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## Newsletter No 65 November 2008

"The gloomy months of November, when the people of England hang and drown themselves."

- Joseph Addison

It's probably a better idea to curl up in front of the fire with a good book! Try our [Book of the Month](#) Booker shortlisted THE CLOTHES ON THEIR BACKS by Linda Grant or one of this month's new [recommended titles](#) TOUCHING DISTANCE by Rebecca Abrams and ALL SHALL BE WELL; AND ALL SHALL BE WELL; AND ALL MANNER OF THINGS SHALL BE WELL by Tod Wodicka

Read our [interview](#) with Linda Grant and see our [competition](#) page to win copies of THE CLOTHES ON THEIR BACKS.

The [guest review](#) is SONGS OF BLUE AND GOLD by Deborah Lawrenson.

Can you [Spot the Bookshop](#)? Congratulations to our October winner, Alan Bailey, for spotting the Sandwich Bookshop which is, of course, in the county of Kent. A £10 book token is on its way.

Congratulations to the winners of THE SEPTEMBERS OF SHIRAZ: Ruth Slater, Ormskirk; Samantha Hammersley, Peterborough; Anthony Martin, Stranraer; Andrew Hindley, Blackpool and Alison Smith, Carnoustie.  
Many thanks to Picador publishers.

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

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

Read about our [Bookgroup of the Month](#) Chapter and Verse from Ilkeston in Derbyshire who have to share a male member between them, poor things!

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

[Picture This at Somerset House](#) is a series of writers' talks in The Courtauld Gallery with six eminent authors including Philip Pullman, Colm Tóibín and literary critic Gillian Beer, who discuss their favourite paintings in a series of exclusive events. Enjoy a glass of wine after the talk and a chance to meet the writer.

Alexander McCall Smith is writing his online novel [Corduroy Mansions](#) exclusively for Telegraph.co.uk. A new chapter will appear each weekday from Sept 15<sup>th</sup> – Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>. The author welcomes readers' suggestions as the story unfolds.

The closing date for the 9<sup>th</sup> annual prose and poetry prizes sponsored by The New Writer is 30th November 2008. [Read more](#) about these exciting prizes and how to enter.

Radio 4 [Bookclub](#) on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November features Fay Weldon who joins Bookclub to discuss her novel THE CLONING OF JOANNA MAY. Remember you can "listen again" if you miss either programme.

Congratulations to Aravind Adiga who has become the fourth debut novelist to win the [Man Booker Prize](#) for his novel The White Tiger (see our [review](#) of this tale of modern India).

The agreement between Google and the US book industry means that internet users will soon be able to choose from and buy millions of titles,

many out of print, or read them on a page-by-page basis. [Read more](#).

The [Guardian First Book Award](#) shortlist is announced – and not a woman in sight.

Have you got a comment to make about these - or any other book-related topic? Have your say on our [notice-board](#).

Support Wallace & Gromit's Children's Foundation by taking part in [Wallace & Gromit's Great British Tea Party](#) on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December. All funds raised will go to support children in hospitals and hospices throughout the UK.

Arts Council funded [YouWriteOn.com](#) (YWO), is a UK website that works with leading publishers to find and develop new literary talent.

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