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**Tuesday Afternoon Poetry Club**

**CHARLOTTE MOORE**

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“Reading a poem gives us a glimpse of past and future possibilities, other worlds and other lives. It makes a gift of unfamiliar words, and refreshes parts of the mind that other art forms cannot reach…”

Charlotte Moore, a writer and former English teacher, has loved poems all her life. Last year, realising how much she missed reading them aloud in class, she decided to set up a weekly poetry club for anyone interested, asking poetry addicts and complete beginners alike to join her at her kitchen table. This book brings together a selection of the Tuesday afternoon poetry club’s favourite poems, some well-known, some less so. The poems are grouped into themes – from home and lovers, to war and the planets – each framed with a little context from Charlotte and delightful insights from members of the group.

*The Magic Hour* offers a source of lifelong pleasure and nourishment, with words to delight and console, while reminding us of moments of personal significance. It demonstrates how we can all benefit from adding a small dose of poetry into our daily lives.

‘A beautiful collection, full of wonderful surprises and old favourites’

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*‘The Magic Hour* has the powerful charm and the heart-lifting sense of surprise and discovery of the best poetry and the best anthologies. I shall keep it near my favourite chair and give it to many.’

**Hattie Ellis**

**Charlotte Moore** read English at Oxford before becoming a teacher for twelve years. She is now a freelance author and has written three novels as well as a long-running column for the *Guardian*, and a highly acclaimed family history, *Hancox* (Viking, 2010/Penguin, 2011). She lives in Battle, Sussex.

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