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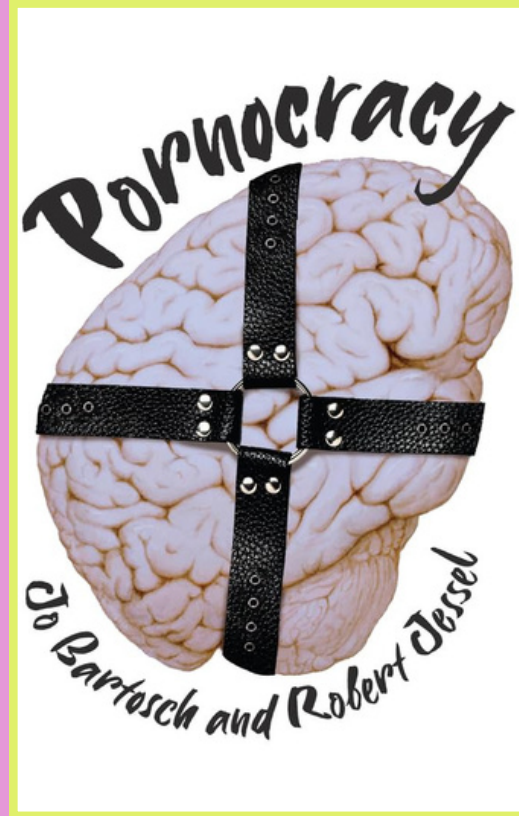
**FESTIVAL '25**

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**MANCHESTER FRINGE BOOK FESTIVAL**

**SATURDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2025 | 9:45-18:30**





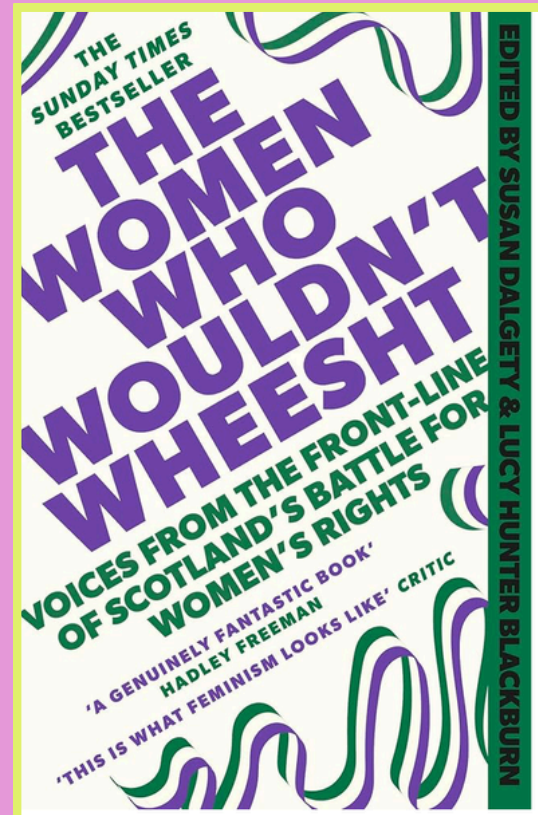
# Jo Bartosch

Jo Bartosch and 'Pornocracy' interviewed by Fiona McAnena

Josephine Bartosch is assistant editor at The Critic and co-authored Pornocracy, charting how the neurological shifts caused by porn use reverberates through society. The book also warns of a dystopian future where AI-powered porn and sextech threaten to reduce us all to “masturbating meat puppets on an algorithmic production line”.

15:00–16:15 Area 2

@jo\_bartosch



# Susan Dalgety

Susan Dalgety and 'The Women Who Wouldn't Wheesht' interviewed by Jo Bartosch and Nick Wallis

Susan Dalgety is a columnist for the Scotsman, Scotland's national newspaper writing about women, politics and the world and a former deputy leader of Edinburgh City Council. She is also a contributor to The Spectator and is co-editor of 2024 bestseller The Women Who Wouldn't Wheesht: Voices from the front-line of Scotland's battle for women's rights. This book captures an important moment in contemporary history: how a grassroots women's movement changed the course of history.

11.30–12.45 Area 1

16:45–18:00 Area 2

@DalgetySusan





# Yehudis Fletcher

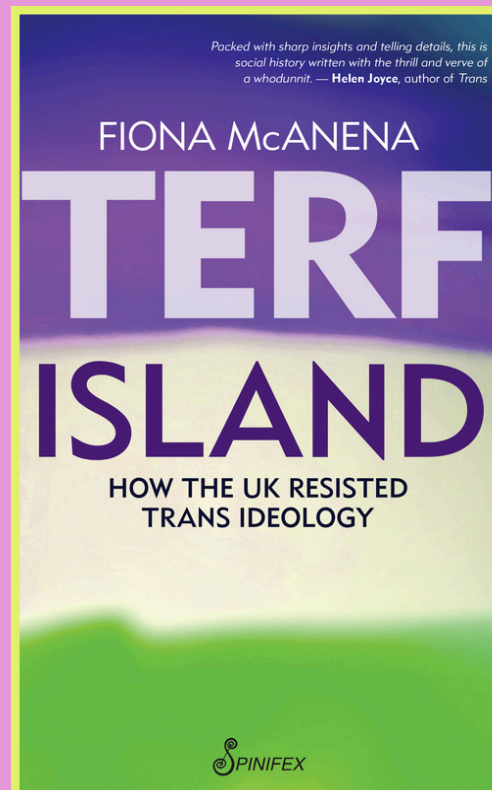
Yehudis Fletcher and 'Chutzpah: A Memoir of Faith, Sexuality and Daring to Stay' interviewed by Jane from Inciteful Sisters Podcast

Yehudis Fletcher is the co-founder of Nahamu, a think tank that counters extremism in the Jewish community. She is an author, scholar and activist within her Charedi community.

She has written for The Times, Haaretz, The Forward, the Jewish News and the Jewish Chronicle. Her first book, Chutzpah: a memoir of faith, sexuality, and daring to stay, was published by Penguin in May, 2025. She lives and loves in the heart of Manchester's Charedi community.

15:00-16:15 Area 1

@YehudisFletcher



# Fiona McAnena

Fiona McAnena and 'Terf Island: How the UK Resisted Trans Ideology' interviewed by Jane from Inciteful Sisters Podcast & Charlotte Cadden of Sex Matters

Fiona McAnena grew up in Northern Ireland, graduated from Cambridge University, and worked in brand management and marketing strategy.

In 2018 she became concerned at how trans demands were eroding women's rights and got involved in the resistance. She spent five years as a volunteer with Fair Play For Women, working across its campaigns and directing its successful work in sport. She joined Sex Matters in early 2024 as Director of Campaigns.

11.30-12.45 in Area 2

16:45-18:00 in Area 1

@DerryBanShee





# Victoria Smith

Victoria Smith and (Unkind): How 'Be Kind' Entrenches Sexism, interviewed by Joan Smith

Victoria Smith is a feminist writer and journalist for The Critic and The Independent, with a particular interest in motherhood and intersections of misogyny and ageism. She is the author of Hags, on the demonisation of middle-aged women, and her new book (Unkind), on how the mantra "be kind" entrenches sexism.

13.15-14.30 Area 1  
@glosswitch



# Nick Wallis

Nick Wallis and 'The Great Post Office Scandal', interviewed by Bex from Inciteful Sisters Podcast

Nick is an award-winning journalist who has specialised in covering the Post Office scandal. It was the subject of his first book, the Great Post Office Scandal. Over the last couple of years Nick has taken an interest in the gender wars and hopes to make them the subject of his fourth book.

Nick lives in Surrey, is married with three children and will buy a drink for anyone who claims to have read his second book, Depp v Heard the unreal story.

13.15-14.30 Area 2  
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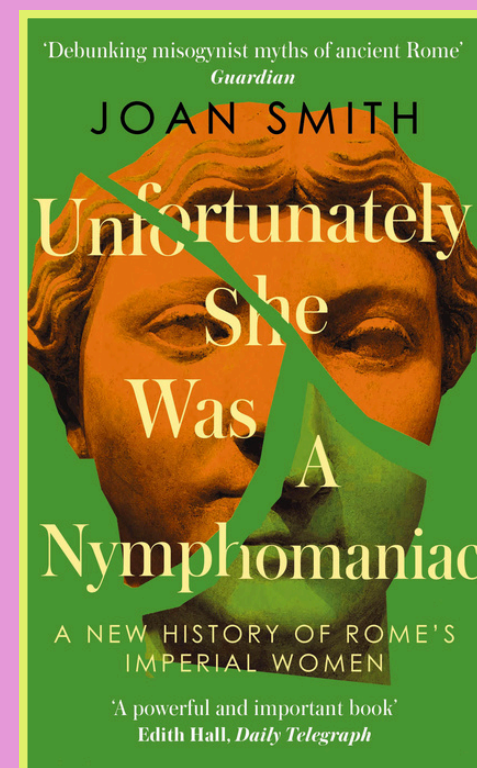
# Susanna Rustin

Susanna Rustin and 'Sexed. A History of British Feminism', interviewed by Heather Binning of Women's Rights Network

Susanna Rustin is the social affairs leader writer for the Guardian and book *Sexed* is a retelling of the story of British feminism from a gender-critical point of view. Starting in the revolutionary 1790s, it introduces the 1830s radicals who demanded "LIBERTY FOR EVER!", Victorian crusaders against sexual exploitation, and rival camps of suffragists. This book argues that differences between male and female bodies have always been feminist issues.

09:45-11:00 Area 2

@SusannaRustin



# Joan Smith

Joan Smith and 'Unfortunately, She was a Nymphomaniac: A new History of Rome's Imperial Women' interviewed by Bex from Inciteful Sisters Podcast

Joan Smith is a journalist and author.

Her book *Unfortunately, She Was A Nymphomaniac: A New History of Roman Women*, has had glowing reviews. It sets out to restore the reputations of leading Roman women, exposing the misogyny they've been subjected to by ancient and modern authors. It was partly inspired by her work on domestic violence when she chaired the Mayor of London's Violence Against Women and Girls Board, from 2013 to 2022.

09:45-11:00 Area 1

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11:30-12:45	SUSAN DALGETY	FIONA McANENA	
12:45-13:15			SUSAN DALGETY & FIONA McANENA
13:15-14:30	VICTORIA SMITH	NICK WALLIS	
14:30-15:00			NICK WALLIS & VICTORIA SMITH
15:00-16:15	YEHUDIS FLETCHER	JO BARTOSCH	
16:15-16:45			JO BARTOSCH
16:45-18:00	FIONA McANENA	SUSAN DALGETY	
18:00-18:30			YEHUDIS FLETCHER SUSAN DALGETY & FIONA McANENA
18:30 - LATE	SOCIAL VENUE TBC		

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REGISTRATION FROM 9AM  
REGISTRATION & STALLS  
THROUGHOUT THE DAY



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