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“Reading makes immigrants of us all. It takes us away from home, but more important, it finds homes for us everywhere.”

Jean Rhys

Find a temporary home in the remote Cévennes with our [Book of the Month](#) TRESPASS, by Rose Tremain. See the [competition](#) page to win a copy and read our [interview](#) with the author.

The other [recommended titles](#) this month are: MONSIEUR MONTESPAN, a seventeenth century French romp by Jean Teulé; THE DANGER GAME by Kalinda Ashton; CUCKOO, a debut novel by Julia Crouch and, the highly acclaimed, ONE DAY by David Nicholls. Let us know what you think of our reviews. Leave your comments at the bottom of any review - we'd love to hear them.

See our [“five of the best”](#) debut novels in 2010.

Can you [Spot the Bookshop](#)? Congratulations to Arabella Bazley, the winner of February's competition. A £10 National Book Tokens gift card is on its way.

The 10 winners of NOURISHMENT by Gerard Woodward are: Peter Morgan, Carmarthen; Sue McCarthy, Guernsey; Alison Church, Norwich; Ken Wilson, Knebworth; Andrea Stordy, Ipswich; Lynn Tibby, Barnet; Kevin Berwick, Birmingham; Kristie Shuttleworth, Leeds; Gabrielle Svensson, Bradford and Mary Groom, London. Many thanks to Picador, the publishers.

Welcome to all the new groups who have recently registered with us. Now

is the time to request your **FREE BOOKS!** Just go to the [offers](#) page. This is for **ALL** registered groups (sorry, UK and N. Ireland groups only) not just new ones. If your group is not registered then just fill in the [form](#). It's a very simple process.

**N.B.** You only need to register once. Does your bookgroup info need updating? Email us at [info@bookgroup.info](mailto:info@bookgroup.info) and we'll amend your directory entry for you.

This month's [Bookgroup of the Month](#) is the extremely welcoming - and lively - Ashendon Bookgroup in Buckinghamshire.

Do you want to be our BGoTM? Just fill in the [questionnaire](#) and win a £10 National Book Tokens Gift Card if you're chosen.

[The Grazia Big Book Quiz](#) is on World Book Night at Waterstone's Piccadilly on Saturday 5th March at 6.30pm. There's cupcakes and champagne and the special guest for the evening is David Nicholls author of ONE DAY - one our recommendations this month and one of the 25 specially chosen World Book Night books. Teams are limited to a maximum of 8 members. To book your team's place at the quiz, call Waterstone's Piccadilly on 020 7851 2419. Entry fee per team is £8.

Can you help? Hookline Books are chosen for publication by book groups. Many of these book groups come from libraries but some of these have been forced to close premises. As a result, they have space for more book groups to join them. Writers come from MA courses submit the first three chapters of a novel and book groups select the most promising works. The chosen writers then submit their complete work and book group readers rate these on plot, character development, writing style and reader satisfaction. The process takes 10 months and allows time for groups to read other novels. If you would like more info, contact

[editor@booklinethinker.com](mailto:editor@booklinethinker.com) or see the Hookline [website](#).

This month's Online Poetry Reading Group Choices are now available, and like last month, there are two editors introducing their own work. First is the much anticipated anthology BEING HUMAN, edited and introduced by Neil Astley, and the second choice is the Arden edition of SHAKESPEARE'S SONNETS, edited and introduced by Katherine Duncan-Jones. By signing up to the [Online Poetry Reading Group](#) (it's free!), you will receive 20% off the entire range at the Poetry Bookshop Online (that's over 90,000 books!) until 14th March - why not try it and take advantage of the discount?

Tickets are still available for Bookclub Tours 2-night stay at Christ Church College during the Oxford Literary Festival in April 2011. For details of this fantastic cultural event see the [Bookclub Tours](#) website.

Get your tickets for the Spring Literati, at the Grosvenor Hotel on 9th March 2011, featuring Peter Snow who will be discussing his new book TO WAR WITH WELLINGTON. To reserve tickets and for more information see the Literati [website](#).

The Man Booker Best of Beryl prize will honour a writer who, despite being shortlisted five times, never won the literary accolade. Beryl Bainbridge was shortlisted more than any other writer – for The Dressmaker in 1973, The Bottle Factory Outing in 1974, An Awfully Big Adventure in 1990, Every Man for Himself in 1996 and Master Georgie in 1998. You can vote for one of these five at [The Man Booker](#) website. The winning title will be announced in mid-April. See our [review](#) of MASTER GEORGIE.

James Naughtie and readers talk to Benjamin Zephaniah about his novel for young adults, REFUGEE BOY on

[Radio 4 Bookclub](#) on Sunday 6th and Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March both at 4pm. It's also available online too on the i-player and as a podcast.

Bookclub's next recordings are in May with Mohsin Hamid talking about THE RELUCTANT FUNDAMENTALIST (see our [review](#)) and crime writer Donna Leon talking about the first book to feature her Venetian detective, Commissario of Police Guido Brunetti. Tickets are free and details are on the Bookclub [website](#).

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