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No time for waffle this month – just read our bumper edition!

See our new [recommended titles](#) THE COMPLETE STORIES of Truman Capote and SHE”S GONE by Kwame Dawes.

The [quest review](#) is THE GOOD FATHER by Marion Husband.

Our [Book of the Month](#) is THE SPARE ROOM by Helen Garner.

Read our [interview](#) with Helen Garner and see our [competition](#) page to win copies of THE SPARE ROOM.

Can you [Spot the Bookshop](#)? Congratulations to Gill Knappett for spotting Dublin in last month’s competition. A £10 Book Token is on its way to her.

Congratulations to the winners of WINTER’S BONE: Iain Maciver, Isle of Lewis; Laura Jeffs, Southampton; Jason Savage, Warrington; Faridah Brooker, Wirral; Sarah Tilley, Northampton.
Many thanks to Sceptre publishers.

Claim your **FREE BOOKS!** If your group is registered with us you are eligible to claim free books every month (sorry, UK groups only). See our [offers](#) page for all the details.

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

We can now include bookgroups from anywhere in the world on our directory. See our [International Groups](#) page – and register.

Read about our [Bookgroup of the Month](#) the Adler Village Book Group who have started doing their own

creative writing and publish a magazine.

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

Short story lovers get your tickets for this year’s [Small Wonder Short Story Festival](#) in the beautiful setting of Charleston Manor in Sussex. See masters of the form, William Trevor and Ali Smith, amongst others.

A reminder that the closing date for [The Asham Award](#), the short story prize unpublished women writers, is September 30th 2008.

[The Throckmorton Literary Festival](#) takes place at Coughton Court in Warwickshire from Friday 19th - Sunday 21st September 2008. You can enjoy a wealth of authors, including Victoria Glendinning and Kate Adie.

[The Haymarket Theatre](#) in London is to present the play of Tracy Chevalier’s GIRL WITH A PEARL EARRING from September 24th for six weeks. See our [review](#) of this popular novel.

Laura’s Book Group from Edinburgh has won the 2008 [Penguin Orange Broadband Readers Group Prize](#). As part of their prize, the reading group will receive a visit from author Lauren St. John who will lead a reading group session on her book, Rainbow’s End.

For the third year in a row, Khaled Hosseini’s novel, THE KITE RUNNER, has been voted as the [Reading Group Book of the Year](#). Hosseini’s second novel, ONE THOUSAND SPLENDID SUNS, came in second. Votes were collected via the Penguin and Orange websites and from reading groups entering the 2008 Penguin/Orange Broadband Readers’ Group Prize.

Radio 4 [Bookclub](#) On 7th and 11th September features America's first man of letters, Gore Vidal, discussing his life and work.

Remember you can "listen again" if you miss either programme.

Go to the fantastic [Interview Online](#) website to hear audio interviews with authors, playwrights and others and hear what they have to say about their lives and work.

The Reading Agency launched the national [Six Book Challenge](#) in 2008 as an annual incentive scheme for less confident adult readers. The Six Book Challenge invited adults to read six books and record their reading in a diary in order to receive a certificate. The first year of the scheme had an estimated 7000 adults taking part through libraries, colleges, community education, prisons and workplaces.

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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