



Reading List - March 2026

The Conversation - [The deaf blacksmith who married in 1576 – and the history of sign as a legal language](#)

In February, Leicester Cathedral hosted a British Sign Language service celebrating a deaf marriage that took place in the church 450 years ago, in 1576.

by Rosamund Oates; 9 March 2026

The Guardian - [‘These connections are overlooked’: how British companies profited from slavery in Brazil long after abolition](#)

Britons learn about the country’s involvement ‘almost as a self-congratulatory narrative’, says historian Joseph Mulhern

By Tiago Rogero; 17 March 2026

Museum Association - [Ashmolean returns 16th-century bronze taken from Hindu temple](#)

Icon repatriated to India after scholar raised provenance concerns

By Geraldine Kendall Adams; 5 March 2026

BBC - [‘Why is it always the women that get punished?’](#)

Volunteers are transcribing records of women imprisoned by Cambridge University in the 19th Century.

By Katy Prickett; 7 March 2026

Uncomfortable Oxford - [The Hidden History of Oxford’s Jewish Community](#)

An unassuming memorial stone near the entrance to the Oxford Botanic Garden marks the site of the city’s first Jewish cemetery.

By Eliza Browning