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"February, when the days of winter seem endless and no amount of wistful recollecting can bring back any air of summer."

Shirley Jackson "Raising Demons"

Oh dear – if this is what February does to you try curling up in front of the fire with one of our new recommended [titles](#) BLACK MULBERRIES by Caitlin Davies and IN THE WAKE by Per Petterson.

Our book of the month is THE SEA LADY by Margaret Drabble. Read our [interview](#) with the author.

Our [quest review](#) is NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN by Cormac McCarthy.

[Read](#) Jason Cowley's take on the recently released film of the book.

See our [competition](#) page to win copies of THE SEA LADY.

Can you [Spot the Bookshop](#)? Congratulations to Pippa Vincent who wins a £10 Book Token for spotting Tarantola bookshop in Venice.

Congratulations to the winners of A SHIP MADE OF PAPER: Dorothy Anderson, Newmarket; Cheryl Kersey-Brown, Old Colwyn; Sonia Murray, Swansea; Patricia Summers, Chepstow and Jenny Langley, Blackpool. Many thanks to Arrow publishers.

Also 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 The Ladies Who Love Books from Peebles.

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

This month's Radio 4 [Bookclub](#) features Sarah Dunant on Sunday 3rd and Thursday 7th February. She will be talking about her best-selling erotic thriller THE BIRTH OF VENUS. Remember you can "listen again" if you miss it the first time.

There's still time to book a [booklovers holiday](#) in the Catalan hills in Garrotxa, Spain starting February 28th 2008.

This year's [Jewish Book Week](#) runs from 23rd February to 2nd March. London's largest literary festival brings an exciting array of international speakers who discuss a wide range of topics. There is something for everyone - Jewish or not.

The third [Cambridgewordfest](#) which runs from 28th – 30th March, promises another exciting mixture of acclaimed authors and emerging talents, as well as the best in writing and publishing workshops and children's events.

The [Costa Book Award](#) overall winner is A L Kenney for her novel DAY.

The winner of this year's £15,000 [T S Eliot Poetry Prize](#) is Sean O'Brien for THE DROWNED BOOK.

Bookgroup Wanted! BBC2 history series is looking to film a lively book group in London during the first week of March. Filming would involve the show's presenter coming along to the meeting to join in the discussion of that week's book(s). If your group may be interested please contact caroline.cassidy@silverriver.tv

[World Book Day](#) is on 6th March. Try their competition to win £100 worth of Book Tokens for your group.

Booktrust has produced a handy roundup of the [Best Books of 2007](#) – are your favourites amongst them?

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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