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MYSTERY BOOK SCULPTURE DELIVERED TO EDINBURGH INTERNATIONAL BOOK FESTIVAL

(PHOTO AVAILABLE ON REQUEST)

The Edinburgh International Book Festival is the latest recipient of the mysterious book sculptures that have been left anonymously at literary sites around the city. Over the last year, the beautifully meticulous and intricate sculptures have been left at the Filmhouse, National Library of Scotland, Scottish Poetry Library and Scottish Storytelling Centre.

The Book Festival sculpture was discovered this afternoon sitting on the signing table in the Book shop, at exactly the same time as a sculpture gifted to the Edinburgh UNESCO City of Literature was found in the Book Festival entrance tent. Book Festival staff were mystified as to how they had been left without anybody noticing.

The book sculpture of a tray with a cup of tea and a cup cake is inscribed “This cup is awarded to @edbookfest” and also contains a teabag full of letters, and an unmarked book, and a label saying “This is for you in support of libraries, books, words, ideas & festivals.”

The sculpture gifted to the City of Literature is created from a copy of James Hogg’s Confessions of a Justified Sinner and entitled “Lost (Albeit in a good book). The accompanying label says “This is for you in support of libraries, books, words, ideas”No infant has the power of deciding. . . . by what circumstances (they) shall be surrounded.” Robert Owen”

A spokesperson for the Book Festival said “We are thrilled by the gift of this beautiful and mysterious work, and would like to say thank you to the anonymous sculptor and donor.”

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