

Newsletter No 48

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Spring sprang and then sprung back again but you can trust a good book not to let you down!

Our new recommended [titles](#) are WHAT WAS LOST by Catherine O'Flynn and TWO CARAVANS by Marina Lewycka. Our Book of the Month is THE BLOOD OF FLOWERS by Anita Amirrezvani. Read our [interview](#) with Anita.

And to coincide with the paperback publication we are again featuring THE VANISHING ACT OF ESME LENNOX by Maggie O'Farrell. See our offers page for free copies and click [here](#) to hear an extract read by Daniela Nardini.

See our [competition](#) page to win copies of THE BLOOD OF FLOWERS.

Congratulations to last month's winners of OUT STEALING HORSES, Annie Hart, Sale; Billy Holworth, Morecombe; Tracey Regan, Shetland Isles; Ann Banfield, Northallerton; Anna Barton, Boat of Garten and Margaret Garnham, Richmond, Surrey with thanks to Random House publishers. And to Tom Alderson who has won a set of SHERLOCK HOLMES novels, with thanks to Headline publishers.

Our [quest review](#) is WINTERING by Derek Johns.

See our [offers](#) page for free books. Please first [register](#) your group. You only need to do this once!

Our [Bookgroup of the Month](#) is Manchester City Centre Bookgroup.

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

Will your group be the Penguin/Orange Broadband Readers' Group of the year? Download an [entry](#) form or pick up one from your local library or bookshop. One of our registered groups won last year, so have a go!

This month's Radio 4 [Bookclub](#) on Sunday 6th May and Thursday 10th May, features Jodi Picoult who will be discussing her book, MY SISTER'S KEEPER.

The [Orange Broadband Prize](#) shortlist for 2007 is announced. Favourite to win is Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie for HALF OF A YELLOW SUN. Read our [review](#) of this brilliant novel. The winner will be announced on June 6th. Cast your [vote](#) for the Orange Broadband Readers' Award here. You'll automatically be entered into a free draw to win a pair of tickets to the 2007 Orange Broadband Prize for Fiction awards ceremony and a set of the 20 longlisted books.

The Man Booker International Prize recognises one writer for their achievement in fiction. Worth £60,000 to the winner, the prize is awarded once every two years. See this year's [contenders](#).

The winner of the [National Short Story Prize](#) 2007 was Julian Gough for THE ORPHAN AND THE MOB.

Kurt Vonnegut has died aged 84. Read his [obituary](#) in the Guardian.

The Carnegie Medal and Kate Greenaway Medal are awarded by children's librarians for outstanding books for children and young people. Which are your favourites ever? Cast your [vote](#) before 12 noon on June 1st.

Books for all in Mexico City! They are left at underground stations - you pick one up for your journey and leave it as you exit. Share your books with

other [commuters](#) in London and the South East.

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