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Due to technical difficulties (frustratingly beyond our control!) the site was down for a while last month. We apologise to all of you and please, do keep visiting.

If any members of your group would like to receive the newsletter to be eligible for our special offers please forward this link to them:
http://www.bookgroup.info/041205/newsletter_signup.php

Our new recommended [titles](#) are FIFTEEN MODERN TALES OF ATTRACTION by Alison MacLeod, THE EMPEROR'S CHILDREN by Claire Messud and THE GIFT OF RAIN by Tan Twan Eng.

Our [Book of the Month](#) is THE WORLD TO COME by Dara Horn.

Read our [interview](#) with Dara Horn.

Our [guest review](#) is VILLA SERENA by Domenica de Rosa.

See our [competition](#) page to win copies of THE WORLD TO COME

Congratulations to the winners of TYPES OF EVERLASTING REST Helen Coulter, Newtonabbey; Stacey Bullen, Manchester; Margaret Simpson, Burnage; Joan Smith, Thornliebank; Pam Tyler, Brighton and to Nikki Malam; Torquay, Anne Hughes, Newton Abbott, Nicholas Burrows, Birmingham; Ann Banfield, Northallerton; Clive Boffin, Bedworth; Yvonne Stone, Brampton; Louise Chamberlain, London; Taneth Russell, York; Liz Young, Fordingbridge and Anne Cooper, Banbury winners of ANIMAL'S PEOPLE.

Many thanks to Two Ravens Press and Simon and Schuster publishers.

Our [forum](#) is a great place to share thoughts and ideas about books. By popular request we have added an exciting new feature - a Book Exchange. Why not try it out? You will need to register first, if you haven't already done so, and then we will activate your details. (This is a necessary procedure that prevents mountains of SPAM that we were inundated with in the past). To kick things off we're offering 4 copies of THE RECTOR'S DAUGHTER by F M Mayor and 4 copies of PERIPHERAL VISION by Patricia Ferguson.

See our [Virgin Wines offer](#) and receive a £20 introductory wine voucher for every member of your group!

Also see our [offers](#) page page for free books.

Please first [register](#) your group. You only need to do this once!

Our [Bookgroup of the Month](#) is The Dundee Bookgroup.

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

This month's Radio 4 [Bookclub](#) on Sunday 4th November and Thursday 8th November features Barbara Kingsolver discussing THE POISONWOOD BIBLE which was voted 'favourite reading group book of all time' in a 2005 Penguin/Orange poll. Read our [review](#) of this brilliant novel before you tune in.

The surprise winner of the 2007 [Man Booker](#) prize is outsider Anne Enright for her novel THE GATHERING.

Doris Lessing has won this year's Nobel Prize for Literature. Listen to the [BBC interview](#) with this grande dame of the bookworld.

The winner of this year's [Stirling Prize for architecture](#) is the Museum of Modern Literature, designed by David Chipperfield. It is situated in Marback am Neckar - the birthplace of the German poet and philosopher Friedrich Schiller. Pilgrimage anyone?

To mark its 120th anniversary, The Bodley Head is starting up a nationwide children's book club. From January 2008 the imprint will support 50 book clubs. Four times a year, each book club will receive five copies of a Bodley Head book along with material for displays etc. Email: bodleyheadbookclub@randomhouse.co.uk

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