

Our Author of the Month for April is the American novelist, essayist, playwright and poet James Baldwin. Dismayed by the racism and homophobia of his native country, Baldwin lived for most of his life in France, where he wrote the novels, essays and poems which made him famous, but his theme was always America. In 1963, Time magazine said of him, ‘there is not another writer who expresses with such poignancy and abrasiveness the dark realities of the racial ferment in North and South.’

