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**Newsletter No 57
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“Our life is March weather, savage
and serene in one hour.”

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Well, sometimes savage, sometimes
serene our recommended [titles](#) for
March are THE SOLITUDE OF
THOMAS CAVE by Georgina Harding
and the classic INDEPENDENT
PEOPLE by Haldor Laxness.

Our book of the month is THE
PESTHOUSE by Jim Crace.
Read our [interview](#) with the author.

Our [guest review](#) is SHADOWING
THE SUN by Lily Dunn.

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

Can you [Spot the Bookshop](#)?
Congratulations to Joanne Major who
wins a £10 Book Token for spotting
the marvellous Ceilidh Place in
Ullapool.

Congratulations to Sarah Walford,
Norwich; Ivan Plusnin, Okehampton;
Jo Liddement, Looe; Susan Brandon,
Denchworth; Karen Campling,
Northampton; Sue Ozcicek, Bury St
Edmunds; Lesley Paschalaki,
Oldham; Rebecca Townsend,
Beccles; Jenny Tither, Peterborough;
and Arthur Harrington, Bridgnorth,
winners of THE SEA LADY. Many
thanks to Penguin publishers.

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

Our [Bookgroup of the Month](#) is
MKU3A Reading Group from Milton
Keynes.

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

In this month's Radio 4 [Bookclub](#) on
Sunday 2nd and Thursday 6th March,
William Hague discusses his
biography of WILLIAM PITT THE
YOUNGER. Remember you can
“listen again” if you miss it the first
time.

The 12th [Sunday Times Oxford
Literary Festival](#) 31st March – 6th April
promises an exciting and far-ranging
programme of speakers including
Julian Barnes, William Boyd, Melvyn
Bragg, Hanif Kureishi, Sebastian
Faulks, and Philip Pullman. See our
[offers](#) page to win £200 worth of
books provided by the festival
organisers.

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

[World Book Day](#) is on 6th March.
Join Random House readers' groups
[World Book Day Chat Forum](#) to
discuss *Ishq and Mushq* by Priya
Basil and *Before I Die* by Jenny
Downham.

Can you help the [Book Wish
Foundation](#), a new organisation set up
to provide reading relief for people in
crisis? Their first project focuses on
three Darfur refugee camps in eastern
Chad.

Do you think there has been a Booker
to better Salman Rushdie's *Midnight's
Children*? On the 40th anniversary of
the literary award the [Man Booker](#)
prize is asking this question. The
panel's shortlist will be revealed in
May – and then WE decide!
See the [Commonwealth Writers' Prize](#)
shortlist 2008. The winner will be
announced in May.

The [Oddest Book Titles 2007](#) shortlist
is announced. Our favourite has to be

CHEESE PROBLEMS SOLVED.
How? Why?

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