

Aled Davies Recommended Reading List

In these past months, I have been able to reacquaint myself with several old and dear friends - some of my favorite books that have long gone unopened on my bookshelves. I have discovered that I love them as much as ever if not more. All are fiction - though I am looking forward to getting *Shadowplay* by James O'Connor from my local library. This is a strong recommendation from Tom Ford about the inspiration of *Dracula* stemming from luminaries in the late Victorian theatre.

- *Dune* by Frank Herbert
- *The Praise Singer* by Mary Renault - my second favorite book of hers about performing artists in classical Greece.
 - The first being *The Mask of Apollo*, about an actor of course!
- Several books by Martin Cruz Smith featuring his fabulously cynical, yet dogged detective protagonist Arcady Renko.
- My all time favorite - John le Carre - I have his entire oeuvre and have loved devouring both *The Little Drummer Girl* and *The Russia House* for the umpteenth time.