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Kim Wilkins: it's so lovely to see you and your lovely costumes that's that's amazing and I want to say hello, good evening because where I am it's evening and welcome to the.

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Kim Wilkins: Georgia hair unconference celebrating a century of having a ball um i'll introduce my colleague in a moment i'll introduce myself, first because i'm already talking i'm.

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Kim Wilkins: Professor Kim wilkins from the University of Queensland and i'm one of the editors of the collection georgette has a history in historical fiction, which is published today.

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Kim Wilkins: By University College London press i'm coming to you from Canberra tonight, which is not my usual hometown hometown I camera is an nation's capital.

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Kim Wilkins: And it's customary in Australia when hosting a live event to acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which I stand or sit at the moment at the moment i'm paying my respects to the gunawan people.

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Kim Wilkins: and especially my respects to the elders past, present and emerging acknowledging their custodianship of the land for.

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Kim Wilkins: Many, many thousands of years before European civilization and also reminding us or telling you if you didn't know because you're not from Australia, that their sovereignty over this land has never been seeded.

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Kim Wilkins: um and now i'm going to pass you on to my conspirator one.

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Samantha Rayner: hi thanks Kim Hello everybody is so wonderful to see so many of you joining us this morning and it honestly has felt like.

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Samantha Rayner: it's like Christmas waking up well for me waking up not for Kim because she's still.

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Samantha Rayner: late at night over in Australia um but yeah so this launch of this volume, which has been a long time will tell you a bit about the history behind it, as we go through this this session.

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Samantha Rayner: So i'm serena I am a reader in publishing at ucl in the department of information, studies and I am zooming in from alien Cambridge here this morning, so we're we're all over the place, is here fans are so welcome, I would like to start with a few folks if I can as well.

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Samantha Rayner: Firstly, to our amazing students so Kim and I have had three students helping us with all the social media promotions.

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Samantha Rayner: Setting up the hey academia account, which some of you may have been following and and looking at so to Lynn Julia and Emma Thank you guys so much for all you've done, you have been amazing and you've been on it and Kim and I could not be happier with what's happened.

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Samantha Rayner: To back smart quick who, you can see, at the corners like next giveaway beck's.

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Samantha Rayner: Is our podcast and tech supremos so you'll, you will see her on the carried his podcast that we've done as part of this series.

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Samantha Rayner: And also she'll be moderating the questions today, so if you want to ask us questions in the question section section, later on, please just post them in the chat and then beck's will

collate them and.

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Samantha Rayner: Kim and I will answer them a bit later, we cannot go on without thanking the tour de force behind the events bit, which is jack's Thomas and her team order Sharon and katie.

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Samantha Rayner: who have really helps Kim and I to take this from what was just going to be rather modest but launched being something that has been beyond our wildest expectations.

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Samantha Rayner: So thank you, thank you to all of them for making this such a.

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Samantha Rayner: phenomenal day today very exciting and and to allison Fox and all the team at ucl press, especially Catherine Bradley who stuck with us through the.

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Samantha Rayner: The sort of copy editing stages with immense patients with all the regency language and everything that we you know, we had to go back and forth with but, so thank you to ucl press.

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Samantha Rayner: And I want to give one special mention today and those of you that have had chance to download the book will see on the back cover, there is a quote from Dr backs Lewis from Manchester metropolitan university.

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Samantha Rayner: backs with somebody that I met the very first tech conference I ran with the team Anglia ruskin back in 2008.

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Samantha Rayner: And, and we have bonded, like many of us on this call i'm sure have overall love of hair over the years.

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Samantha Rayner: And she knew this book was coming she came to the conference Kim and I ran in 2018 and I know how much she was looking forward to the events today and.

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Samantha Rayner: Unfortunately, last week, she lost her battle with cancer and very, sadly, therefore, cannot be part of the events today but.

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Samantha Rayner: We do have her quote on the back of the book and the very last message I had from her on Facebook very excited about these events, she just said.

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Samantha Rayner: keep calm and carry on with some higher joy so that's what we are doing today and that's why this conference unconference is dedicated to the memory of Dr backs Lewis so With that in mind, enjoy very much at the forefront Kim let's let's get the main event started.

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Kim Wilkins: Right, yes, and do you want to show, we talk a little bit about that that morning tea that we had in Cambridge when we came up with this idea.

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Samantha Rayner: Yes.

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Samantha Rayner: Because it's a bit of wild journey hasn't it.

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Kim Wilkins: It has been, and for me that will that started with a very, very long journey.

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Kim Wilkins: As you can imagine, I don't know if you remember, but I had stepped off the plane from Australia, which is a 24 hour flight For those of you who've never traveled that far.

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Kim Wilkins: and got on a train to Cambridge and met Sam immediately afterwards.

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Kim Wilkins: And Sam was being so solicitous and so lovely about the

fact that she thought I must be terribly jetlag that i've never told you this Sam because I didn't want you to hate me but i've actually been upgraded to first class from Sydney to London.

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Kim Wilkins: It was my first experience of first class which was amazing right because, like well everybody is sort of like.

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Kim Wilkins: buckling themselves into their tiny seats in the back, they were bringing me warned olives and the champagne menu, and my feet turned into a bed, and I slept nine hours and Sam you are being so lovely I couldn't bring myself to tell you, oh no I was i'm fine i'm.

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Kim Wilkins: very nice.

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Samantha Rayner: Oh that's yes, I did not realize that I just you know to me that that kind of long journey just sounds horrendous it was just so lovely to see you and.

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Kim Wilkins: We didn't mention other Australian you just get used to doing the long haul it's, the only way to get to the other.

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Samantha Rayner: hemisphere, so I think us Brits are a bit less gung Ho about the huge distances aren't we.

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Samantha Rayner: So.

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Samantha Rayner: But yes we had that conversation with with you jet lagged i'm going to use scare quotes now and and.

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Samantha Rayner: And how this idea about this conference I can't even remember how we got onto here actually it's.

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Kim Wilkins: Just we were talking about other things, we were

talking about your work with them Cambridge University press on the element series and and I I can't remember what it was, but somebody mentioned hey i'm pretty sure.

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Kim Wilkins: Maybe with you, maybe, had I started my reading group at that stage.

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Kim Wilkins: And I mentioned it, and you did that look that i've come to recognize Oh, I know you're talking about I love them so much look.

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Kim Wilkins: Which i'm sure we all recognize when you find another hair fan, you know each other immediately.

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Kim Wilkins: And then we got talking and then we did something very, very silly and said that we, the very next year, we would put on a conference.

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Samantha Rayner: We did, and we did and and it was one of those fortuitous things that you know, sometimes when you have these conversations with people they never come to anything but I think.

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Samantha Rayner: It was I knew because i'd run a hair Conference a few years before in Cambridge that there was there was an appetite for I think.

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Samantha Rayner: We as academics, this is what I still have, I mean this is why today is I sort of pinch me is this real day because there is that sense of.

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Samantha Rayner: Well, here is something I do for my own pleasure, can it really be something I can do as part of my day job as well, like academic research so.

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Samantha Rayner: The father, there was such a positive response that first conference made me think well you know this is going to work,

but can we do something a bit more exciting so then we had the.

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Samantha Rayner: conference workshop and super duper evening event, so this is when jack's got involved as well, because we decided we wouldn't just do a conference yeah because that's what everyone else does, we would do it so Kim you did a writing workshop.

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Samantha Rayner: And then we had an academic conference and then an evening jack set up a sort of regency themed soiree where people dressed up and we have lovely regency food in a beautiful building somewhere in in London didn't we.

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Kim Wilkins: Yes, definitely in.

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Kim Wilkins: soho and it was one of those it actually had beautiful regency.

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Kim Wilkins: But it was in the middle of an exhibition of.

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Russia Russia.

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Kim Wilkins: regency freezes for covered by.

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Strange juxtaposition.

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Kim Wilkins: It was a very funny, but it was great remember, there was a couple of actors who came along, and did the did the quiz we had a lovely or agency quiz and.

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Kim Wilkins: And the food wasn't particularly regency, to my knowledge, but that's Okay, because since then I have had regency food at a regency dinner event that my reading group put on, I was very disappointed with goose a.

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Kim Wilkins: lot of meat on a good, oh no no it's not.

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Samantha Rayner: No, but it was such fun, it was very hot I do remember that it was very hot in the middle of summer yeah and then we said well.

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Kim Wilkins: let's let's say it was hot Sam you.

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Samantha Rayner: Know probably it was hot Okay, yes i've just realized i'm hacking degrees of hotness to an Australian probably.

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Samantha Rayner: wise to go on that totally either.

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Kim Wilkins: Sam well.

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Samantha Rayner: It was seized the blue bomb in London.

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Samantha Rayner: thing anyway.

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Samantha Rayner: And we had such good papers at the conference that that we just thought well why why wouldn't we try and make a book has this is people want to do it and Laura Spyker who's the.

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Samantha Rayner: Managing Director of ucl press was at all, she popped into the conference and actually then we found out that she was a hair fan as well.

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Samantha Rayner: And then she said well why didn't you put in a proposal to sell press and that's where the journey began everybody that's, how can we, you know we're publishing with ucl press.

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Samantha Rayner: And yes, two years later, and to thanks to all our contributors, because the chapters in the book if you had not had a chance to look at us such a wonderful eclectic mix of different topics and different specialisms.

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Samantha Rayner: Just full of interesting things I hope you're all going to enjoy.

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Kim Wilkins: Yes, absolutely and it was actually painful to choose, only three people to talk to in one of our one of our events today and simply because, well, it would have been a very long panel if we talked.

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Kim Wilkins: I hope the other country contributors don't feel left out, it was nothing to do with them with nothing to do with you is just we had to make that terrible choice, and you know what.

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Kim Wilkins: I would like to know, Sam because, like you, i've been interviewing people.

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Kim Wilkins: Now i'm in the lead up to this.

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Kim Wilkins: For for the content that is now all available and live, if you want to go and have a look at it, but I asked everybody what their first hair book was and how it got into their hands, and I am I wonder if you could tell me your story.

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Samantha Rayner: Yes, I can Kim and I have anticipated this question, I promise everybody, we did not fix this up beforehand, but I did anticipate that this might come up.

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Samantha Rayner: Now I know that my mother is somewhere hiding in the guest list as well, so she will emit so i'm just going to fess up this.

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Samantha Rayner: This edition of both sprig Muslim, which is my very first is not the one because my mother has the original copy and she's got her complete set which I.

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Samantha Rayner: had to recreate the whole set because she she loves her as much as I do and.

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Samantha Rayner: that's when mother's love comes to an end, let me tell you when you say, because I have your hair books, no you can't samantha was a cool so it was spring Muslim and it was my mother who introduced me to hire via That was the first one, I read.

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Samantha Rayner: And then I was hooked on my one of my favorites then was the black mouth after that, so I do I love the region says, but actually I i've also got a very soft spot for the 18th century.

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Samantha Rayner: novels that she wrote as well, I really think that's that comes from also you know liking, the scarlet pimpernel and books like that, when I was younger, but I didn't know how old I was probably only 11 or 12 when I read my first hair, what about you Kim.

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Kim Wilkins: I guess and actually now I think i'm remembering our first conversation about hair because.

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Kim Wilkins: I was also, I think I was also bad 11 or 12 and I was bored and mooching about the House, one day, and my mom said read a book and I said I don't have a book to read and she gave me these old shades.

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Kim Wilkins: And I sat down and I read it, and I went oh I wasn't that enamored of that as a first book, but then after i'd read it, I thought I will just read another and another, and another.

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Kim Wilkins: And so I am I love that it's a there are so many people i've been just keeping one eye on the chat and there's a lot of people have said that their mothers introduced them.

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Kim Wilkins: To hair and I know Helen damages chapter in the book talks about this as well it's one of the most common ways that readers come to hair is through their mothers.

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Samantha Rayner: Yes, yeah.

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Samantha Rayner: And i've deliberately chosen these additions just to show you because my I mean my first paper on have was about hair covers and that.

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Samantha Rayner: Also, it came as your know we've had lots of discussions about.

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Samantha Rayner: You know that the best covers for the hair books and people have like I you know I love these old pan ones from the 1950s and 60s there my favorite.

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Samantha Rayner: And that people are very protective about the ones that they feel their their hair and reflection so what's your favorite cover designs what which ones, do you like best.

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Kim Wilkins: And I think I like I read the same ones is you, because I think we, the same vintage.

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Kim Wilkins: I read the same ones, as you when I was young, but I actually really like the ones that i'm collecting now are the ones that have.

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Kim Wilkins: sort of like they'll have a bit of regency art on the front, I can't describe it, I bet you've heard I copy right there.

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Samantha Rayner: No, no that's not.

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Kim Wilkins: But it looks a.

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Kim Wilkins: bit like.

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Samantha Rayner: that these are the really recent ones by arrow with
the kind.

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Kim Wilkins: Oh no not really.

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Kim Wilkins: You once before they're largely white.

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Kim Wilkins: yeah i've usually what a.

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Kim Wilkins: painting on the front with something like that they're
really they're really beautiful and i'm sort of building a
collection of those though I did, where the like I had.

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Kim Wilkins: A copy of the grand Sophie with kind of a Silhouette
cover which I liked as well, which was a bit like yep everyone is
showing it.

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Kim Wilkins: I feel like i'm in a room full of kindred spirits Oh, I
am i've got one eye on the chat I know I shouldn't be I know I
should be listening, but there was a gentleman who said his dad had
introduced into here and I just love that there's that.

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Kim Wilkins: there's that version of it to that there's men
introducing other young men to hair.

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Samantha Rayner: In the world.

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Kim Wilkins: That makes me so happy.

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Samantha Rayner: Yes, that if you're on the call you should try here, honestly, you might like.

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Kim Wilkins: What did it mean to you when you.

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Kim Wilkins: discovered hair as a child What did she mean to you what did her books mean to you.

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Samantha Rayner: I think it was just the way that hair completely.

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Samantha Rayner: takes you into that world it's the detail in her writing so.

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Samantha Rayner: I mean, am I allowed to read you a bit my notice is kind of playing to the crowd really but and just went The other day I was rereading the black morph.

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Samantha Rayner: You know the start of that when you're when we're introduced to the Jacob and over.

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Samantha Rayner: You know cloud and his customer black and silver with Raven hair on powdered and elaborately dressed diamonds, on his fingers and in his cravat.

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Samantha Rayner: Hugh Tracy Claire bell mama do you have Andover sat at the escrow try in the library of his townhouse writing.

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Samantha Rayner: He wrote war no rules on his face the almost unnatural paler of which same design ugly enhanced by a patch set beneath his right I.

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Samantha Rayner: browse and lattice were black, the former slanting slightly up at the corners, but he's narrow heavy loaded eyes were green and strangely piercing.

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Samantha Rayner: The thin lips curled a little sneering as one dead white hand travel to and fro across the paper.

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Samantha Rayner: You know I mean this this the detail that means you are there, you can see the character and it's so.

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Samantha Rayner: Simple it's so subtle in terms of the detail about the dress and the you know it gives you an idea of the character before you before he's even opened his mouth, you know what he's like and she wrote that don't forget when she was 17.

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Kim Wilkins: I know right, and when I was 17 I was just writing you know sort of fan fiction about motley crue.

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Samantha Rayner: I think it's partly that you know as a as a young, well almost teenager you know it's it's amazing that you would be attracted to something that is so otherworldly in a.

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Samantha Rayner: You know it's it's regency period detail, it and it's there's something about the the wet in the in the writing as well, and the way that you get attached to the characters and the plots I don't know what about you Kim what.

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Kim Wilkins: What is what what are you.

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Kim Wilkins: me when I was young, I was very taken with her heroines there was some more than others about was taken with, but you know, there was no to go from.

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Kim Wilkins: Anne of green gables to the.

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Kim Wilkins: Land, you know what I mean I was like.

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Kim Wilkins: here's another amazing redhead you can do amazing things.

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Kim Wilkins: It was just like a continuum of you know headstrong girls.

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Samantha Rayner: That see it because I was the same so i'm a great yeah and a green gables fancy maybe that was, and that was a source of lead wasn't it from that.

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Samantha Rayner: You to hey that's really interesting.

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Kim Wilkins: yeah, it is very interesting and what about what she means to you now, I mean.

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Kim Wilkins: You know now we're grown ladies.

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Were academic.

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Samantha Rayner: well.

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Kim Wilkins: You don't get to discover them anymore, because you've read them all So what do you get from it now.

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Samantha Rayner: Well, I think, as as women of a certain age we probably do get to discover them again actually came because i'm.

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Samantha Rayner: discovering that I forget a lot of the plots for

the interview read them is another joy altogether, and you know so there's a positive there and I.

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Samantha Rayner: mean obviously she is just the go to comfort read, so if you're feeling under the weather, there is nothing like picking up a Georgia head as an instant guaranteed pick you up and that's.

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Samantha Rayner: I suppose, through my long life so far I, you know that is like a cast iron guarantee that she will make you feel better but but also I.

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Samantha Rayner: I just love being part of this definitely sort of more academic community as well, I think we're helping hopefully all of us involved in this and all of this, that love hair.

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Samantha Rayner: You know, helping to bring her her achievements forward a bit and say, well, it shouldn't just be a guilty pleasure, or you know it's it's it's perfectly fine to be having a session like we're having today and discussing her don't you think I mean.

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Kim Wilkins: Literally i've given up on the idea of guilty pleasures I think that we should enjoy all of our pleasures without guilt, I mean who are we trying to be guilty, for you know, and I guess it and it comes it sort of brings up the question of.

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Kim Wilkins: You know why hasn't had more of a strong academic reception, I mean she's she's unique she's interesting she's got like fans like you wouldn't believe the books are amazing that beautifully written that funny.

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Kim Wilkins: You know what happened is that hair out of consideration, and the only answer I can sort of reasonably settle on is that it was a woman writing for women or it was perceived to be.

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Kim Wilkins: yeah writing for other women and and, yes, that dismissive term romance gets used So what do you think Sam.

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Samantha Rayner: I agree, and actually slight spoilers here, but when.

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Samantha Rayner: When you get a chance to listen to Steve and Fries bit that he's done, and you know he he says exactly that that he might be, because you know she was perceived as being a woman writing for for women, but he also.

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Samantha Rayner: You know, really goes for the cover designers and says, you know it's a lot about the perception that people get from the book when you look at the covers that again it's it's a sort of more female oriented kind of book, whereas.

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Samantha Rayner: You know, Patrick o'brien who is another great historical novelists, for example, you know it's.

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very much.

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Samantha Rayner: You know, mean he's seen as being I don't know somehow more respectful I didn't even see man because it's kind of about sailing and manly things I don't I don't know that I suppose that's why but hey it does men so well you know she really does.

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Kim Wilkins: really does i'm in love with at least one of them.

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Samantha Rayner: Absolutely well how is how has has influence impact on your own because you're a novelist as well kim's I mean, is there any is there any influence that you can trace of hair in your own work.

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Kim Wilkins: I think, so I mean again the tradition of the headstrong girl might come from my entire reading.

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Kim Wilkins: But there's something about in fact cade foresight to set a very similar thing in the again not to spoil it in the in the video about.

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Kim Wilkins: Historical fiction.

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Kim Wilkins: The telling detail so when you're writing something historical it's not putting every detail in it's that one telling detail and and she was so good at that, especially with making clothes speak.

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Kim Wilkins: For people, and again I think that was something that Allison Goodman said so I'm promise you I'm not stealing their ideas I just agree with.

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Kim Wilkins: sort of naturalness of the speech and the end of the the just letting you know that sort of cast of characters thing let it letting every character, have their own sort of.

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Kim Wilkins: Self but also have their own sort of gentle influence on the plot it's a real it's a just things like that, I guess, I would have borrowed but.

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Kim Wilkins: I am actually for a little while in my genre fiction course that I teach it or I used to teach at you Q I taught Venetia for a while and we found a passage in Venetia which is really full of sexual imagery.

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Kim Wilkins: Which is also just sort of buried there and and I think that she was a very, very Kenny right.

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Kim Wilkins: I think I don't think there was anything, it has the lightest touch, but there was nothing about it, that was dashed off.

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Samantha Rayner: No.

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Kim Wilkins: I think she's very, very intelligent writer, and she knew the weight of every word so well.

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Samantha Rayner: Even that paragraph at the stars, the black mark if you if you kind of listening to it with a sort of poetic of the language, the consonant balance the way that the.

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Samantha Rayner: You know the words fall in the sentence is really controlled and really you know I mean I dare dare to say, but you know Jane austen had that same.

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Samantha Rayner: Year for how that a sentence would would fall together and and higher has it even even in the very first novel yeah um Okay, what do you think should we take some questions from these good people that have.

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Kim Wilkins: would be lovely to have some questions if.

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Rebecca Markwick: We can we've got some nice ones as.

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Rebecca Markwick: Well, start with this one from James from Jane kingswood did you deliberately choose female writers for the book or was that just a lucky accident.

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Kim Wilkins: Oh we've got a.

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Samantha Rayner: we've got we've.

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Samantha Rayner: got Tom as a contributor and.

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Samantha Rayner: I think, well, it was mainly from the Conference, because the chapters in the book come from that conference in 2018

and that was an open call for papers, so I.

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Samantha Rayner: yeah I mean we we sort of worked with what we what we've got we certainly weren't we would have welcomed chapters from whoever wanted to put them forward when we can but i'm not to put poor Tom on the spot, but Tom was the only man that we had submitter.

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Kim Wilkins: He said.

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Kim Wilkins: A token male and in my Georgia hair reading group we only ever had two men and black some yeah they were just delightful.

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Rebecca Markwick: And now a suggestion request from Glenda Cooper my daughter is 12 today what would you suggest, as the first one to give her because, unlike everyone else, I am not a black mouth fan.

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Samantha Rayner: Oh no not enough oh.

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Kim Wilkins: yeah I love the melodrama.

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Kim Wilkins: Arabella.

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Samantha Rayner: Speed Muslim yeah Arabella rosberg Muslim and I think.

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Samantha Rayner: That because they're on the lighter end of you know they're the sort of gateway drug, if you like, to read books on the Arabella as great as well, actually.

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Samantha Rayner: I don't know it was big muscle and I didn't know that will be a tough call but yes, I would agree with Kim one of those two you're not a black more fan, obviously.

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Rebecca Markwick: Janet boyd asks i've always wondered why it was the regency period, which was yet here devoted so many of her books to I know not all of her books are set in this period, but she looks at so well, do you know what it was that took hold of her interest and imagination.

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Samantha Rayner: That is a good question.

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Kim Wilkins: I really don't know if Jen clusters.

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Samantha Rayner: or any of our other contributors Helen or somebody who might know the answer that put it in the chat for us, and she I know here was was a she she did see yourself very much as a historian she did a lot, as you probably know, really, you know tiny detailed research.

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Samantha Rayner: And it just I guess that was just the period that that took off, I mean the language, particularly, I remember reading in jen's book The biography of of hair that she kept lots of lists of all the regency language and and got very annoyed with other writers, of the same period, who didn't.

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Samantha Rayner: adhere to the accuracy and the way that she did.

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Samantha Rayner: yeah sorry we don't.

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Kim Wilkins: Really loved it, you know as a as a writer myself when you're writing something historically you do get attracted to certain periods and.

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Kim Wilkins: Your your imagination just seems to sort of set up shop there, so perhaps it just set up shop there for her yeah much an expert on it, you know so yeah.

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Rebecca Markwick: we've got a more fun question from Lillian so CARA i'm hoping that budget and success leads to higher screen adaptations, I have heard about the grand Sophie and development over the last few years, any thoughts on this.

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But would just be me.

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Kim Wilkins: No actual knowledge or news and we haven't we have a chapter in the book by Lucy dutton about the the sort of ill fated attempt to make a.

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Samantha Rayner: widow yes.

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Kim Wilkins: movie I do think that this golden age of streaming TV probably provides us our best opportunity for either a you know made for netflix movie or a TV series.

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Kim Wilkins: But yes, I mean if they chose something like the grand Sophie obviously would have very well to the screen, do you think.

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Samantha Rayner: I would love, I mean that would be the dream I mean maybe we can get Jackson her awesome team on that somehow as well, and I have faith that jax can make anything happen if she wanted to.

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Samantha Rayner: Put in mind.

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Kim Wilkins: I mean after we went to her with a very modest idea of doing a book launch and this happens and that jack.

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Samantha Rayner: can do anything yes.

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Samantha Rayner: I think she could but yeah I mean her because his books, do you have a complete stories, I mean, yes, but you know Britain is wonderful and sort of just seeing.

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Samantha Rayner: What they've done playfully with the with the sort of juxtaposition of periods, by choosing different fabrics for the dresses and things.

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Samantha Rayner: You can see how, if you if you were going to do something that was higher basic it would work and maybe Britain will open the door to people's appetite for for more original that's what i'm hoping, but i'm guessing that's going to be a few years down the line at the earliest.

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Rebecca Markwick: really good question here from Sri Ashby do you think that her work hasn't been rated because they are too positive they're not intellectually gloomy enough.

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Samantha Rayner: that's a good question and that's not dark enough that was me as I can yeah can we you're the novelist, what do you think.

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Kim Wilkins: Oh well, I mean I would, I think, even as a not as a novelist but as someone who's.

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Kim Wilkins: done a bit of study of popular fiction and it is true that to do literary analysis that sort of sort of habitual pose is to stand back from the texts and look at it and and sort of you know.

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Kim Wilkins: What is read it fell skis say have a suspicious reading of it, you know sort of try and find it sort of hidden Doc Mrs and biases and things like that, but I think we have got scholarship now that can absolutely accommodate something that some you know well loved and.

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Kim Wilkins: And, and has an enormous fan following I mean it would just be interesting to to read some academic work about the fan communities, I mean i'm just.

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Kim Wilkins: That i'm not reading it anymore, because I can't do two things at once, but i'm just watching it scroll up and all of you are so engaged yeah I mean that self is you know, certainly.

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Kim Wilkins: Have should be of note enough for academics, to pay attention to, but a lot of academics are very wedded to their.

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Kim Wilkins: Their fields they're very narrow criticisms.

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Samantha Rayner: But i'm just thinking, I mean again if I was thinking who canonical offers in terms of the needs to have a sort of darker intensity Jane austen is not dark I mean her books again comedies of of manners and of society that obviously what i'm not saying you know here is.

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Samantha Rayner: equivalent to Austin, but there is a sort of genealogy that comes through in that in that same kind of writing.

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Samantha Rayner: yeah and that's not really a very helpful answer, I guess, but.

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Kim Wilkins: it's a puzzle that I have not.

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Kim Wilkins: But we have back contributed a book too so yeah.

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Rebecca Markwick: hutchings.

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Rebecca Markwick: asks, given the current obsession with Britain is they're just not enough sex in here for modern audiences.

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Samantha Rayner: Oh well.

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Samantha Rayner: i'll see I agree with Kim and Kim when you said there's a quite a lot of it, the way that he writes, I mean again going back to the black mouth when you reread that.

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Samantha Rayner: You know, with a sort of, and you know the story, so you are focusing more on things the way that that there is kind of there is this the sexy bit is there, I mean the Duke of Avon you know he's a predator, is a sexual predator, he wants to kidnap.

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Samantha Rayner: You know this young girl and take her off to his Castle and force her to marry him and but it's the way that she creates his character is not over it's it's through his dress it's through the way that he.

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Samantha Rayner: looks that's how you pick it up, but you certainly get that common you know time to know how to explain it just because it's not express the written out in sexing died I don't I think hair is really talented at the way she writes about relationships.

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Kim Wilkins: I agree um.

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Rebecca Markwick: next question, who do you from up from valor who do you think a haze as both regency romance is and other genres.

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Who.

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Kim Wilkins: well.

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Samantha Rayner: We get us in trouble here, whatever we say.

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Kim Wilkins: Well i'm you know book and Kathleen Jennings has an amazing Chapter A whole chapter about his influence on science fiction and fantasy.

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Kim Wilkins: With them and one of the people, she does mention is of course lowest mcmaster bejeweled who is one of our guest today on our.

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Kim Wilkins: unconference so you must make sure you watch that and also watch the interview with the contributors that Sam does, because then you'll hear Kathleen talking about that herself.

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Kim Wilkins: In terms of regency romance um I mean gosh there's so much of it it's really hard to know um.

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Kim Wilkins: But I will I do want to shout out to my friend and another one of the panelists allison Goodman who wrote an amazing series called lady Helen out well the first one was lady Helen in the dark days, called the others had different time.

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Kim Wilkins: Different titles, but these were like a cross between Georgia hair and buffy the vampire slayer it was sort of regency demon hunting.

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Kim Wilkins: I can highly recommend that one as well do you have anything to add.

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Samantha Rayner: I well, again, I mean, I still you know, do I mean this is one of the things again still with mothers, you know still talk to my mom and I know you know she's a big fan of people like Julia Quinn stephanie lauren's.

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Samantha Rayner: eloise James So there are a whole host of kind of regency writers, who were kind of carrying on.

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Samantha Rayner: In that same vein of of hairs tradition, are I just I just think you can't you know here is the the original and and.

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Samantha Rayner: You know all of us that love hair want there to be

more hair books that's that's the problem and there aren't going to be anymore actual hair books, so when for me nothing's come.

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Samantha Rayner: as close as being a satisfying readers has higher herself in terms of regency romance is, but I do love other historical.

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Samantha Rayner: Is you know writers and I think we're very lucky at the moment there are lots of me philippa Gregory again does an interview with jax.

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Samantha Rayner: where she also credits and you know sort of hires influence and and praises her skill as a writer, so you know it isn't it perhaps in her influence on other writers that you might not see it directly but like lowest master boodle or philippa Gregory.

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Samantha Rayner: Which is interesting isn't it because, again very kind of heavy weight well known writers, but not not romance writers by any means so.

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Rebecca Markwick: If anyone does want fantasy and regency in romance Mary robinette co does a whole series which are very entertaining that are very much set in the region to see but.

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Rebecca Markwick: it's a fantasy novel you know everyone's got magic it's quite entertaining as a whole series they're very entertaining thanks backs.

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Rebecca Markwick: Lillian so CARA asks how accurate is his vocabulary and how unique take on regency can't.

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Samantha Rayner: very accurate.

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Kim Wilkins: Yes, and we do have a chapter.

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Samantha Rayner: We do, as it happens.

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Samantha Rayner: written by.

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Samantha Rayner: Tom yeah yeah.

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Kim Wilkins: Including a fabulous some image that he's reproduced for us of them, one of the pages and.

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Kim Wilkins: vocabulary notebooks and I do believe it has on it a whole bunch of ways of saying that you drunk is that right.

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Samantha Rayner: Yes, I think, so I think it does yeah I mean probably the most the most interesting thing that we had as higher you know readers working with an academic press was was this issue about language, I mean the conference that we did in 2018 was called the non search.

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Samantha Rayner: which you know to Kim and I anybody that's we just knew what that meant.

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Samantha Rayner: But we couldn't have done, such as the title for the for the book, because the press thought that nobody would understand what that meant so and.

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Samantha Rayner: We lost that argument came and I guess it's because it's going out to a wider audience, but I didn't know, perhaps, people can put in the chat with anybody else have had any issue with.

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Samantha Rayner: The nun search i've asked and that's the other joyous thing about being part of his hair club of readers is is you learn stuff about regency language, and you know horses and carriages and regency fashion, you just absorb it you don't realize

it but.

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yeah.

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Kim Wilkins: yeah yeah I think that's right and then, if you're out with your friends and you've had a few too many priests echoes and you say that you're slightly foxed.

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Kim Wilkins: yeah I know.

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off cups.

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Rebecca Markwick: very tricky question now guys.

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Rebecca Markwick: Do you have a favorite love confession declaration scene.

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Oh.

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Kim Wilkins: Oh, I really like i'm i'm the end of the grand Sophie I can't even remember the characters names, but this baby ducklings everywhere.

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Kim Wilkins: And drum.

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Kim Wilkins: Love interest name and if it is named Charles I can't even remember.

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Samantha Rayner: we've got plenty people here or fill in our gaps, for us, this is where we both get absolutely terrified and.

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Kim Wilkins: Charles Thank you Jennifer that I think was some That was a one that I loved a great deal yeah.

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Samantha Rayner: And for me, one of my favorites is the unknown Ajax but again I can't specifically remember, but I just.

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Samantha Rayner: For me that's one of the ones I think because i'm quite tall and there's a very tall hero in the unknown Ajax when he's sort of slightly clumsy which I also empathize with quite a lot, but I think that hold the resolution of the unknown Ajax for me was very, very satisfying.

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Samantha Rayner: Oh, and Sylvester as well, somebody just put in the chat yes so best all the see there are so many I don't know how can we choose.

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Kim Wilkins: Exactly the initial proposal someone's put in, of course, dead.

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Samantha Rayner: horse yeah.

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Rebecca Markwick: brilliant tricky question here from London so Kara i've always loved regency back, but I get shut down a lot on forums for saying this because of the way worth kisses Judith in the beginning.

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Rebecca Markwick: I am a feminist but I acknowledge that it was a different era consent is more of a contemporary privilege, what do you think.

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Kim Wilkins: touch.

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Kim Wilkins: General um kisses Venetia the first time, he sees because he thinks that she's some you know lower class wench so there's some classism to go along with you thanks.

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Kim Wilkins: I think that I know for myself i'm able to read through the sort of screen of time and, but I do understand that you know, Kate cuthbert his a a.

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Kim Wilkins: romance fiction editor here in Australia gave an amazing speech at the romance writers of Australia conference in 2019 I think.

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Kim Wilkins: about breaking up with some of our favorite romance tropes because of exactly this reason in the wake of me, too, and so on yeah um I I, as I said, i'm quite comfortable reading those books, but I do understand if if other people aren't anymore, yes.

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Samantha Rayner: Oh yeah I agree, and I think there are points again just you know, like more of this fresh in my mind cuz I read it again recently, but there is something slightly uncomfortable about the kidnapping the you know the way he does hold her he just buying her and.

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Samantha Rayner: You know, it is.

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Samantha Rayner: slightly uncomfortable reading, but you know it's it's part of that tradition of.

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Samantha Rayner: You know the scarlet pimpernel you know So yes, like him, I i'm able to read past that bed, but.

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Samantha Rayner: yeah good question.

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Samantha Rayner: Any more bags I think we've got a couple more.

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Rebecca Markwick: there's a couple more one from valor hey a notoriously dismissed her own regency in Jordan novels and rated her

more serious work my Lord john.

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Rebecca Markwick: But it fails to come to life, I think, why do you think hey a favorite medieval work and apparently failed to appreciate the sparkling 18th and 19th century novels.

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Kim Wilkins: Just no idea I haven't read the medieval books, you have haven't you say.

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Samantha Rayner: I have an actually again Jen close to a biography does does sort of deal with St jude you know sort of explains.

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Samantha Rayner: hey hey I really did want to be seen to be taken seriously as a historian, to be recognized for the work that she did I mean and so.

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Samantha Rayner: because she was she sort of had to write she she she actually she was amazing woman, because she supported her family pretty much it and so her novels were a way of keeping the family fed and clothed and a roof over their heads.

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Samantha Rayner: And I think there was a slight resentment that what the public wanted was more hey it was more regency romance so, then you know, the more popular.

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Samantha Rayner: The next romance came, the more the publishers demanded another one along the same lines and that's why she just had to keep writing regency romance is but the the other periods that she wrote about I you know I think that's where the slightly watered.

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Samantha Rayner: historian lies it, you know she she didn't have the opportunity to maybe focus on those because there was this.

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Samantha Rayner: This need for her to to write and publish books that were going to pay the bills and I think it's as simple as that.

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Samantha Rayner: But lately and close to his biography it, you know it's a brilliant book and it does it does reveal a lot about his private life, which is very interesting.

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Rebecca Markwick: And a final question, I think, from Diana banki.

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Rebecca Markwick: hey is, which always made me think of American screwball comedies, for example, bringing up baby, given that she started writing in the 1930s, do you think she might have been influenced by the genre.

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Kim Wilkins: It might be one of the things where they sort of a rose, at the same time, and I don't know enough about film history to know if those screwball comedies were you know widely available in the UK.

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Kim Wilkins: During the time she was writing and, because of course it is the hundredth anniversary of the black mark technically hey I started writing in the 20s so that's that's being pedantic though that's not getting to the spirit of your question, I am sorry, do you have anything to add fan.

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Samantha Rayner: Now, except the question made me, remember, so if any own and Kathy read rents and bring as well as one of the speakers on one of the panels.

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Samantha Rayner: But her wonderful book called dear reader which is sort of a retelling of of her reading journey through her life, she talks about hair in that, and something that was really striking my mind was she was saying, she was talking to some American.

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Samantha Rayner: Women on a train, you were also showing their hair love and.

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Samantha Rayner: They they said that hair is like the PG woodhouse

have.

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Samantha Rayner: Have sort of a light reading or and I just thought well that that's it I can't remember the quote annoyingly which would, which would be the same mmm PG woodhouse was popular around the same time that hair was writing, especially in the early two, so there is something about that.

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Samantha Rayner: That light touch the the expertise with the way that the language is used so yeah maybe there is something in that somebody should do an academic book on that.

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Kim Wilkins: They should not ask them.

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Samantha Rayner: baton on to somebody else.

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Rebecca Markwick: In which case.

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Rebecca Markwick: Yes, I was get up.

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Rebecca Markwick: yeah well can say we're running out of time, but i'm just going to ask you guys very quickly obviously i'm very horsing clergy, did you learn anything about horses and carriages when you were reading here, did you was it all just.

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Rebecca Markwick: over the head really because I, I obviously I know about them before yes.

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Kim Wilkins: i'm afraid of horses backs up the horrified to know it was just like Oh, I think i'm, especially when I was young, when you couldn't Google which kind of characters.

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Samantha Rayner: But we don't tell us about matched bays and.

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Samantha Rayner: phaeton says that this is when you read these words a lot, but you don't actually know how to pronounce them how they're different that's kind of more of a racing character Bruce is more like a.

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Samantha Rayner: long journey kind of characterize it no see a bit backs, I think, is probably the honest answer a bit, but probably not anything that anybody that knew anything about horses and carriages would rate.

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Rebecca Markwick: As she's very pretty i'd say she's 90% accurate there oh yeah.

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Kim Wilkins: Obviously, they need listen to your podcast then.

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Samantha Rayner: Yes, yes.

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Rebecca Markwick: it's very good matched base guys, you have no matter how expensive, they would be.

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Samantha Rayner: Fine, expects.

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Samantha Rayner: Any.

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Kim Wilkins: Any more question we've got one more thing that we have to do, Sam before we finish up one more special thank you.

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Samantha Rayner: We do don't we and that's that connects actually right back to the start of this and actually the start of the book, where we we've also felt that we wanted to record this too and.

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Samantha Rayner: And that's just a thanks to our mothers for

introducing us to hair and.

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Samantha Rayner: Starting what we won't disclose how long how many years that actually is now Kim maybe because we are women, of a certain age and but many decades ago and.

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Samantha Rayner: It is just incredible to think that, from that we are here today, you know part of this part of this book feeling that that's quite a privilege to.

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Samantha Rayner: help bring out all these wonderful chapters from from people who have worked hard and contributed and who love her just as much as we do from all over the world from all different backgrounds different career.

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Samantha Rayner: Levels all sorts, and you know I yeah I can't believe it's it's happened, actually, so thank you to others.

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Kim Wilkins: yeah and I think that maybe imams didn't know where I went I thought they were handing is a book, but they actually had.

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Kim Wilkins: a bunch of friends for life, basically yeah.

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Samantha Rayner: So we're very grateful.

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Kim Wilkins: I hope that you all enjoy the rest of the content that is now all available for you to watching, including a lovely some lovely opening remarks from Stephen FRY.

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Kim Wilkins: But i've been looking through the videos and i'm so very proud of them i'm sure that you'll love them all so yeah.

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Samantha Rayner: So have fun looking at those and keep in touch with Kim I do, let us know what you think of the book, you can download it for free.

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Samantha Rayner: I think there is also, if you go on the pink gold and brown website, there is a 25% off promo Code as well, if you want to order a hard physical copy of the book as well.

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Samantha Rayner: So that's quite a good deal, but it yeah I We really do hope you enjoy it and just.

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Samantha Rayner: Thanks for coming today and sharing some of your own hair likes and and questions has been great thanks thanks so much thanks thanks for sharing and thanks Kim.

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Kim Wilkins: No thanks it's been a joy, working with you.

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Samantha Rayner: we'll do it again in another few years.

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Kim Wilkins: After lie down.

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Samantha Rayner: Alright, thanks so much everybody take care bye bye.