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Kind Regards The Lost Art of Letter Writing

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Description

All the signs show that the worthy art of letter writing is in decline. One third of 16-year-olds have never written a letter, and in the next ten years it is predicted that first-class mail will drop by 37%. Emails and texts have overtaken the humble pen and paper as the most popular method of communication. In *Kind Regards*, Liz Williams explores the popular history of letter writing and how it has shaped the world today - from the early Greek philosophers, to the great letter writers Byron and Walpole and famous letters that changed the world. It also covers the invention of the fountain pen and the growth of the mail delivery system. This is the fascinating story of how a simple piece of paper revolutionized global communication and how, despite the ever-growing influence of technology, handwritten letters are regaining their value, meaning and popularity.

Sales Points

- A completely unique take on the fascinating social history of letter writing
- Readable and engaging, *Kind Regards* will explore the central role letter writing has played in shaping our culture and civilisation
- An insightful gift book that will make the perfect Christmas present for anyone with a love of the written word

Reviews

- 'This month I've been writing letters to friends, after being inspired by *Kind Regards: The Lost Art of Letter-Writing*' - *Top Sante*

Author Biography

Liz Williams has conducted postgraduate research in language and linguistics. She is a journalist whose work has been syndicated around the world and she has written or ghosted over twenty non-fiction books on a wide variety of subjects. Liz is a passionate letter-writer who has kept nearly every letter written to her, lovingly filed in boxes.