

## Korean Book Reading Day: Kim Jiyoung, Born 1982

11 March 2025 – 10 June 2025  
Korean Cultural Centre UK



**Korean Book Reading Day (2025)**, Courtesy the Korean Cultural Centre UK.

For 2025, the Korean Cultural Centre UK (KCCUK) proudly introduces 'Korean Book Reading Day,' a dynamic new programme celebrating Korean literature and discussion. Responding to the UK's growing enthusiasm for Korean literary works, this initiative invites Korean language learners to explore the captivating depth of Korean storytelling. Participants, selected through applications for each half of the

year, receive books in advance and join vibrant reading discussions held on the first Tuesday afternoon of every month.

Director Seunghye Sun of the Korean Cultural Centre UK said, "Reading books in Korean in the UK has a special meaning. When you read books in Korean, you can hear the sounds together, enabling empathetic co-reading that connects with Korea in the UK. With each line read and heard, readers and listeners can experience the protagonist's emotions and together approach the depth of Korean aesthetics."

For the first half of 2025, the programme spotlights Cho Nam-joo's acclaimed novel, 'Kim Ji-young, Born 1982', a work that delves into the social realities facing contemporary Korean women. This selection opened the door to conversations about women's experiences in modern Korean society. Monthly discussions will draw from the rich context of the novel, exploring themes such as gender equality, family dynamics, personal emotions, the pulse of today's Korea, and politics.

Participants have brought a wealth of perspectives to the table, including writers, Korean studies students, and enthusiasts of Korean culture. Through spirited exchanges, they shared insights and deepened their appreciation of Korean literature.

Participants noted, "We were able to gain new perspectives by discussing with people from diverse backgrounds," and "We look forward to discussing a wider range of topics related to Korean culture in the future."

The Korean Cultural Centre UK (KCCUK) is actively promoting Korean literature across the UK through its 'Korean Book Reading Day' programme, hosting a range of events designed to spark local interest. Looking ahead, the Centre aims to deepen this connection by curating literary experiences that resonate with local audiences, fostering closer ties through Korean stories and unveiling fresh perspectives and thought-provoking themes for the future.

**For further press information and a selection of press images about the event, please contact Jiae Myung on [info@kccuk.org.uk](mailto:info@kccuk.org.uk)**

### **Notes to Editors**

#### **About the Korean Cultural Centre UK**

The Korean Cultural Centre UK, opened under the aegis of the Embassy of the Republic of Korea in the United Kingdom, aims to enhance friendship, amity, and understanding between Korea and the UK

through cultural and educational activities.

From the KCCUK's central London location near Trafalgar Square, our dedicated team works to expand cultural projects, strengthen cooperation with major arts organisations and partners, and encourage cultural exchange.

### **Event Details**

Title: Korean Book Reading Day - Kim Jiyoung, Born 1982

Dates: Tuesday 11 March, 1 April, 6 May, 10 June 2025

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