

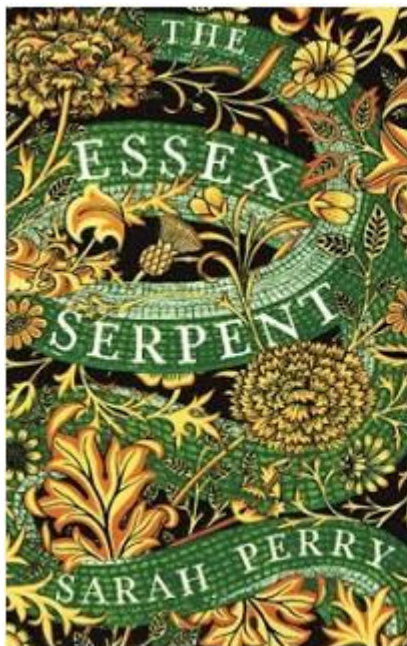


LCA Book Reading Group

Commences Monday 24th April 2017 4.00 p.m.

Tree Tops Community Centre, Shadwell, LS17 6DP

'The Essex Serpent' by Sarah Perry



In Sarah Perry's second novel, 1890s London is mad about the sciences, especially palaeontology. Every six months someone publishes a paper "setting out ways and places extinct animals might live on", while smart women collect ammonites or wear necklaces of fossil teeth set in silver. New widow Cora Seagrave is patently relieved by the death of her unpleasant husband, a civil servant with "twice the power of a politician and none of the

responsibility"; accompanied by her socialist companion Martha and her autistic son Francis, she leaves the capital for the wilds of Essex. There, "never sure of the difference between thinking and believing", she hears of the Essex Serpent, a folktale apparently come to life and terrorising the Blackwater estuary; and meets its spiritual adversary, the rector of Aldwinter, William Ransome, with whom she is soon entangled in a relationship of voluble opposition and unspoken attraction. This book has been chosen by member Jayne Harnett.

All welcome to read. Those who prefer not to read are welcome to just come along and sit and listen.

A contribution of £2.00 towards refreshments is appreciated.

Further details on 0113 2690356.