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Dear Readers,

We hope you all had lovely holidays and managed lots of reading. Store up for the autumn with our new recommended titles: THIS BODY by Tessa McWatt; ARTHUR AND GEORGE by Julian Barnes; CLOTH GIRL by Marilyn Heward Mills and THE ASBO SHOW by Tony Saint.

Our Book of the Month is THE GHOST AT THE TABLE by Suzanne Berne.

Read our interview with Suzanne Berne.

Our guest review is A GIRL'S GUIDE TO MODERN EUROPEAN PHILOSOPHY by Charlotte Greig.

To win a copy of THE GHOST AT THE TABLE or ARTHUR AND GEORGE see our competition page.

Congratulations to the winners of ON CHESIL BEACH: Liz Hughes, Camberley; Dymphna McDonnell, Gerrards Cross; Niki di Palma, Hackney; Wendy Fairbank, Liverpool; Jenny Honey, Glasgow. And LIFE CLASS: Joey Cox, Chipping Norton; Deidre Shaw, Cleveland; Linda Harrison, Bristol; Jacqueline Patten, Crediton; Monica Quinn, Raynes Park. Thanks to Jonathan Cape and Penguin publishers.

See our Virgin wine offer and receive a £20 introductory wine voucher for every member of your group!

See our offers page for discounted tickets to see a hilarious production of OUR MAN IN HAVANA at the Churchill Theatre, Bromley (10-15 September) as well as free books. Please first register your group. You only need to do this once!

This month we've partnered up with Borders to offer our visitors £5 off every time you spend £25 in their stores. Just print off your voucher and redeem it in any UK Borders store. Did you know that book groups meet in over 60% of their stores every month? Discuss your favourite reads over a cup of coffee. Find out what else Borders have to offer book groups including book recommendations and competitions.

Our Bookgroup of the Month is Barnet Bookgroup, London. Fill in the questionnaire if you'd like to be a BGoTM.

Our problem this month is an argumentative book group member. Can you help?

The Penguin/Orange Broadband Readers' Group Prize winner is Books on the Broad, Oxford.

This year's Small Wonder Short Story Festival 19th - 23rd September has another fantastic line-up of authors in the beautiful setting of Charleston in East Sussex. Authors include Etger Keret, on the short list for the Frank O'Connor International Short Story Award 2007 and 2005 winner, Yi Yun Li (see our review).

In this month's Radio 4 Bookclub Armistead Maupin discusses his 1970s San Francisco chronicles, TALES OF THE CITY. Remember you can "listen again" online.

Recycle your old books and raise money for WaterAid and Sightsavers at Only One Pound

For the second year in a row, Khaled Hosseini's novel, THE KITE RUNNER (see our review) has been voted as the Reading Group Book of the Year.

See The Guardian First Book Award longlist (which includes WHAT WAS LOST - see our review) and use your

Borders voucher to buy some of the Guardian's 10 recommended "must reads" for the autumn.

For anyone whose had their head in a bag and hasn't noticed, ATONEMENT (see our review) is being released in cinemas on 7 September.

Cormac McCarthy's THE ROAD (see our review) has won the fiction section of The James Tait Black Memorial Prize.

According to a new YouGov poll more Britons dream about becoming an author than any other job. Read John Crace's blog on why you shouldn't give up the day job.

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.