**NOVELIST Jane Green loves meeting people who recommend books – especially if they happen to be a former Time Lord.**

Before becoming a writer, the Led- den was a TV publicist and once had to accompany Seventeenth Doctor Who star Tom Baker around Liverpool.

She has recalled: ‘He spent the day telling me stories about his youth, then insisted on taking me to a bookshop and buying me A Suitable Boy. By Vikram Seth.’

Jane, 49, loved it and still treasures her copy – and now she wants to help others spread word of their favourite reads all around the world.

And so the author, who now lives in Connecticut in the US, has launched the Jane Green Book Club.

She explains: ‘I’m a huge reader, and there’s nothing I love more than sharing books I love.

‘I’m also lucky enough to know a huge number of authors and it occurred to me I could start a virtual book club, bringing the authors to readers in live Facebook chats, so people could ask questions directly.

‘The idea is you can stay in your slippers and join in from home, but I’m also on a mission to drag women out from behind their computer screens.

‘We’re all hiding behind them and leading lives that are far more isolated than we ever expected, so I’m also saying, gather your friends and read the books together.

‘If you can connect with other people, read great books, meet the author and crack open a bottle or two of wine, what could be better?’

As for her own writing, Jane’s latest novel is called The Sunshine Sisters and is about a dying Hollywood starlet and her fraught relationship with her estranged daughters. She admits: ‘It was one of the easiest books I’ve ever written. Three hours would disappear in five minutes.

‘There were some days when I was highly high on writing.’

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She explains: ‘It’s a job at the end of the day. There are still lots of things I’d like to do but for now, I feel very lucky that I write novels for a living.


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This book is unlike any- thing with this heart. This Rhannon is a particularly unapologetic in both her actions and opinions, but if you like your thrillers darkly comic and outrageous, this ticks all the boxes.