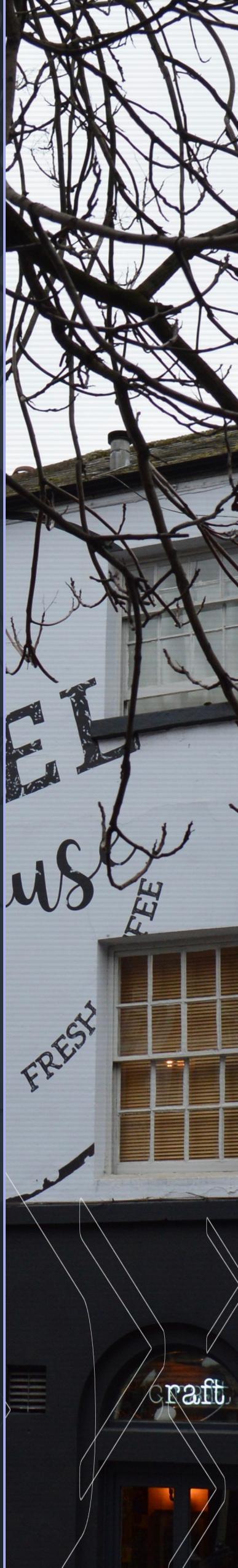


ENTERTAINMENT

Entertainment can often be an escape from the tough world we live in. Whether it takes the form of theatre, cinema, reading or nights out, students can use different forms of leisure to relax and switch off from university work and other factors playing on their minds. Forms of entertainment can also be a great way to meet new people and kick start the social life so many seek at university. The articles in this section aim to inspire you to pursue, perhaps, new forms of amusement and to motivate those who may feel they lack interest in this subject to engage with their fellow students.



ENTERTAINMENT BOOK REVIEWS

For this month's book review, we asked our editors for their favourite books all about entertainment.

Pick of the month: *Nights at the Circus* (Angela Carter)

Angela Carter's novel *Nights at the Circus* is centred around a celebrated aerialist in the circus and explores ideas of femininity and power within entertainment. Carter is well known for portraying an innovative feminist voice in her writing and in this novel she explores how the act of performance can be synonymous with liberation, especially from Victorian patriarchal society. The protagonist, a winged woman named Sophie Fevvers, is an outgoing and playful character who asserts her authority within the entertainment she provides. The ambiguity as to her fictionality could be argued as a further form of her liberation as she defies classification and binaries. From posing as a living statue of Cupid in a brothel as a child to performing in the circus, Fevvers takes the reader on a dramatic journey of self-discovery and liberation.

If you are feeling inspired by Carter's novel, Why Nott check out 'Cirque Du Soul', the best drum and bass night out in Nottingham.

Some more entertaining reads...

The Great Gatsby (F. Scott. Fitzgerald)

The party classic *The Great Gatsby* follows the questionable protagonist Nick Carraway and the never ending cycle of feeling inferior. Nick's new neighbour, known as Gatsby, has an infatuation with a girl that turns out to be Nick's cousin, who lives on the other side of island. For your fill of the roaring 20's, prohibition, and the class divide pick up a copy!

A Sky Painted Gold (By Laura Wood)

If you've read *Gatsby* one too many times, Laura Wood's '*A Sky Painted Gold*' is the perfect mix of glamour, morals, and romance we've missed since *Gatsby*. This coming of age novel follows seventeen year old Lou, who is swept off her feet into a world of cocktail parties and glitz with a new love interest living in a mansion nearby. It's only when things seem a little too good to be true, that we realise Lou's new love interest might not be as great as he seems.

Dropped Names: Famous Men and Women as I knew them (By Frank Langella)

Fancy something a bit different? Langella's memoir follows some of his most thrilling celebrity encounters as an actor in Hollywood. Even accounting for his affairs- one being Elizabeth Taylor, Langella misses little and divulges on the secret side of Hollywood you don't see on the big screen. If audiobooks are your thing, Frank Langella reads it himself.

