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Dear readers,

Do your Christmas shopping from the comfort of your chair – choose from the great titles reviewed on the site this month and click through to Amazon to buy your copies.

New reviews this month are *Any Human Heart* by William Boyd, *Small Island* by Andrea Levy and *Restoration* by Rose Tremain. All great reads.

Read the **author's perspective** in the [interview](#) with William Boyd.

There is a list of our **competition winners** on the [events](#) page. Congratulations to all the visitors who have won either *How I Live Now* by Meg Rosoff or *The Jane Austen Book Club* by Karen Joy Fowler.

Our **Bookgroup of the Month** is a group of Dads and Lads. Read about them on the [news](#) page. If you'd like to be our next BOTM just answer the questions and send them to us at info@bookgroup.info and you will be rewarded with a book voucher for your group.

Congratulations to Meg Rosoff! Not only has she scooped up the Guardian Children's Fiction Prize for *How I Live Now* but she has been short-listed for the Whitbread. See the shortlist at www.whitbread-bookawards.co.uk. Don't forget – you saw it here first!

Radio 4's season of **Women's Watershed Fiction** is drawing to a close. On December 8 the top 10 titles chosen by thousands of readers around the country will be announced in a live programme from the Norfolk and Norwich Millennium Library. See the top 30 on the BBC website at http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio4/womanshour/wwf_longlist.shtml

Richard Ford was one of the main attractions at this year's Brighton Festival of Books and Poetry. If you would like to hear him read from his latest novel, *The Lay of the Land*, and ask him questions,

you can find details of his tour on www.pirandello.org.uk

If you'd like to receive the latest news about Radio 4's Bookclub, then sign up for James Naughtie's newsletter at www.bbc.co.uk/radio4/arts/bookclub/on

Eagle-eyed visitors to the site will have noticed that we are taking our first bit of advertising this month. The revenue will help fund the site but it in no way compromises our independence. On the home page is a banner promoting Michael Chrichton's new book, *State of Fear*. Click on it to play the game and win a copy.

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