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## Newsletter No 54

### December 2007

This month we bring you a new and exciting competition called Spot the Bookshop! Have a go and win a £10 Book Token.

Our new recommended [titles](#) are THE POOLS by Bethan Roberts and GREATER LOVE by Lucy Wadham.

Our [Book of the Month](#) is MR PIP by Lloyd Jones.

Read our [interview](#) with Lloyd Jones.

See our [competition](#) page to win copies of MR PIP.

Congratulations to winners of THE WORLD TO COME: Ken Hutchison, Edinburgh; Daniel Lee, Westcliffe-on-Sea; Irene Hunter, Aberdeen; Janis Miller, Bathgate; Pam Richardson, Barnsley; K Taylor, Gants Hill; Geoff Barber, Bishop Auckland; John Reardon, Newport Pagnall; Sheila Carey-Thomas, Alton; Lisa Emslie, Manchester; Judith Cooper, Croydon; Joanna Evans, Nantwich; Helen Baker, Norwich; Sarah Wedge, Brighton; Lucy Athey, Tonbridge. Many thanks to Penguin publishers.

Have you tried the [Book Exchange](#) on our notice board? This is a great way to interact with other groups and, importantly, to recycle!

Stock up for Christmas with [Virgin Wines](#) and receive a £20 introductory voucher for every member of your group.

Also see our [offers](#) page page for free books.

Please first [register](#) your group. You only need to do this once!

Our [Bookgroup of the Month](#) is Todmorden Library Readers Group, Halifax.

Fill in the [questionnaire](#) if you'd like to be a BGoTM.

In this month's Radio 4 [Bookclub](#) on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December Thomas Keneally discusses his 1982 Booker Prize winning novel SCHINDLER'S ARK. Remember you can "listen again" to past bookclubs.

Escape from the dark days of winter with a relaxing weekend of stories, conversations and good food and wine by taking a [booklovers holiday](#) in the Catalan hills in Garrotxa, Spain starting February 28th 2008.

Telegram Books have a [book-crossing](#) project in London this month. They're 'setting free' copies of two of their newest titles, THE MOON OPERA by Bi Feiyu and THE YEAR OF THE REVOLUTIONARY NEW BREAD-MAKING MACHINE by Hassan Daoud. Look out for the books and add your comments to their blogsite.

Lots of prizes this month: The [IMPAC 2008](#) longlist is announced.

See the [2008 Costa](#) shortlists.

The [Guardian First Book Award 2007](#) goes to Dinaw Mengestu for his novel, CHILDREN OF THE REVOLUTION.

This year's [Bad Sex in Fiction](#) award goes to the late Norman Mailer - a well-deserved winner!

Sarah Hall has been awarded the [John Llewellyn Rhys Prize 2006/07](#) for her novel THE CARHULLAN ARMY – "a tough portrait of life in a near-future Britain after the oil runs out".

Find out why some of our best [writers write](#).

Happy Christmas to you all and may Santa fill your stocking with lots of good things to read!

**Many thanks to all of you who 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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