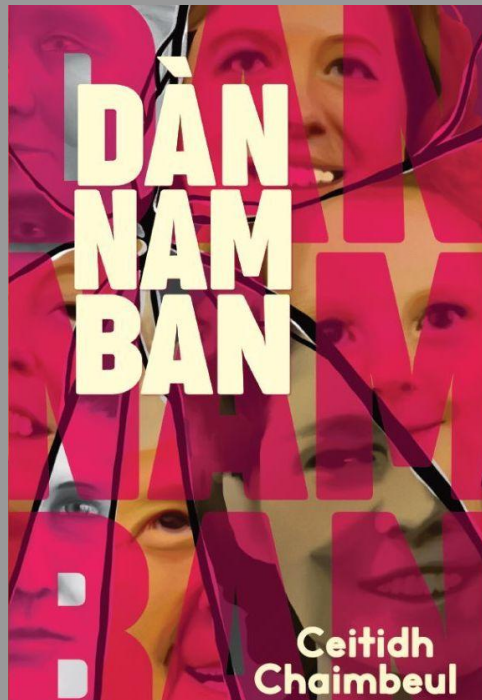


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THREE NEW TITLES FOR SPRING 2026

- Debut novel from Italian Scottish author **LUCA SERRA**
- Debut poetry collection in Gaelic from multi-award-winning poet and singer **CEITIDH CHAIMBEUL**
- Full poetry collection from Gaza writer and podcaster **MOHAMMED MOUSSA**
- With support from **The National Lottery through Creative Scotland**

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THE STORY

Founded in 2020, Edinburgh publisher Leamington Books has published over 60 books, including 18 debut authors. Having increased in reputation, reach and experience the company is ready to take its next step.

For their three new winter and spring titles for 2026, Leamington have for the first time received support from Creative Scotland in the form of a £14,000 award.

Peter Burnett, owner and publisher at Leamington, says: “There are important commercial titles published in Scotland each year that the market cannot support. These are usually books by new authors, such as Luca Serra and Ceitidh Chaimbeul. It very often falls on small publishers like ourselves to publish these authors, and that is where support from Creative Scotland becomes essential.”

Support from Creative Scotland has in particular allowed Leamington to:

- Hire a new publisher for the duration of the project which is approximately 30 weeks.
- Offer full signature fees and advance payment to our three authors

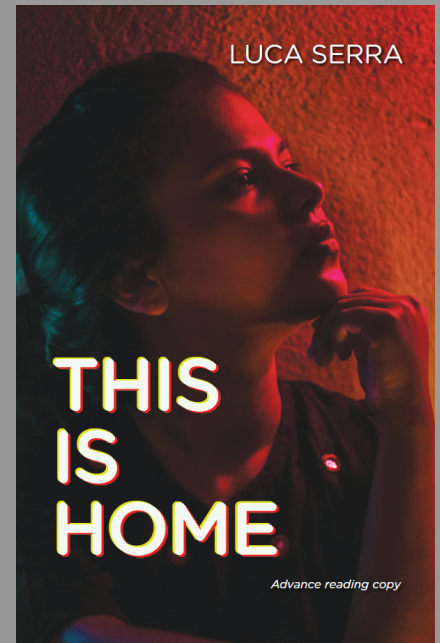
Leamington are delighted to introduce publisher and editor Katie Veitch. A Glasgow University graduate, experienced ghostwriter and librarian, Katie brings an eye for detail, passion for literature and a range of creative skills to the publication process. Katie says, “Working with the three authors has been a pleasure, their talent is unmatched and it is an honour to be involved in the process.”

ABOUT THE BOOKS

This is Home is a constantly changing exploration of friendship, belonging and what it means to forge your place in the world far away from home.

Carlo moves from his Italian hometown to London and begins life anew as a kitchen porter in an underground mice-infested kitchen. His coworker, Keto, a 40-year-old Ghanaian has quit his job many times but always returns, as if magnetised by the pot-wash. Carlo's older housemate Marrok struggles to cope with memories of past tragedy as death haunts him.

400 miles north Brazilian au-pair Brunilda arrives in Glasgow. Cultured-shocked by accents, sideways rain and food habits, her heart is divided between the comfort of her family in Belo Horizonte and a new life in Scotland. She finds an ally in Kamila, a young Polish illustrator, with whom the line between friendship and love begins to blur.



Dàn nam Ban by Ceitidh Chaimbeul is a much anticipated first collection from the Scottish Poetry Library's first Gaelic ambassador.

This book provides a voice to women's stories across generations, highlighting both historical and contemporary issues. The collection also aims to foster a deeper understanding and appreciation of Gaelic culture and language.

Dàn nam Ban is a work of folklore, family history, motherhood, and the impact of the past on the present. The focus is on women's experiences, both personal and communal, and how these narratives shape our understanding of identity and heritage.

Going beyond the translation of side-by-side Gaelic to English translation, this work provides detailed notes on the Gaelic in terms of its tonality, and the possible meanings, suggestions and idioms at work in the cycle of 46 poems on womanhood that Ceitidh has crafted.

The face before you: To write poetry on genocide is a collection of new poetry which has been written in the enclave of Gaza, while under siege and extreme threat of death. Moussa writes: 'Growing up in Gaza is inspiring for poets – life here is poetry blown into pieces and scattered all over the place.'

This collection offers a unique human and emotional perspective of events in Gaza showing poetry written in the warzone since October 2023. Mohammed Moussa's poetry stands out for its clear power. These writings on life within Gaza express a humanity beyond the labels of 'refugee' or 'victim' and the book is a vital deepening of the larger scale narratives around this most horrendous genocide. **These poems will disrupt these stereotypes and reveal individuality, creativity, and complexity beyond the horror** routinely witnessed within the news reporting of the war.



THE AUTHORS

LUCA SERRA

Luca Serra is a Scottish Book Trust New Writers Award awardee. *This is Home* is his first novel.

*Writing **This Is Home** has been a journey of fond reflection. It has given me the opportunity to share through these characters the fascinating stories of the many people I've met since moving to the UK. It has also allowed me to explore questions I've always been intrigued by: what is home? And what does it mean to belong?*



CEITIDH CHAIMBEUL



Ceitidh Chaimbeul is a prominent figure in the Gaelic community, as a poet, songwriter and teacher. She was the Scottish Poetry Library's first Gaelic ambassador, where she commissioned new poems from Gaelic writers, researched and updated the SPL's poetry database. Ceitidh was also a judge for Gaelic 2020 Scottish poem of the year.

***Dàn nam Ban** is a tribute to the strong women in my life, our shared stories and experiences from folklore to the present day. To see this collection come together from ideas and scribbles is a hugely proud moment. I've drawn inspiration from my Highland, island and Lowland background and hope that the themes resonate across the languages.*

MOHAMMED MOUSSA

Mohammed Moussa is a Palestinian freelance journalist, podcast host, poet, and the founder of Gaza Poets Society, based in Gaza.

***The face before you** emerged from the deep pain of my losses, a fragile effort to confront the immense weight of genocide. These poems are fragments of my soul, reflecting a heart struggling to grasp the annihilation of my people and the loss of my mother, father, sisters, and nieces in this carnage.*

Each poem is a breath drawn in defiance of despair, a refusal to let the pain of my people fade into oblivion. It is a requiem for the dead, a farewell letter to those who will never read it, an obituary for a city reduced to dust. Yet, it is also a cry for the living—a call to bear witness, to hold these truths in your hands and heart.



TITLE DETAILS

This is Home

Author: Luca Serra

Genre: Contemporary Fiction | Story Cycle

Pages: 258

ISBN: 978-1-914090-84-4

Price: £10.99

Publication Date: 30/01/2026

Publisher: Leamington Books

The face before you: To write poetry on genocide

Author: Mohammed Moussa

Genre: Poetry

Pages: 120

ISBN: 978-1-0685980-0-5

Price: £9.99

Publication Date: 25/02/2026

Publisher: Leamington Books

Dàn nam Ban

Author: Ceitidh Chaimbeul

Genre: Poetry | Gaelic | Scottish

Pages: 118

ISBN: 978-1-914090-99-8

Price: £10.99

Publication Date: 29/01/2026

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