent the first few chapters to an agent and when several publishers wanted to publish it, I took the gamble to leave my job and write full time. I'm so thrilled I did – it's a quieter life, but I've loved every minute of it.

WHERE'S YOUR FAVOURITE SPOT IN THE CAPITAL, AND HAS IT INSPIRED ANY OF YOUR NOVELS?

I moved to south London from Somerset with my mother when I was six. I feel like a Londoner, and I love knowing all the bus routes and all the right Tube stops, but

maybe the countryside is in my bones because all my favourite spots in the city are actually green spaces, such as the towpath at Putney or Hampstead Heath.

I walk my dog every morning on Wandsworth Common – where I set several books including Under Your Skin – and there is a moment when you come out of some woods into a playing field with a cricket pitch ahead and the sky opens out, that's my favourite spot of all.

IS THERE ANY ADVICE YOU WOULD GIVE TO OTHER ASPIRING WRITERS?

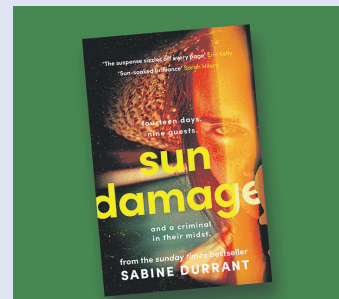
It's the advice I was given myself: write, write and keep writing. Open a file or a notebook, and try and put something down every day. Give yourself a word deadline and meet it.

Think of it as 'draft zero' and don't imagine anyone else is going to read it. Don't show anything until you've finished. You should show it to people you trust and definitely take their advice on board, but not until you have reached the end.

Check out Sabine's novel, among others, at www.tflbookclub.co.uk



Well versed: Author Sabine Durrant with her thriller Sun Damage



Rail strikes planned this week

CUSTOMERS are advised that, while they will still be able to travel around London on TfL services during planned national rail industrial action this week, they should check before they travel.

The ASLEF union is planning to take industrial action on Saturday, which will impact some TfL services. No service is expected on the London Overground, including Night Overground services

on Saturday evening. The majority of TfL's other services will run on Saturday as usual.

Full information on the strikes and travel disruption is available at tfl.gov.uk/rail-strike. For help with planning your journey, including downloading the real-time TfL Go journey planning app, visit the webpage at tfl.gov.uk/travel-tools

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