

DUNDEE LITERARY TRAIL

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East End

- 1 Broughty Ferry Library.
- 2 Doc Ferry's Bar. Local pub frequented by Neil Forsyth's character Bob Servant.
- 3 Douglas Terrace. 'Bob Servants' House' chosen by Neil Forsyth.
- 4 Stannergate features in 'Witch's Blood' by William Blain.
- 5 South Baffin Street. On this site stood the cottage (mentioned in 'Frankenstein' visited by Mary Wollstonecraft Godwin (later Shelley) 1812-1814.
- 6 Weaver's Yard. Plaque dedicated to Mary Brooksbank who set her song 'A Dundee Lassie' in Baxter's Mill.
- 7 Dens Park. Chosen by Barry Phillips author of 'The Tartan Special One'.
- 8 MacDonald Street. Childhood home of 'Voices in the Street' author Maureen Reynolds.
- 9 9 & 10. Chosen by Andrew Murray Scott, author of 'Tumulus', Dundee Book Prize winner. Hilltown Terrace & Dudhope Park are described in the opening chapter.
- 10 St Mary Street. Birthplace (1915) of Dundee worthy, author and THE authority on the Dundee dialect, David Phillips.
- 11 182 Lochee Road. Chosen by Dundee Poet Mark Thomson as the place he wrote 'A Place Ti Call Home'.
- 12 Dundee Royal Infirmary. Chosen by Eileen Ramsay author of 'Butterflies in December'.
- 13 University of Abertay. Eugenie Fraser, Author of 'The House by the Dvina' received an honorary doctorate in 1994.
- 14 High School of Dundee. Authors including A.L. Kennedy, Andrew Murray Scott and Brian Callison were educated here.
- 15 D.C. Thomson building. Where author Chae Strathie started his journalism career.

Central

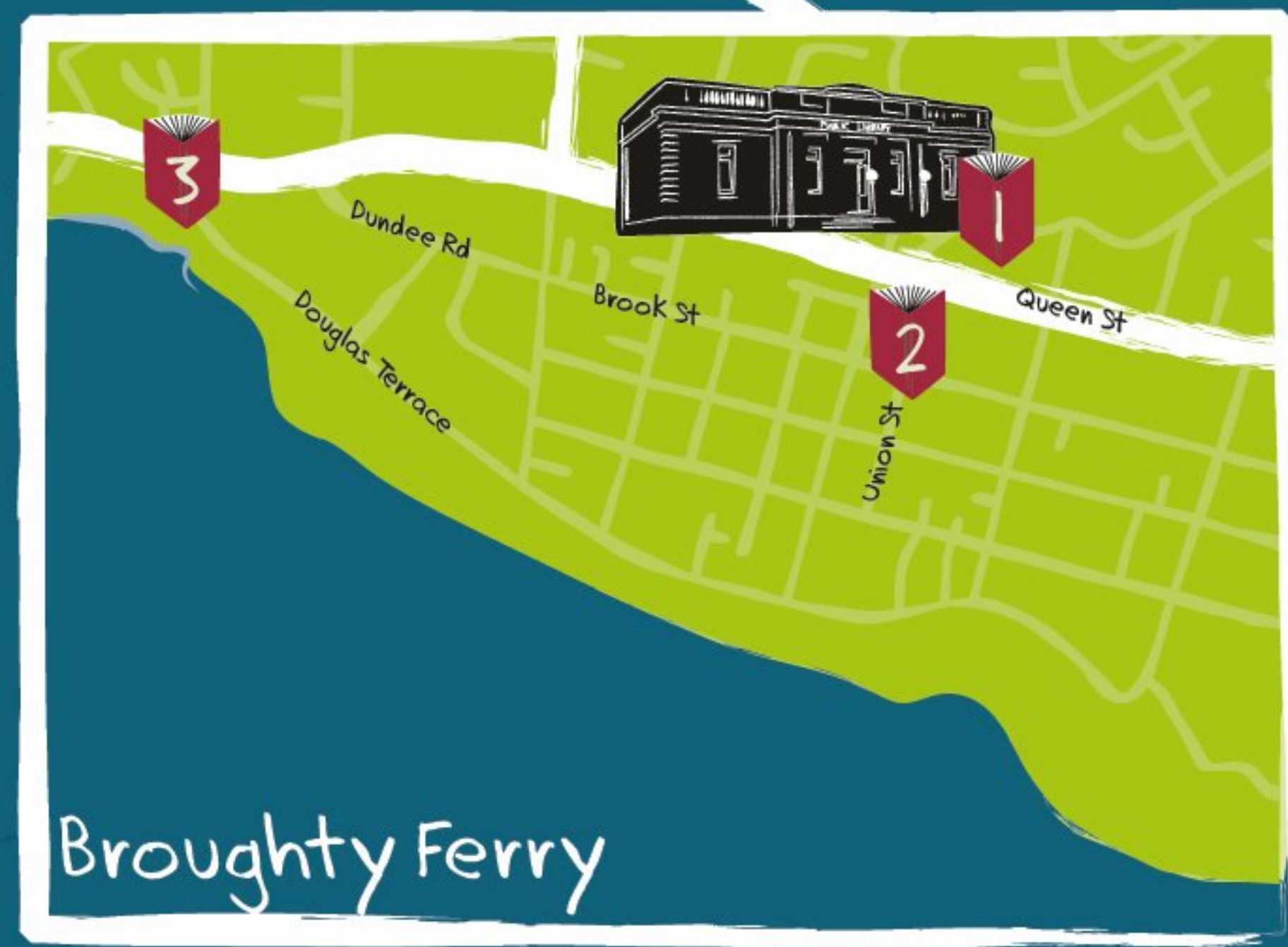
- 17 Central Library.
- 18 Seagate. Plaque marking birthplace of Sarah Weidman, mother of poet & playwright William Browning.
- 19 Peter Street. Scene of Grissel Jaffrey's burning as last witch in Dundee, featured in 'The Curewife' by Claire-Marie Watson.
- 20 Desperate Dan statue. City centre tribute to this famous comic character. D.C. Thomson publishes 'The Beano', 'The Dandy', 'The Broons' & 'Oor Wullie' as well as newspapers, magazines and books.
- 21 64 Reform Street. Former site of Lamb's Temperance Hotel. Owner A.C. Lamb gifted the Lamb Collection to the City of Dundee, now held in the Central Library.
- 22 'The Howff' chosen by authors James Robertson & Malcolm Archibald.
- 23 Forester's Halls. Agatha Christie attended the opening night of her play Hidden Horizons here in 1944.
- 24 Dundee Sheriff Court. Chosen by author Alexander MacGregor who worked there as a court reporter and in recognition of its links to crime and punishment throughout Dundee's history.

- 25 Overgate. Site of The Poet's Box which sold poems and sheet music.
- 26 43 Union Street. William Bury lodged here. Euan McPherson's book investigates his possible identity as 'Jack the Ripper'.
- 27 Nethergate. Plaque dedicated to Frances Wright: writer, feminist and social reformer.
- 28 Deep Sea Restaurant, Nethergate. Several characters from Chris Longmuir's Dundee Crime Series frequent this chip shop.
- 29 Discovery Point. Chosen by children's author Pamela Butchart whose work features the 'Discovery' and Captain Scott. Also 'Yellow Frigate' by James Grant highlights Dundee's maritime past.
- 30 Riverside. Follow the poetry inscription of the 'World's Worst Poet', William McGonagall.
- 31 Tay Rail Bridge. David Ashton's character, James McLevy, witnesses the Tay Bridge disaster in 'Fall From Grace'.
- 32 Magdalen Green Bandstand. Chosen by 'O is Fir Ing' author Mae Stewart.
- 33 Tay Bridge Bar. Chosen by 'Take it to the Bridge' author Lorraine Wilson. Featured in Michael Marra's song 'Frida Kahlo's visit to the Tay Bridge Bar'.
- 34 Speedwell Bar/ Mennies. Chosen by 'Speakin o Dundee' author Stuart McHardy.

West End

- 35 Annfield Road. Mae Stewart lived around the area where the Baltic Stack still stands. Also, this former jute mill features in 'Miles Tae Dundee' by D.A. Ferguson.
- 36 Balgay Park. Author A.L. Kennedy has fond memories of walking her Irish Setter here when she lived in Dundee.
- 37 Balgay Park Footbridge. Tracy Beaker author Jacqueline Wilson's favourite picturesque spot in Dundee. She worked on D.C. Thomson magazine 'Jackie'.
- 38 Mills Observatory. Astronomer Williamina Fleming wrote several books on spectra and stars.
- 39 Balgay Cemetery/ Necropolis. Russel D. McLean featured the western necropolis in 'The Good Son'.
- 40 Glamis Road/ Elmwood Road. Author Jim Crumley grew up in this area.
- 41 Windsor Street. Home of Bessie Maxwell, one of the two intrepid female journalists who reported on their epic round the world trip for D.C. Thomson.
- 42 McCheyne Church. Named after Rev Robert Murray McCheyne, author of various books and sermons.
- 43 Blackness Library.

- 44 Author and Illustrator Lindsey Gardiner found inspiration for her work in Duncan of Jordanstone library.
- 45 University of Dundee. Home of 'Literary Dundee' and attended by numerous authors as students and lecturers. Nobel Laureate Seamus Heaney is an honorary graduate.
- 46 Airlie Place. Home of Dundee's own WW1 poet, Joseph Lee.



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