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**Newsletter No 58  
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T S Eliot said that April is the cruellest month. Well, why not just stay in and read?

Our new recommended [titles](#) are Self Help by Edward Docx and our book of the month, THE CARHULLAN ARMY, by Sarah Hall.

Read our [interview](#) with the author.

Our [guest review](#) is Love Life by Ray Kluun.

See our [competition](#) page to win copies of THE CARHULLAN ARMY.

Can you [Spot the Bookshop](#)? Congratulations to Hannah Beck who wins a £10 Book Token for spotting the famous City Lights Bookshop in San Francisco.

Congratulations to winners of THE PESTHOUSE by Jim Crace - Moira Knox, Galashiels; Clare McMahon, Gateshead; Samantha Stevens, Redhill; Terence Arkle, Sunderland; and Sylvia Burrows, Malvern.  
Thanks to Picador publishers.

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 the Eydon Reading Group from Daventry.

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

As ever the [Charleston Festival](#), 16<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> May, promises a stimulating array of novelists, poets, screen-writers politicians and story-tellers in its beautiful East Sussex setting.

There's still time to get tickets for the [Sunday Times Oxford Literary Festival](#) which finishes on 6<sup>th</sup> April. See our [offers](#) page to win £200 worth of books provided by the festival organisers.

How do you keep your reading groups discussions lively and focussed? Try the [THE BLOOMSBURY ESSENTIAL GUIDE TO READING GROUPS](#) which offers readers guides for 75 of the very best reads, which the publisher says will guarantee debate!

The publishers of [THE MAGUS OF STONEWYLDE](#) by Kit Berry have put together a special discount offer to members of bookgroups. See our offers page for copies of this book.

See the [2008 Orange Broadband Prize](#) longlist in which first-time novelists make a strong showing. The shortlist will be announced on April 15<sup>th</sup> and the winner on June 4<sup>th</sup>.

The New Writer [Prose and Poetry Prize 2007](#) winners are announced.

[The Waverton Good Read Award](#) is given by the residents of Waverton near Chester to the book they consider the best British debut novel published in the previous 12 months. The shortlist will be announced on April 7<sup>th</sup>.

[Galaxy British Book Awards 2008](#) – see the shortlists and win books! Results will be announced on April 13<sup>th</sup>.

[Brighton City Reads](#), 13<sup>th</sup> March – 23<sup>rd</sup> May, proves crime does pay as it invites you to join in the city-wide read of A PLACE OF EXECUTION, Val McDermid's best-selling psychological suspense thriller.

This month's Radio 4 [Bookclub](#) on Sunday 6th and Thursday 10th April. Features the poet Simon Armitage talking about his translation of one of

the finest surviving examples of Middle English poetry, SIR GAWAIN AND THE GREEN KNIGHT. Remember you can "listen again" if you miss it the first time.

Would you be like to attend the next recording of Bookclub? The BBC is looking for readers to come along and meet Jan Morris, the celebrated travel writer on her classic "Venice". The recording is on Tuesday 29 April, 5.45pm at the BBC studios in central London. Tickets are free and available from the [website](#).

**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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