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“Every year, back comes Spring, with nasty little birds yapping their fool heads off and the ground all mucked up with plants.”

- Dorothy Parker

We hope the birds yapping won't disturb your reading! See our new [recommended titles](#) WHEN WE WERE ROMANS by Matthew Kneale and our Book of the Month ACCORDING TO RUTH by Jane Feather.

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

Our [guest review](#) is CHAM by Jonathan Trigell.

See our [competition](#) page to win copies of ACCORDING TO RUTH.

Can you [Spot the Bookshop](#)? Congratulations to Beverley Kerry who wins a £10 Book Token for spotting Metropolitan Books in Exmouth Market, London.

Congratulations to the 30 winners of THE CARHULLAN ARMY by Sarah Hall. Many thanks to Faber publishers.

Also, congratulations to Colette Stein, Goadby Marwood Reading Group and Karen Catto of The Shore Connection reading group, Macduff, winners of the Oxford Festival competition – many thanks to the organizers.

Remember if your group is registered with us you are eligible for **FREE** books. See our [offers](#) page for all the details.

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

Our [Bookgroup of the Month](#) is Bryn House Book Group, Swansea.

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

Hurry! There's still time to get tickets for the [Charleston Festival](#), 16th- 25th May.

[CrimeFest](#) is a new, international crime fiction convention being held in Bristol on 5th – 8th June featuring Karin Fossum, Jeff Lindsay, Ian Rankin and many others. See our [offers](#) page for information on discounted tickets for bookgroups.

Still on the subject of crime fiction, is your book group reading Val McDermid's A PLACE OF EXECUTION as part of City Reads 2008? If they are, and your group would like the chance to win an exclusive afternoon tea with Val, then enter the special [City Reads 2008 Book Group Competition](#).

The [Orange Broadband Prize](#) shortlist is announced. The winner will be announced on 4th June.

Download your [Penguin Orange Broadband Readers' Group Prize](#) application form to enter this year's competition.

[The Kiriama Prize](#) was established in 1996 to recognize outstanding books about the Pacific Rim and South Asia. The 2008 fiction winner is one of our previous books of the month, the brilliant [MR PIP](#) by Lloyd Jones.

May's Radio 4 [Bookclub](#) on Sunday 4th and Thursday 8th features Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie talking about her prize-winning novel HALF OF A YELLOW SUN. Read our [review](#) of this stunning book before tuning in. Remember you can "listen again" if you miss it the first time.

The next Bookclub recording is Colm Toibín on his 2004 Booker shortlisted novel about Henry James – THE MASTER on Weds 25 June at 5.45pm BBC Bush House, Aldwych London WC2. Tickets are free and you can apply via the [Bookclub](#) website.

The BBC World Service Book Club is recording John Irving discussing his book THE WORLD ACCORDING TO GARP on June 1st in Hay on Wye. If you would like to be in the audience then email karen.holden@bbc.co.uk

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