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"Why, what's the matter,
That you have such a February face,
So full of frost, of storm and
cloudiness?"

William Shakespeare, Much Ado
About Nothing

And who can blame us in this
weather? Light a fire, fill a hottie and
get into a good book such as our
[Book of the Month](#) the tragic story of
JULIUS WINSOME by Gerard
Donovan.

Try this month's [competition](#) to win a
copy and read our [interview](#) with the
author.

Our other [recommended titles](#) are
MOLLY FOX'S BIRTHDAY by Deirdre
Madden, NETHERLAND by Joseph
O'Neill, GUERNICA by Dave Boling
and THE LIEUTENANT by Kate
Grenville.

Canongate have ten tickets to give
away (worth £10 each) to see Kate
Grenville talk about THE
LIEUTENANT at the South Bank
Centre in London on Tuesday 3rd
February. If you miss out Canongate
have also given us ten copies of The
Lieutenant to give away. See our
[offers](#) page for all the details.

The [quest review](#) is Never Never by
David Gaffney.

Can you [Spot the Bookshop](#)?
Congratulations to Ann McDougal, our
January winner. Ann wins a £10 book
token.

Congratulations to the winners of THE
BELIEVERS: Helen Kingsley,
Cambridge; Vera Pope, London; Sue
Hunt, Dover; Gemma White, Banbury;
Andy Moore, Buxton; Jean Flynn,
Hove; Ros Marshall, Perth; Gillian
Mollard, Middlesborough; Estelle
Mills, Harrow and Abbie Poole,

Livingston. Many thanks to Penguin
publishers.

Claim your [FREE BOOKS!](#) If your
group is already registered with us
you are eligible to claim free books
every month (sorry, UK and Ireland
groups only). If your group is not
registered then just fill in the [form](#). It's
a very simple process!

Read about The Cambridge Punters
our [Bookgroup of the Month](#)

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

Leave your comments on book (or
bookgroup) related topics on our
[notice-board](#).

There's still time to sign up for a
Booklovers break in the beautiful
Catalan countryside from February
26th for 4 nights. For more details see
the [Booklovers website](#) with an
exclusive "2 for 1" bookgroup offer.

The overall winner of the [2008 Costa
Awards](#) is Sebastian Barry for his
novel THE SECRET SCRIPTURE.

British author Neil Gaiman has won
American's most prestigious children's
fiction prize, the Newbery medal, for
his novel [THE GRAVEYARD BOOK](#).

Bernard Cornwell discusses THE
LAST KINGDOM on Sunday 1st and
Thursday 5th February on [Radio 4
Bookclub](#).

Remember you can "listen again" if
you miss either programme.

See the shortlist of ten contemporary
books with word-of-mouth appeal
chosen in a search to find the best
book to talk about this year.

Vote for your favourite [The Book to
Talk About](#), to be announced on
World Book Day, Thursday 5th March.
Included in the list is [FIFTEEN
MODERN TALES OF ATTRACTION](#)
by Alison MacLeod – you saw it here
first!

[John Updike](#), one of the great men of American letters, has died at the age of 76.

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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