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"Delicious autumn! My very soul is wedded to it, and if I were a bird I would fly about the earth seeking the successive autumns."

- George Eliot

If the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness has the opposite effect on you then get together with a glass of wine a roaring fire and one of our new [recommended titles](#) THE WHITE TIGER by Avarind Adiga and THE STORY OF A MARRIAGE by Andrew Sean Greer.

The [guest review](#) is a great debut novel, IN DEPENDENCE, by Sarah Lapido Manyika.

Our [Book of the Month](#) is THE SEPTEMBERS OF SHIRAZ by Dalia Sofer.

Read our [interview](#) with Dalia Sofer and see our [competition](#) page to win copies of THE SEPTEMBERS OF SHIRAZ.

Can you [Spot the Bookshop?](#)

We had a massive response to last month's competition so many congratulations to our winner Gillian Kivi. A £10 Book Token is on its way to her for spotting Daunt's Bookshop in London.

<http://www.bookgroup.info/041205/comp.php>

Congratulations to the winners of THE SPARE ROOM: Sylvia Chapman, Chesterfield; Sarah Sharrock, Bolton; Anna Young, Market Harborough; Lynne Dann, Crawley; Chas Gilbert, Belper; Vera pope, London; June Newton, Riding Mill; David Coverdale, Norton; Stephen Ash, Ringwood; David King, Stoneyburn; Christine Brackley, Tarbert; Chris Flaherty, Jarrow; Kath Dale, Warrington;

Christine Charlton-Wright, Sandy and Linda Wiles, Bath. Many thanks to Canongate publishers.

Claim your **FREE BOOKS!** If your group is registered with us you are eligible to claim free books every month (sorry, UK and Eire groups only). See our [offers](#) page for all the details.

If you haven't done so, please first [register](#) your group. You only need to do this once!

Picador are very excited about LITTLE GODS by Anna Richards and are offering pre-publication proof copies to 2 of our groups.

http://www.bookgroup.info/041205/directory_offers.php

We can now include bookgroups from anywhere in the world on our directory. See our [International Groups](#) page – and register.

Read about our [Bookgroup of the Month](#) the 18-strong NWR Bookgroup from Reading, the first ever winners of the Penguin Orange Readers Group Prize.

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

The first [Chapter & Verse Literature Festival](#) takes place at the Bluecoat in Liverpool from 9th – 19th October. This new festival promises a lively mix of writers from Merseyside and around the world with readings, talks, signings and performances.
<http://www.chapterverse.org.uk/>

[Chichester Theatre](#) Minerva Studio presents MINE written and directed by joint Artistic Director of Shared Experience, Polly Teale.
The play runs from 3 - 8 November and tackles the complex issues of childlessness and adoption.

If you're missing TESS OF THE D'URBEVILLES on BBC 1, look out for the fab new LITTLE DORRIT beginning this month.

Patrick Ness has won the [2008 Guardian Children's Fiction prize](#) for THE KNIFE OF NEVER LETTING GO, his first children's book.

Radio 4 [Bookclub](#) on Sunday 5th and Thursday 9th October features Michael Morpurgo, one of our most celebrated children's writers, discusses his novel Alone on a Wide, Wide Sea. Remember you can "listen again" if you miss either programme.

Elizabeth Taylor's much-loved 1957 novel, [ANGEL](#), has been adapted for film by the French director François Ozon. Read our recent [review](#) (and the book!) before seeing the film.

As part of the 40th anniversary celebrations of the Booker Prize, the Southbank Centre, London is hosting a special evening of readings and discussion with [the 2008 shortlisted authors](#) at the Purcell Room, Queen Elizabeth Hall, on Monday 13 October at 7.45pm.

Have you got a comment to make about this year's shortlist - or any other book-related topic? Have your say on our [notice-board](#).

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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