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Spring has arrived. Why not get out into the garden with a good book?

Our new recommended [titles](#) are PERSEPOLIS, a graphic novel by Marjane Satrapi, and IN THE COUNTRY OF MEN by Hisham Matar. Our Book of the Month is the fantastic OUT STEALING HORSES by Per Petterson. Read our [interview](#) with Per and see our [competition](#) page to win a copy of this wonderful book.

Our [guest review](#) is the raunchy DEEP HANGING OUT by Richard Gwyn.

See our [offers](#) page for free books. Please first [register](#) your group. You only need to do this once!

Our [Bookgroup of the Month](#) is The Reading Gay Men's Group. Fill in the [questionnaire](#) if you'd like to be a BGoTM.

This month's [Bookclub](#) on BBC radio features WHAT A CARVE UP! By Jonathan Coe on Sunday 1st and Thursday 5th April.

The 5th [Cambridgewordfest](#) - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2007 is their largest festival yet. With over 50 events and workshops to choose from over the weekend it's got it all.

Penguin/Orange Broadband Readers' Group Prize [entry forms](#) are now available for 2007. You can download one from the above link or pick up one from your local library or bookshop. Your group could win a trip to the Penguin offices or a visit from one of the Penguin "ambassador" authors.

The [Orange Broadband Prize longlist](#) for 2007 is announced. The shortlist will be announced on April 17<sup>th</sup>.

Do you buy books just for decoration? We hope not! A literary survey of "[The Great Unread](#)" put DBC Pierre's VERNON GOD LITTLE at the top of the poll of books that people bought but didn't finish.

Two great literary events are touring the country from this month until June. [Wig](#) is a black comedy about a suburban housewife, written and performed by Patrick Gale. [Wish I Was Here](#) is two short stories written and performed by Jackie Kay. Both performances are set to a specially commissioned soundscape designed by composer Jon Nicholls. Click on the links for venues and tour dates.

Enjoy a Seven Day Wonder [Booklover's Holiday in France!](#) A week of relaxation, books & gentle conversation in the southern French sunshine from July 14th-21st 2007.

See the winners of the second [Irish Book Awards](#); the [Galaxy British Book Awards 2007](#) and the 10th annual [Prose & Poetry Prizes](#) (organized by The New Writer magazine).

The UK's only surviving gay bookshop is under threat of closure. Help save [Gay's The Word Bookshop](#)

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