



# OPEN ACCESS: A GUIDE FOR AUTHORS

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– Josie Gill, University of Bristol, UK and author of *Biofictions: Race, Genetics and the Contemporary Novel* (Bloomsbury Academic, 2020)



<sup>1</sup> Neylon C et al, “More readers in more places: the benefits of open access for scholarly books”, *Insights* (2021), <https://doi.org/10.1629/uksg.558>

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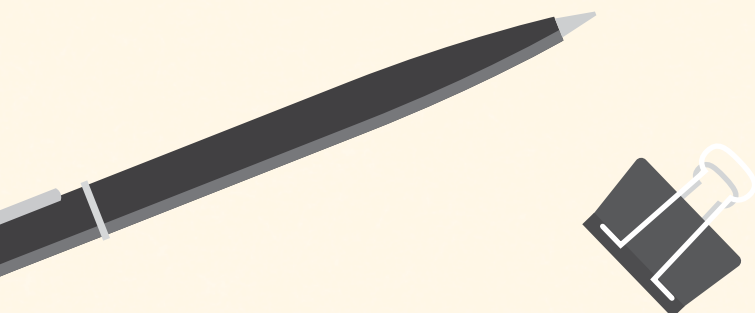
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– Corina Heri, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands and author of *Responsive Human Rights: Vulnerability, Ill-treatment and the ECtHR* (Hart Publishing, 2021)

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