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"Books - the best antidote against the marsh-gas of boredom and vacuity."
George Steiner

We guarantee you won't be bored by our [Book of the Month](#) GO WITH ME, a noirish modern fable set in Vermont, by Castle Freeman.

See the [competition](#) page to win a copy and read our [interview](#) with the author.

Our other [recommended titles](#) are:
THEY DRIVE BY NIGHT a classic English crime novel by James Curtis;
SWEEPING UP GLASS by Carolyn Wall, set in 1930s Kentucky; and two Finnish novels (just like London buses, you wait for ages for one then two come along at once) THE YEAR OF THE HARE by Arto Passilinna and THE TRUE DECEIVER by Tove Jansson.

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 Ian Goodyear the winner of last month's competition for spotting the Northshire Bookstore in Manchester, Vermont.
A £10 book token is on its way.

Congratulations to the winners of BROOKLYN by Colm Toibin. They are: Jane Beverland, Leighton Buzzard and Saffie Dudhwala, Blackburn.
Many thanks to Penguin publishers.

There are lots of **FREE BOOKS** this month so don't miss out! 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 very active Wimbledon Bookgroup.
Fill in the [questionnaire](#) if you'd like to be a BGoTM.

Our conversation with Jeremy Page, postponed from last month, will now be held on Monday 7th December.
Click [here](#) for tickets and to find out more.

TS Eliot is given the title of '[nation's favourite poet](#)' by an online poll hosted by the BBC to mark National Poetry Day.

Scottish poet Don Paterson has taken the [Forward prize](#) for RAIN in the best collection category.

The [2009 Nobel Prize for Literature](#) was won by Herta Müller the Romanian-born German author whose work is driven by themes of oppression, exile and dictatorship.

A version of Othello, which casts the Moor of Venice as a South American football star, wins Mal Peet the 2009 [Guardian Children's Fiction Prize](#).

[Radio 4 Bookclub](#) on Sunday 1st and Thursday 5th November features Linda Grant discussing her novel WHEN I LIVED IN MODERN TIMES. You can "listen again" if you miss either of these programmes.

Do you cherish a [neglected classic](#) novel? Ten authors have nominated theirs and BBC Radio 4 want you to vote for the title that most appeals to you. The winner will be dramatised on Radio 4 in 2010.

Three novels, one collection of short stories and a work of reportage make up the shortlist for the £10,000 [Guardian First Book award](#) prize.

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