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Dear readers,

It's March already and the festival season is in full swing. Book your tickets now!

There's still time to catch some of the events at [Jewish Book Week](#) which ends on 4th March.

The [SPIT-LIT](#) Festival, Spitalfields, London takes place on 2nd - 10th March. Telephone alternative arts direct on 020 7375 0441 for a programme or email info@alternativearts.co.uk

The 11th [Sunday Times Oxford Literary Festival](#) 20th – 25th March is back with a great line-up of leading authors, broadcasters and thinkers. Further details can be obtained by telephoning 01865 514149.

The festival organisers have kindly offered a set of books (worth over £100) by authors appearing in the festival. See our [competition](#) page.

Our new [reviews](#) are RESTLESS by William Boyd, HUMAN TRACES by Sebastian Faulks and our book of the month is THE HOUSE OF ORPHANS by Helen Dunmore.

See our [interview](#) with Helen Dunmore who will be discussing THE HOUSE OF ORPHANS, this year's [Bath Big Read](#), on March 5th.

Enter our [competition](#) to win a copy of THE HOUSE OF ORPHANS.

The [Brighton City Reads](#) book this year is REBECCA by Daphne du Maurier.

Our [quest review](#) is BIRDS WITHOUT WINGS by Louis de Brenières.

Take advantage of our great [offers](#). Please first [register](#) your group. You only need to do this once!

Our [Bookgroup of the Month](#) is The Daniel Defoe Bookgroup from north east London.

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

The [Penguin Orange Readers Group Prize](#) is ready to receive your applications for this year's competition. The prize is a day at Penguin's London offices where the winning group will meet editors and publicists, have lunch with a Penguin author, followed by a reading group session on their book. Last year's winners were one of our registered groups – The Goadby and Marwood Village Reading Group.

This month's [Bookclub](#) on BBC radio 4 features Alison Weir. She discusses her book [ELEANOR OF AQUITAINE](#) on Sunday 4th and Thursday 8th March.

Need help with your writing? Why not try a creative writing workshop at [Grand-Hotel-des-Bains](#), Brittany on 22nd – 28th April 2007. Let this inspiring location unlock your creativity with the help of British author Patrick Gale.

Or closer to home, the [Arvon Foundation](#) offers courses at four writing houses around the UK where you get the opportunity, time and space to write with the support of expert practical tuition by published writers. Whatever stage of writing you are at they have a course that suits you.

Come and meet the Bookgroup Info team at the Bracknell Library Readers' Group Evening on Wednesday 14th March at 7.30pm. Meet other groups, share ideas and discuss books. There will be refreshments and freebies! For tickets (limited to 2 members per group) please email:

bracknell.library@bracknell-forest.gov.uk or telephone: 01344 352426.

Who do you think is the greatest living British author? Join the controversy and [vote](#) and/or [blog](#) on the Guardian website.

Can PRIDE AND PREJUDICE really be the [book most of us can't live without?](#)

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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