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Dear readers,

After a frenzied summer of non-stop reading you may like these choices for the autumn. This month we are focusing on one of our most distinctive independent publishing houses, **Persephone Books**. Go to www.persephonebooks.co.uk to see their beautifully produced books and unusual list of titles – all are reprints of forgotten classics by twentieth century (mostly women) writers.

This month we [review](#) two Persephone books, *Someone at a Distance* by Dorothy Whipple and *Little Boy Lost* by Marghanita Laski. Our third review is *All Families are Psychotic* by Douglas Coupland.

On our [interview](#) page there is a profile of Persephone author, Dorothy Whipple.

Our **Bookgroup of the Month** is the online Dove Grey Books, who read mainly Persephone titles.

Go to the [news](#) page to read all about them and, if this whets your appetite to be a BOTM, please go ahead and answer the questions, emailing your responses to us at info@bookgroup.info

Competition - this month click on the [competition](#) button, answer the question correctly and one lucky visitor will win a set of four books by Dorothy Whipple.

July/Aug winners are Anne Howe (South Gos), Anthea Box (Guisborough), Sandra Kyte (Cirencester), Kit Syder (Prescot), Dawn Mannay (Cardiff) & Ben Nichols (Bristol). They will each receive a copy of *Happy Accidents* by Tiffany Murray. Congratulations!

Penguin/Orange Reading Group Prize winners are the Highdown Prison Reading Group. Obviously, they couldn't go to Edinburgh as part of their prize, but author, Nick Hornby, met them at the prison.

The Poisonwood Bible came top of the poll chosen by groups entering Penguin/Orange Reading Group Prize competition. For the full list go to http://www.faber.co.uk/xview_article.cgi?article_id=2795.

Faber and Faber will be launching its own online 'Book Club' for reading groups in September.

A Mobile Library for the Homeless has been set up by Quaker Homeless Action in London. Its aim is simple – that its borrowers be regarded as equal members of the reading public. Read all about this [fantastic resource](#) or go to www.qha.org.uk

Fed up with 3 for 2 offers? The **London Review Bookshop** is now offering 2 for 3! You buy 2 books for the price of 3 and get a book 'doctor' thrown in. Go to www.lrb.co.uk

Librarians lose choice and could be stripped of their 144-year-old right to choose books under plans to reorganise the public library service. Let us know your views at info@bookgroup.info

The shortlist for the Man Booker prize will be announced on Sept 8. Win a set of the [longlist](#) from [Guardian competitions](#)

This month will see the new look Bookgroup.info – keep your eyes peeled!



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