

Book Launch of  
**Map of the Invisible World**

The Pod, National Library | 1 June | 7pm | Free Admission



**I**n *Map of the Invisible World*, Johan kept a constant vigil over his little brother Adam during their years together in the orphanage. When they are placed in different adoptive homes, they lost all contact. Johan is taken to Kuala Lumpur by a wealthy Malaysian couple whilst Adam is adopted by a Dutch painter, Karl and grows up in a simple coastal town in Indonesia.

However in the summer of 1964, there was disorder as post-colonial Indonesia slid towards civil war. Foreigners and especially the Dutch are treated with hostility and when Karl is arrested, 16-year-old Adam resolves to do all that he can to find him. He seeks help from an old friend of Karl's in Jakarta, but in the volatile atmosphere and lured by a promise to find his brother, Adam quickly falls in with a dangerous crowd and is swept up in events beyond his understanding.

About  
**Tash Aw**

Malaysian-born writer Tash Aw is now living in London. His highly-acclaimed novel, *The Harmony Silk Factory* won the Whitbread Best First Novel Award, the Commonwealth Best First Novel Award and was also long-listed for the Man Booker Prize and the Guardian First Book Award. *Map of the Invisible World* is his second novel and is a touching tale of love and loss, friendships and belonging, and the indissoluble ties of family.

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