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Dear readers,  
We hope you have had a great summer and good reading. Please share your 'good reads' with us, email us at [info@bookgroup.info](mailto:info@bookgroup.info)  
Book groups thrive on personal recommendations, and from your feedback it is clearly not just about high profile hype.

Our new [reviews](#) are THE SEA by John Banville and NEVER LET ME GO by Kazuo Ishiguro, both of which are exquisitely written. Our guest reviewer found READING IN THE DARK by Seamus Deane deeply moving.

Take advantage of our great [offers](#) from Cottages 4 You and discounts from Lovereading.co.uk. mybookyourbook.co.uk, the online co-operative library, are offering bookgroup.info visitors reduced membership. And Harper Perennial are offering free copies of their lovely BOOK JOURNAL in which you can record all the great reads that you found with us! Please first [register](#) your group.

Enter our [competition](#) and 30 visitors can win copies of THE SEA by John Banville.  
Winners of THIS BOOK WILL SAVE YOUR LIFE are: Diane Madhavan (Hengoed); Rose davenport (Canterbury); Abigail Parker (London); Chris Dewar (Ayr) and Alison Eaves (Reading). Many thanks to Granta publishers.

Our [Bookgroup of the Month](#) is Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown!

Many thanks for your helpful advice for last month's group with a [problem](#).

The man [Booker Prize](#) longlist is announced. Our favourite is [THE SECRET RIVER](#) by Kate Grenville.

[Girls Gone By Publishers](#) have republished some of the most popular girls' fiction from the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Hear what they had to say on [Radio 4](#) Woman's Hour.

[The Guardian First Book Award](#) long list has been announced.

Winner of the [Scottish Arts Council Book of the Year](#) is THE PEOPLE'S ACT OF LOVE by James Meek. Read our [review](#) of this multi prize-winning novel.

[Small Wonder](#) Short Story Festival 14-17 September returns to Charleston, the beautiful Bloomsbury Group house in Sussex. It's the UK's only dedicated short story festival, returning for its third year with an adrenalin rush of short fiction and showcasing an impressive list of writers. Highly recommended.

[The International Thriller Writers Inc](#) has announced that the 2007 Thriller Master Award is to be awarded to James Patterson.

**Please do remember to forward the newsletter to other members of your group so that they can take advantage of the offers and competitions.**

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