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**Newsletter No 60  
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To celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> edition of the newsletter, we thought after almost six years of running this site you'd like to read a little bit [about us!](#)

Complete our [survey](#) and you could win £100 worth of books.

See our new [recommended titles](#)  
WISH HER SAFE AT HOME by Stephen Benatar and FAULT LINES by Nancy Huston.

Our Book of the Month is BREATH the amazing new novel from Tim Winton. Read our [interview](#) with Tim who we met at the Brighton Festival.

Our [guest review](#) is WHEN TO WALK by Rebecca Gowers.

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

Can you [Spot the Bookshop?](#)  
Congratulations to Sophie Hudson who wins a £10 Book Token for spotting the Libreria San Paolo in Modena, Italy. Only seven of you got the right answer so we've made it easy again!

Congratulations to Sarah Sutton, Stafford; Richelle Sparks, Chatham; Ruth Macleod, Tain; Howard Dale, Todmorden; Sarah McCulloch, Clonakilty Co.Cork winners of ACCORDING TO RUTH. Many thanks to Harvill Secker publishers.

Some of you are missing out on **FREE BOOKS**. If your group is registered with us you are eligible to claim free books every month. 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 Letchworth Young Professionals. Fill in the [questionnaire](#) if you'd like to be a BGoTM.

There's still time to get tickets for [CrimeFest](#) the new, international crime fiction convention being held in Bristol on 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> June featuring Karin Fossum, Jeff Lindsay, Ian Rankin and many others. See our [offers](#) page for information on discounted tickets for bookgroups.

Visit [The Garforth Arts Festival](#) (June 24<sup>th</sup> – July 5<sup>th</sup>) which promises to bring "events, often profound sometimes subtle, occasionally terrifying"! Authors include Imran Ahmad, Gervase Phinn and Tony Benn.

Would your group like to win a day at Penguin's offices in London or a set of Orange Prize shortlisted books? Download your [Penguin Orange Broadband Readers' Group Prize](#) application form to enter this year's competition. The first 50 entries will receive a free Penguin book.

The [Orange Broadband Prize](#) winner is Rose Tremain for her novel THE ROAD HOME.

Lawrence Hill of Canada was the overall Best Book winner of the 2008 [Commonwealth Writers' Prize](#) for THE BOOK OF NEGROES.

The shortlist for the [Best of the Booker](#) has been announced. You have until 12 noon on July 8<sup>th</sup> 2008 to vote for your favourite.

June's Radio 4 [Bookclub](#) on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June and Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> features Jan Morris discussing her acclaimed book VENICE. 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](#).

Entry forms are ready for the [Prose and Poetry Prizes 2008](#) from The New Writer magazine. This is a major annual international competition for short stories, novellas, single poems, poetry collections, essays and articles which offers cash prizes as well as publication for the prize-winning writers in The Collection, special edition of The New Writer magazine each July. The closing date is 30 November 2008.

**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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