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Dear readers,

A very happy new year to you all!

Our new [reviews](#) are THE MATHEMATICS OF LOVE by Emma Darwin and PRAYING MANTIS by André Brink. Our Book of the Month is the winner of this year's Guardian First Book Prize, A THOUSAND YEARS OF GOOD PRAYERS, a short story collection by Yiyun Li. As well as the judges' favourite it was also runaway favourite among the readers' groups which play a part in deciding the outcome. See our [interview](#) with Yiyun.

Our [quest review](#) is SERVICE WASH by Rupert Smith.

Take advantage of our great [offers](#) including free copies of PRAYING MANTIS. Please first [register](#) your group. You only need to do this once!

Enter our [competition](#) to win copies of A THOUSAND YEARS OF GOOD PRAYERS by Yiyun Li.

Our [Bookgroup of the Month](#) is the Alvering Library group from Wandsworth. Fill in the [questionnaire](#) if you'd like to be a BGoTM.

Our group of male members STILL needs help with their [problem](#)!

THE CORRECTIONS by Jonathan Franzen is BBC 4's featured book on Bookclub, which will be aired on Sunday 7 January and Thursday 11 January. Read our [review](#) before tuning in.

[The Photographer's Gallery](#), London is hosting a Bookclub on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January at 18.30 to coincide with the Bound for Glory exhibition. The

book is [THE GRAPES OF WRATH](#) by John Steinbeck. This event is open to all and there is no need to book.

If you haven't signed up to the [Commuters Book Club](#) do it now! This fantastic new green scheme encourages and enables commuters to swap books. At the moment it only operates in the South East. They are offering a year's free membership to the first 500 people to sign up.

The winner of the 2005 [John Llewellyn Rhys Prize](#), for Commonwealth writers of fiction and non-fiction aged 35 or under, is [BEASTS OF NO NATION](#) by Uzodinma Iweala.

[BBC Somerset](#) has a winner for Chapter 3 of their short story competition. It has now re-opened for Chapter 4.

Have a go at the [Guardian Book Quiz](#) for 2006. No prizes, but it's fun!

See [Lovereading4schools](#) for great advice and book discounts for teachers and parents.

**Many thanks to all of you have emailed us to thank us for helping with setting up your group and making your reading choices. 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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