

# Human Library Borrowing Policy (a.k.a. Rules for Readers)

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**1) RETURN ALL BOOKS IN THE SAME CONDITION THAT YOU BORROWED THEM!**

The Reader must be respectful in their questions and conversation with the Human Book. No harassment, intimidation, or other threatening or discriminatory behavior will be tolerated. Avoid inappropriate verbal language or physical gestures. Be sensitive to local norms and expectations of behavior. Both the reader and the Human Book are allowed to quit the conversation at any time and for any reason.

**2) DO NOT WRITE IN THE BOOKS!**

No missioning, evangelising, or proselytising your views, beliefs, politics, or lifestyle with a view to conversion during the event. Discussion and debate, yes; recruitment, no.

**3) PAY ATTENTION TO YOUR DUE DATES!**

Loan periods are for 30 minutes. Please finish with your conversations by then so that the next person can have a chance at our best sellers.

**4) DO NOT RIP PAGES OUT OF THE BOOKS!**

You may not record any aspect of your conversation with your book. What happens at Human Library stays at Human Library.

**5) DO NOT DIRECTLY CONTACT THE AUTHOR!**

Do not ask your book for any personal information such as address, phone number or email. Any requests for further contact with books should go through the event organizers.

**6) THE LIBRARIANS ARE WATCHING!**

Be aware that the event organizers will be popping in and out of conversations to check on how things are going. The well being of our books and readers is paramount to us, so feel free to bring up any issues to the event organizers.

**7) ENGAGE WITH YOUR BOOK!**

Feel free to ask the book questions about themselves and their experiences as long as they are respectful and sincere. This event is for learning about people and ideas you would not otherwise be introduced to, so make your book comfortable and help them open up to you.

**8) HAVE FUN READING!**

As stated in the official guidebook, we are all human, and on journeys to both know ourselves and be known, we will make mistakes, mostly unintentional. Take responsibility, apologise, check-in, move on.