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- A** — **Nancy Mitford** 1904–1973. Novelist: *The Pursuit of Love*, *Love In A Cold Climate*. Lived in Chiswick in the 1930s. Rose Cottage, 84 Strand on the Green, W4 3PU (Private house, no access)
- B** — **Harold Pinter** 1947–2008. Playwright: Wrote *The Caretaker* when he lived in a flat in Chiswick in the 1950s and 60s, and a tramp was invited to stay. Nobel Prize for Literature 2005. 373 Chiswick High Road, W4 4AG (Private house, no access)
- C** — **EM Forster** 1879–1970. Novelist: *A Room with a View*, *Howards End*, *A Passage to India*. Lived in Chiswick in the 1940s and 50s, when he broadcast reviews for the BBC. Nobel Prize nominee. 9 Arlington Park Mansions, W4 4HE - Blue plaque. (Private house, no access)
- D** — **Patrick Hamilton** 1904–1962. Playwright: *Gaslight*, Novelist: His autobiographical trilogy *Twenty Thousand Streets Under the Sky* features scenes in Chiswick where he lived for many years. 2 Burlington Gardens, W4 4LT - Blue plaque. (Private house, no access)
- E** — **Dame Iris Murdoch** 1919–1992. Novelist: *The Bell*, *A Severed Head*, *The Sea*, *The Sea*. Booker Prize 1978. Grew up in Chiswick and from 1947 lived in Barrowgate Road for some years. 55 Barrowgate Road, W4 4QT. (Private house, no access)
- F** — **JG Ballard** 1930–2009. Novelist: *Empire of the Sun*, *Crash*. Lived in a flat in Chiswick in the 1950s and wrote short stories before moving to Shepperton and writing full-time. 69 Barrowgate Road, W4 4QS. (Private house, no access)
- G** — **Alain-Fournier** 1886–1914. French novelist, anglophile: a key scene in *Le Grand Meaulnes* was inspired by a works fete at Sanderson in Chiswick where, aged 19, he worked as a translator. *Voysey House*, Barley Mow Passage, W4 4PN (no access)
- H** — **Ralph Griffiths** 1720–1803. Publisher: *Fanny Hill*. Editor: *The Monthly Review*, London's first successful literary magazine. Lived in Chiswick for 40 years. Linden House, Turnham Green (demolished, now Linden Gardens W4 2EQ)
- J** — **Anthony Burgess** 1917–1993. Poet, playwright, novelist: *A Clockwork Orange*. Lived in Chiswick in the 1960s, where he wrote *Nothing Like the Sun* and *Tremor of Intent*. 24 Glebe Street, W4 2BG (Private house, no access)
- K** — **Sir Arthur Wing Pinero** 1855–1934. Playwright: *The Magistrate*, *The Second Mrs Tanqueray*, *Trelawny of the Wells*. Lived in Bedford Park, Chiswick in the 1880s. 10 Marlborough Crescent, W4 1HF (Private house, no access)
- L** — **WB Yeats** 1865–1939. Poet: Wrote *The Lake Isle of Innisfree* in Chiswick, inspired by Chiswick Eyot. Lived in Bedford Park in the 1880s and 90s. Nobel Prize for Literature 1923. 3 Blenheim Road, W4 1UB (Blue plaque) and 8 Woodstock Road W4 1UE. (Private houses, no access)
- M** — **Sergius Stepniak** 1851–1895. Russian writer: *Underground Russia*. Said to be the model for the Russian exile in *The Railway Children*. Killed by a train at Woodstock Road level crossing. 48 Woodstock Road W4 1UF and 31 Blandford Road W4 1DX (Private houses, no access)

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## THE CHISWICK TIMELINE OF WRITERS AND BOOKS

This record of the writers who have lived in - or written about - Chiswick was inspired by *The Chiswick Timeline: A History in Art and Maps*, the remarkable mural situated under the bridges outside Turnham Green tube station★. [www.chiswicktimeline.org](http://www.chiswicktimeline.org)

Created with the Chiswick Book Festival, it is organised chronologically, and by genre, and will exist online and in other forms, such as this Writers Trail.

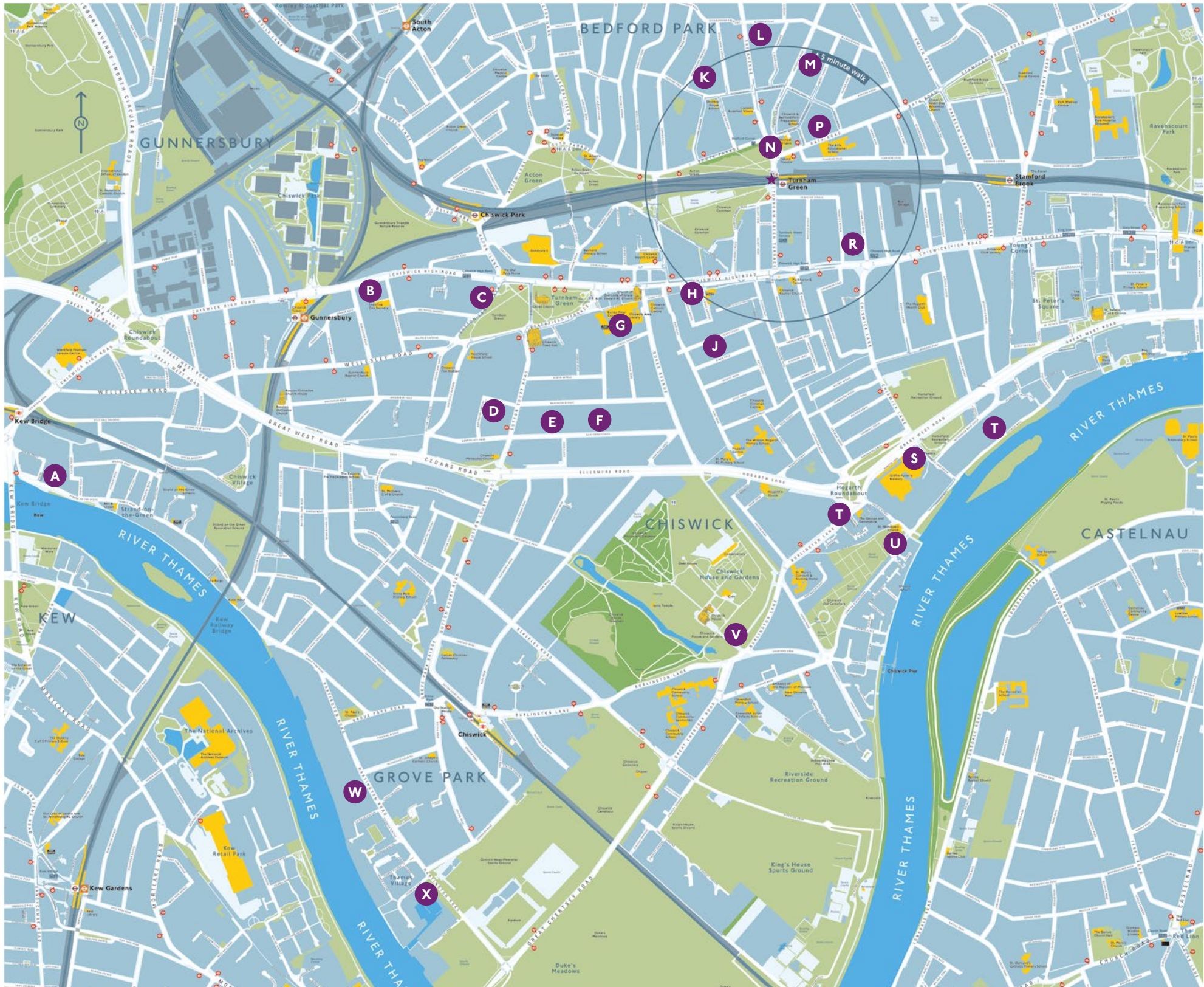
Chiswick's writers have created some of the country's greatest works, from Thackeray's *Vanity Fair* to Osborne's *Look Back in Anger* and Pinter's *The Caretaker*. Follow this Writers Trail, which features novelists, poets and playwrights, and see the website [www.chiswickbookfestival.net](http://www.chiswickbookfestival.net) for more information.

- N** — **Sir John Betjeman** 1906–1984. Poet Laureate, conservationist. Patron of the Bedford Park Society and Festival in the 1960s, helping protect the first garden suburb from developers. St Michael & All Angels Church, Bedford Park, W4 1TT
- P** — **GK Chesterton** 1874–1936. Novelist, poet, critic. In *The Man Who Was Thursday*, "Saffron Park" is a parody of Bedford Park: his fiancée lived in Bath Road. Bath Road, Bedford Park, W4 1TT
- R** — **Alun Owen** 1925–1994. Screenwriter, TV: *No Trams to Lime Street* and film: *A Hard Day's Night*. Oscar nominee, Best Original Screenplay 1964. Lived in Chiswick in the 1980s and 90s. 4 Upham Park Road, W4 1PG (Private house, no access)
- S** — **Alexander Pope** 1688–1774. Poet, satirist: *The Rape of the Lock*, *The Dunciad*. Translated Homer's *Iliad* while living with his parents in Mawson Row from 1716–19. House, now the Mawson Arms pub, Chiswick Lane South W4 2QD (plaque and sign)
- T** — **WM Thackeray** 1811–1863. Novelist, satirist: *Vanity Fair* begins in Chiswick Mall at Mrs Pinkerton's Academy, based on Walpole House where Thackeray went to school in 1817. Walpole House, Chiswick Mall, W4 2PS (private house, no access) but also see Chiswick Square W4 2QG - a sign claims it was where Becky Sharpe threw the dictionary.
- U** — **Ugo Foscolo** 1778–1827. Italian poet and patriot: *Dei Sepolcri*. Buried in St Nicholas churchyard in marble chest tomb, but remains were returned to Florence at the King of Italy's request. St Nicholas Churchyard, Chiswick Mall W4 2PJ.
- V** — **Georgiana, Duchess of Devonshire** 1757–1806. Socialite, novelist: *The Sylph* was published anonymously and reprinted four times. Called Chiswick House 'my earthly paradise'. Chiswick House and Gardens, W4 2QN. Free access to the gardens, for house see opening times, [chiswickhouseandgardens.org.uk](http://chiswickhouseandgardens.org.uk)
- W** — **Robert Bolt** 1924–1995. Playwright: *A Man for All Seasons*, Screenwriter: *Dr Zhivago*, *Lawrence of Arabia*. Oscar, Best Adapted Screenplay 1966 & 1967. Lived in Chiswick for several years. 29 Hartington Road, W4 3TL. (Private house, no access).
- X** — **John Osborne** 1929–1994. Playwright: Wrote *Look Back in Anger* on Chiswick houseboat, where it was optioned for £25 in 1955. Screenwriter: Tom Jones, Oscar, Best Adapted Screenplay 1964. Cubitts Yacht Basin, now Chiswick Quay, W4 3UR. (Private estate)

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