

# The Proof Angel Summary of

## Bits and Bobs: December 2014

### The future of books

Do books have a future? This [post asserts that they do](#). I can't help thinking that the logic gets a bit muddy. Aren't we muddling the idea of a book with the format?

### 19 Magical Bookshops Every Book Lover Must Visit

Are you planning a trip? Need a destination? This selection of [book shops](#) might inspire you. There are a few I still need to visit. I rather fancy the barge idea. We just need a few more bookshelves first.

### Why not take part in an accent survey?

David Crystal is collecting accents. He needs you to record yourself saying "potato". [Read more here](#).

### The rich tradition of Scots

Language in the UK has gained from a vast range of influences. This is a post prompted by the recent flurry of activity over the referendum, covering the [rich tradition of Scots](#).

### Accents, narrators and total silence: how you hear voices when you read

Are the voices in your head part of your reading experience? It turns out they are also an interesting area for study. [Find out more here](#).

### A word frequency game



Can you guess how frequently any random word is used? Find out by [playing this game](#).

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## How good is your British English

Here is a quiz to test your [British English](#). I suspect most Brits will get 10/10, like I did. Even if you don't know the answer, the chances are you know most of the options mean something completely different. Which is part of the fun, isn't it?

## Samuel Johnson: The Dictionary Man

Here is an excellent documentary about one of [our great writers](#).

## Comic Sans: What's all the fuss about?

[Find out here.](#)

## What is literary fiction and why does it matter?

If you have ever wondered what people mean when they talk about [literary fiction](#), this post will enlighten you.

## Ever wondered about the names of punctuation marks?

Here is a post about the [words behind the marks](#).

## The history of typography

If you can spare 5 minutes, well 5 minutes and 9 seconds, this little animation is a nice [history of typography](#).

## Links between authors

Here is an interesting gizmo from the Open University. Once you've [launched it](#), you can select an author from the 20th century & see how they are connected by background, genre & interest.

## Bookish Christmas trees

We are planning to put our Christmas tree up today. Somehow it is difficult to get the timing right. We don't want to put it up too soon, in case too many needles drop off before Christmas day. Then, all of a sudden, It nearly is Christmas, & the days are occupied with all sorts of rushing around.

One solution is to have an artificial tree, but as these pictures show there is no need to make it from plastic. How about [recycling some books](#) into your Christmas decorations?

## Christmas presents for book worms

Still looking for something a bit different? [Here are 23 wordy presents](#).

I'm not convinced about the library ticket socks!!