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“April hath put a spirit of youth in everything”.

William Shakespeare

Our [Book of the Month](#) is the compelling HALF LIFE by Roopa Farooki.

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

The other [recommended titles](#) this month are: THE PERFECT MURDER, the re-issued 1964 CWA, winner by HRF Keating and the lyrical TINY SUNBIRDS FAR AWAY by Christie Watson.

Let us know what you think of our reviews. Leave your comments at the bottom of any review - we'd love to hear them.

Read our [quest review](#) of INTO THE DARKEST CORNER, a truly gripping debut novel, by Elizabeth Haynes.

See our [“five of the best”](#) novels in translation.

Can you [Spot the Bookshop](#)?

Congratulations to Vivian Walton, the winner of our March competition. A £10 National Book Tokens gift card is on its way.

The 10 winners of TRESPASS by Rose Tremain are: Rachel Hartwell, Bedworth; Wendy Merrett, Scunthorpe; Anne Bostwick, Lewes; Lisa Mencarini, Edinburgh; Jane Scott, Windsor; Roma Pearshouse, Redditch; Gloria Edwards, Swansea; Mark Tucker, London; Peter Davidson, Derby and Mary Campbell, St Andrews.

Many thanks to Vintage, the publishers.

Welcome to all the new groups who have recently registered with us. Now

is the time to request your **FREE BOOKS!** Just go to the [offers](#) page. This is for **ALL** registered groups (sorry, UK and N. 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.

N.B. You only need to register once. Does your bookgroup info need updating? Email us at info@bookgroup.info and we'll amend your directory entry for you.

This month's [Bookgroup of the Month](#) is the Ludham Bookgroup near Norwich who all agree that they are running out of time to read everything they want to!

Do you want to be our BGoTM? Just fill in the [questionnaire](#) and win a £10 National Book Tokens Gift Card if you're chosen.

Thirteen writers have made it on to the judges' list of finalists under serious consideration for the fourth Man Booker International Prize, the £60,000 award which recognises one writer for his or her achievement in fiction. See who they are [here](#).

The Orange Prize for Fiction [longlist](#) is announced.

Sell your old books and help charities at [Green Metropolis](#).

A scheme where residents post their own books online to swap, and then meet to complete the transaction has worried some library campaigners. Haven't we all been doing this for years one way or another? Read more [here](#).

James Naughtie and readers talk to Jennifer Johnston about her novel THE GINGERBREAD WOMAN on [Radio 4 Bookclub](#) on Sunday 3rd and Thursday 7th March both at 4pm. It's available online too on the i-player and as a podcast.

On Wednesday 4 May 2011, Val McDermid will be at Bush House talking about her book A PLACE OF EXECUTION on World Book Club. They need questions to be emailed from outside Britain and if you're in the UK they need guests to be part of the audience in London at 15.30 at Bush House.

If you would like to come along and put a question to Val McDermid about the book OR to send in your question for her email:

worldbookclub@bbc.co.uk



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