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Dear readers,

Thank you for all your positive support and feedback.

Currently we have some fantastic offers - click on [offers](#) for special deals on cottages, books and events.

Please [register](#) your group with us to join in.

Our new [Reviews](#) are CONSTITUTIONAL by Helen Simpson, a lovely collection of short stories, the much discussed DISOBEDIENCE by Naomi Alderman, and THE SECRET RIVER by Kate Grenville, our [book of the month](#) and one which we particularly loved.

Our [Interview](#) with James Meek remains for another month.

The [Bookgroup of the Month](#) is a 'motley crew of mad people' from Sandfields. We like the sound of your group! If you'd like to be our next BoTM please fill out the questions and email us ino@bookgroup.info

Our new problem on the [problem page](#) requests advice on an aspect of book group life. Can you help? Do you have a problem to share?

Did you know that **crime fiction** is the most borrowed form of fiction from public libraries? In 2003 romantic novelists wrote 9 out of 10 of the most borrowed titles, now 7 out of 10 are written by crime authors. If crime is your thing see our [offers](#) page for details of an exciting crime convention/holiday in Tenerife.

[Green Metropolis](#) is a website where you can buy and sell books and also help the environment. For each sale a donation goes to the Woodland Trust's 'Tree For All' campaign.

[Seven Stories](#) the centre for children's literature in Newcastle upon Tyne is showing an outstanding exhibition of manuscripts and drawings called 'Incredible Journeys' which runs until Easter.

Penguin has re-issued Don Delillo's 'Underworld' as a classic. Speaking on [Radio 4](#), hear what Delillo himself thinks about this accolade.

[Bookaid Reverse Book Club](#) has set up a way for poorer nations to benefit from gifts of books – you pay £5 but you don't get the books!

The festival season is upon us. You still have time to catch some of the events in [Jewish Book Week](#) currently running in London until March 5th.

Also in London is [Spit-Lit](#) which has a really exciting programme celebrating women's writing – and much more. It runs from 3rd – 11th March.

A little further afield is the [Sunday Times Oxford Literary Festival](#), 24th – 29th March. Included in this huge programme of arts and literature is Helen Simpson, author of CONSTITUTIONAL, one of this month's reviewed books.

And not to be outdone the [Cambridge Word Fest](#) will take place in 21st – 23rd April. More on this next month.

[King's Lynn Festival](#) runs from 10th – 12th March and although small it features some giants of literature.

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