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A bumper newsletter this month with news reviews and booze to whet your appetite for the coming autumn!

Our new recommended [titles](#) are THE YACUBIAN BUILDING by Alaa Al Aswany; TYPES OF EVERLASTING REST, a collection of short stories by Clio Gray and CALL THE MIDWIFE by Jennifer North.

Our [Book of the Month](#) is ANIMAL'S PEOPLE by Indra Sinha

Read our [interview](#) with Indra Sinha.

Our [guest review](#) is Castorp by Pawell Huelle.

See our [competition](#) page to win copies of ANIMAL'S PEOPLE and TYPES OF EVERLASTING REST.

Congratulations to Laura Bliss, Bristol; Karen Barfield, Welwyn; Natalie West, Liverpool; Inge Roberts, Leicester; Rose Lawrence, Broxburn, winners of THE GHOST AT THE TABLE and to Pat Knowles, North Shields; Nicola Warwick, Ipswich; Victoria Harbourne, Shrewsbury; John Dotters, Manchester; Janet Higgins, Barnsley winners of ARTHUR AND GEORGE. Many thanks to Penguin and Random House publishers.

See our [Virgin Wines offer](#) and receive a £20 introductory wine voucher for every member of your group!

Also see our [offers](#) page page for free books.

Please first [register](#) your group. You only need to do this once!

We've another Borders [voucher](#) this month which offers £5 off every time you spend £25 in their stores. Just click on the voucher and print off to redeem it in any UK Borders store. Remember you can use this for books, DVDs, CDs, toys and games (dare we mention the "C" word – Christmas that is).

Our [Bookgroup of the Month](#) is The World Bookgroup from Edinburgh.

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

Thanks to all who responded to last month's [problem](#)

The specially selected work of poets Jean Sprackland and Greta Stoddart and short story writer Ray Robinson is presented in a lightly staged live literature performance – Tilting the Mirror. See [here](#) for dates and venues.

This month's inaugural [Derwent Poetry Festival](#) will stage a diverse and eclectic range of readings as well as launching and publishing three new poetry pamphlets, two new collections, two anthologies and a poetry monograph.

The 19th [Chester Literature Festival](#) 1st – 31st October is hosting more events than ever. The organisers say "the city will be alive with star names from literature, theatre, media and the world of exploration".

[The Birmingham Book Festival](#) 11th – 21st October celebrates reading, writing and literature in performance with an inspiring line-up of events. Guest writers include Alice Sebold, Jonathan Coe, Jackie Kay, Lionel Shriver, Roger McGough, Val McDermid, Sophie Hannah, Deborah Moggach, Brian Patten and Jim Crace.

This month's Radio 4 [Bookclub](#) on Sunday 7 October and Thursday 11 October features James Robertson discussing his novel JOSEPH KNIGHT. Remember you can "listen again" online.

The [Man Booker Shortlist](#) is announced. The winner will be announced on October 16th.

[The Frank O'Connor Short Story Award](#) 2007 has been won by Miranda July for NO ONE BELONGS HERE MORE THAN YOU.

The judge of a national writing prize, [New Writing Ventures](#), has ordered men to "wake up" after all of the £3,000 awards went this year to women.

Calling all budding (women?) writers! The annual [Prose and Poetry Prizes 2007](#) sponsored by The New Writer magazine is calling for entries for short stories, novellas, single poems, poetry collections, essays and articles. The closing date is 30 November 2007.

Many thanks to all of you have emailed us to thank us for helping with setting up your group and making your reading choices. Please do remember to forward the newsletter to other members of your group so that they can take advantage of the offers and competitions.

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