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"Reading makes immigrants of us all. It takes us away from home, but more important, it finds homes for us everywhere."

Hazel Rochman

Find a home with our [Book of the Month](#) BROOKLYN by Colm Toibin. See the [competition](#) page to win a copy and read our [interview](#) with the author.

Our other [recommended titles](#) are:
SHORT GIRLS by Bich Minh Nguyen;
THE WISH MAKER by Ali Sethi; THE WHITE WOMAN ON A GREEN BICYCLE by Monique Roffey and THE WAKE by Jeremy Page.

Do you agree with our reviews?
Would you like to have your say? Well you can now leave your comments - we'd love to hear them.

Can you [Spot the Bookshop](#)?
Congratulations to Christine Johnson the winner of last month's competition for spotting The Chaucer Bookshop in Canterbury – where else?
A £10 book token is on its way.

Congratulations to the winners of FAMILY ALBUM by Penelope Lively. They are: Tracey Gunne, London; Deborah Fraser, Cannock; Ann Carline, Shrewsbury; Barbara Farrant, Devizes; Julie Mayer, Oswestry; Nadine Dutton, Nottingham; Kathleen Steane, Wakefield; Sadiyya Patel, Coventry and John Morey, Great Harwood.

Many thanks to Penguin publishers.

Has your group recently joined our directory? If you have then don't miss out! Claim your [FREE BOOKS](#) and special offers. This is for **ALL** registered groups (sorry, UK and Ireland groups only) not just new ones. If your group is not registered

then just fill in the [form](#). It's a very simple process.

Read about our [Bookgroup of the Month](#) the Leyland Reading Group an eclectic mix of friends who love reading.

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

ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF SOLITUDE has most shaped world literature over the past 25 years, says a survey conducted by the international literary magazine Wasafiri which celebrates its 25th anniversary. Do you agree?

The theme of [National Poetry Day](#) on 8th October is Heroes and Heroines, celebrating heroes of all sorts from sporting heroes to mums and dads.

Also on 8th October you can find out the result of the BBC's search for the [nation's favourite poet](#).

Hilary Mantel has won [The Man Booker](#) with her great novel WOLF HALL based on the life of Thomas Cromwell, who she has described as 'Alastair Campbell with an axe'..

The winners of the [Independent Booksellers book prize](#) 2009 are THE SECRET SCRIPTURE (see our [review](#)) by Sebastian Barry and, in the children's category, ARTEMIS FOWL THE TIME PARADOX by Eoin Colfer.

The Book That Changed My Life is a project being run by Scottish Book Trust to find out about the books that have shaped Scotland, and they want Scottish bookgroups to get involved. Go to the Scottish Book Trust [website](#) for more information.

Anglo-Welsh author Simon Van Booy is the winner of the 2009 Cork City [Frank O'Connor Short Story Award](#) for his second collection of stories, LOVE BEGINS IN WINTER.

Who says a librarian's life is dull?
Read about some of the things that
they have [found in library books](#).



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[Radio 4 Bookclub](#) on Sunday 4th
(Bookclub's first podcast) and
Thursday 8th October features Gillian
Slovo discussing her novel RED
DUST, a courtroom drama based on
her own experience of post-apartheid
South Africa.

Bookclub's next guest author is
Alexander McCall Smith. The book
they're discussing is 44 SCOTLAND
STREET. The recording is from 5.30 -
7.30pm on 4th November at the BBC
World Service studios in Central
London and the presenter is James
Naughtie, who is also the Chair of this
year's Man Booker prize. If you'd like
to attend tickets are free and available
from the [Bookclub](#) web page.

'Wallace & Gromit's Great British Tea
Party' 4th -14th November, is a
fundraising event, launched by
national charity Wallace & Gromit's
Children's Foundation to help improve
the quality of life for children and their
families in hospitals and hospices
across the UK.

To join in call 0845 600 1924 or visit
www.wallaceandgromitteaparty.org.uk

If you have anything to say about
these or any other book-related topics
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emailed us to thank us for helping
with setting up your group and
making your reading choices.
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advantage of the offers and
competitions.**

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