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'An Evening with Maureen Duffy'

as part of the Independent Booksellers Week on

Monday 15th June at Frinton Parish Church Hall, Old Road from 7pm.

Maureen will be reading from her latest novel, 'The Orpheus Trail' and from her most recent collection of poetry, 'Family Values'.

Tickets cost £5, which includes light refreshments.

Both books will be on sale at the event and there will be an author signing after the question and answer session at the end of the evening.

About the author

Maureen Duffy (b.1933 in Worthing, Sussex) is a notable contemporary British poet, playwright and novelist. Duffy took her degree in English from King's College London and went on to be a schoolteacher from 1956 to 1961. She then turned to writing full-time as a poet and playwright after being commissioned to produce a screenplay by Granada Television. Her first novel, written at the suggestion of a publisher, [*That's How It Was*](#) (1962), was published to great acclaim.



To date she has published around 30 works, including five volumes of poetry. Her [*Collected Poems, 1949-84*](#) appeared in 1985. Her work has often used Freudian ideas and Greek Myth as a framework.

The Orpheus Trail

When a child is found dead among the charred remains of a pier fire, surrounded by the old-fashioned toys of the Greek god Dionysus and a ritualistic fire basket, Detective Inspector Hildreth calls in the local museum's curator, Alex Kish, to help him decipher the mysterious symbolism.

'An experienced, prolific novelist; nothing she writes can fail.' Daily Telegraph

Family Values

Published in July 2008 in paperback, this collection of poems is full of love and harm, good and damage, rage and compassion. The poems show how we deal with our kind and the rest of the living planet; which we do sometimes well and sometimes very badly. Their hallmark is loyalty: a steadfast, clear-sighted, unsentimental loyalty. Maureen Duffy reminds us how funny people are, how vulnerable, lovable, bizarre and heroic.