

# THE LAZY PHILOSOPHER'S GUIDE TO TOLSTOY

[WEEKDAY COURSE]

## Dates

3 - 6 April 2022  
Starts Sunday at 6.30pm.  
Ends Wednesday at 1.30pm.

## Venue

Higham Hall  
Bassenthwaite Lake  
Cockermouth  
Cumbria  
CA13 9SH

## Fees

£346 residential | £244 non-residential

## Level

Beginners to Intermediate

## Description

"Everyone thinks of changing the world, but no one thinks of changing himself." said Tolstoy. He was as much a philosopher as a writer, and beyond his most famous works he applies his genius to the whole of the human condition. Using some of his short stories, this course will explore Tolstoy's views on art, politics, religion and living an authentic life.

## Outline

- Day One** Introduction & Life
- Day Two** Overview and discussion of *The Death of Ivan Ilyich*  
'The Authentic Life', 'The Inevitability of Death' and 'The Inner and Outer Life'  
Overview and discussion of *How Much Land Does a Man Need?*  
Film: *The Last Station* [2010]
- Day Three** Overview and discussion of *The Kreutzer Sonata*  
Overview and discussion of *Father Sergius*  
Tolstoy on Religion  
Film: *The Trouble with Tolstoy* [2011]
- Day Four** Tolstoy on Art  
Conclusion

## Essential Reading

*The Death of Ivan Ilych* (1886), *How Much Land Does a Man Need?* (1886), *The Kreutzer Sonata* (1889) and *Father Sergius* (1890-98) by Lev Tolstoy

**N.B.** All four short stories are available in *Collected Shorter Fiction 2* published by Everyman's Library.

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## Booking

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