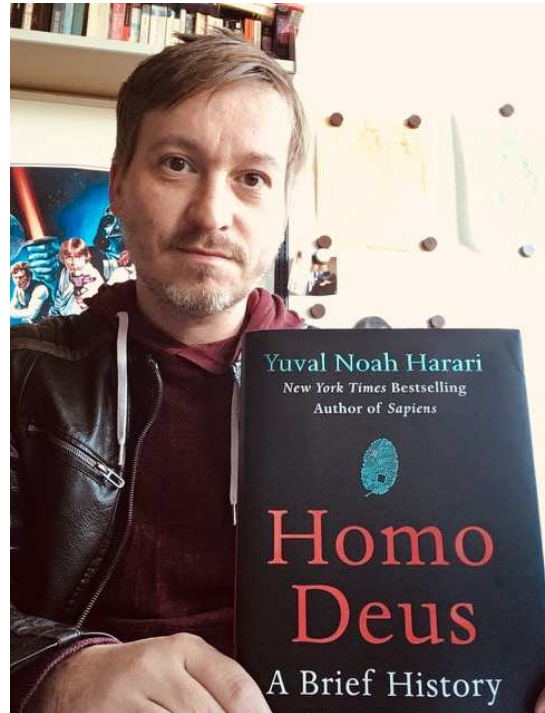


Book of the Month

October 2018

Matthias Zucker recommends Yuval Noah Harari's *Homo Deus: A Brief History of Tomorrow* (2016): "Homo Deus is as ambitious as it is accessible, so don't worry about picking up a non-fiction book that gives you an entire overview of human history AND some well-argued and plausible speculation about humanity's future. It asks, among other things: would we even recognize the people who'll live a hundred years from now as human beings? It's an engaging read and offers much food for thought regarding how we use technology."



Ewan George Dow recommends *Other People's Countries: A Journey into Memory* (2014) by Patrick McGuinness: "It's not exactly a work of fiction, although it sometimes reads as such. It is rather a touchingly affectionate and evocative portrayal of daily life in the provinces: in this case the mid-twentieth century Belgian Ardennes. McGuinness is a bilingual, bicultural Anglo-French Oxford academic who partly grew up in the Walloon town of Bouillon. This is his mesmerising account of that small-town world, peopled by larger-than-life characters and unsettled by periodic seismic shifts in history. But it is more than this. It is also a journey into childhood, memory and the past, yet highly attentive to the tricks that the mind can play on us. The style is tremendously varied, switching from lyrical poetry to vignettes of swashbuckling adventures, to capturing dialogues in the local French vernacular - and translating them so skilfully for an English readership."

