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Dear readers,

As Christmas approaches we thought we'd offer an antidote with some light-hearted post-apocalyptic reading.

So for "Dystopia Month" our new [reviews](#) are THE BOOK OF DAVE by Will Self and THE ROAD by Cormac McCarthy.

In the same cheery vein our [quest review](#) is I HAVE WAITED AND YOU HAVE COME by Martine McDonagh.

Take advantage of our great [offers](#) We have discounts from Cottages 4 You and Lovereading.co.uk and free copies of I HAVE WAITED AND YOU HAVE COME by Martine McDonagh Please first [register](#) your group. You only need to do this once!

Enter our [competition](#) to win copies of THE ROAD.

Congratulations to the winners of last month's competition who will receive copies of CARRY ME DOWN and THE VANISHING ACT OF ESME LENNOX. Thanks to Canongate and Headline publishers.

Our [Bookgroup of the Month](#) is the Gaaum's Group from Aberdeen. Fill in the [questionnaire](#) if you'd like to be a BGoTM.

Can you help our group of male members with their [problem](#)?

Nominations are now being invited for the [CWA Dagger in the Library Award 2007](#). Authors are nominated by UK libraries, library staff, library reading groups, and judged by a panel of librarians.

BBC Somerset has a winner for Chapter 2 of its short story competition and has now re-opened for [Chapter 3](#). Have a go!

To mark the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the abolition of the slave trade a [City Reads Project](#) taking place in Bristol, Liverpool, Glasgow and Hull is being planned to operate from January 2007 until June 2007. The chosen book is [SMALL ISLAND](#) by Andrea Levy. 50,000 copies will be handed out free.

See the short-list for the [John Llewellyn Rhys Prize](#), which is open to British and Commonwealth writers of fiction and non-fiction, aged under 35. The winner will be announced on 6<sup>th</sup> December.

The short-list for the 2006 first [Costa Book Awards](#) (formerly the Whitbread) is announced. Win the 20 short-listed books in the [Guardian](#) competition.

The [Commuters Book Club](#) is a fantastic new green scheme which encourages and enables commuters to swap books. At the moment only in the South East, swaps are undertaken at or near major transport interchanges or other convenient landmarks in London. As part of the launch they're offering a year's free membership to the first 500 people to sign up. Do it now!

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

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