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Dear readers,

The nights will soon be drawing in.
Why not curl up with a good book?

This month's new [reviews](#) are THE BELLY OF THE ATLANTIC, by Fatou Diome, ON BEAUTY by Zadie Smith, winner of this year's Orange Prize and EVERYMAN'S RULES FOR SCIENTIFIC LIVING by Carrie Tiffany which made The Guardian First Book Award longlist.

Take advantage of our great [offers](#) including discounts from Cottages 4 You and Lovereading.co.uk and reduced membership from the online co-operative library mybookyourbook.co.uk. Please first [register](#) your group. You only need to do this once!

Enter our [competition](#) to win a copy of EVERYMAN'S RULES FOR SCIENTIFIC LIVING by Carrie Tiffany.

Congratulations to last month's winners of THE SEA by John Banville who are too numerous to mention. Thanks to Picador publishers.

Our [Bookgroup of the Month](#) is The Liverpool Bookgroup who got together through this site.

See the controversial shortlist for the [Man Booker Prize](#) The winner will be announced on 10th October.

Read about BBC 4's series on romantic fiction, [Reader I Married Him](#) and enter their competition to win a whole set of Jane Austen novels. You can also have your say about the genre on the notice board.

Calling all short story writers! You have until 5pm on October 31st to

submit your entry to [The National Short Story Prize](#) The awards are £15,000 for the winner £3,000 for the runner up and £500 for three further short-listed stories. Winners will be announced in April 2007.

Or, you can enter BBC Somerset's [Short Story Competition](#) and be in with a chance of getting broadcast on BBC radio and published in a book.

But are you as good as Haruki Murakami? He has won the second Frank O'Connor International Short Story Award for [BLIND WILLOW, SLEEPING WOMAN](#)

Philip Reeve has won the [Guardian Children's Fiction Prize](#) 2006.

Robin Robertson has won this year's coveted [Forward Poetry Prize](#)

The PDSA is appealing for people to sign-up to hold a second-hand book sale over the weekend of 13 - 15 October. To host a book sale call 0845 603 1263 or visit www.pdsa.org.uk/bigbookfetch

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