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A very happy new year to all of you.

Our new recommended [titles](#) are ANGEL by Elizabeth Taylor and our [Book of the Month](#) is A SHIP MADE OF PAPER by Scott Spencer. Read our [interview](#) with the author.

If you missed our interview with [Lloyd Jones](#) author of MR PIP, which was a little late going up last month, you can catch up now.

Our [guest review](#) is THE MOON OPERA by Bi Feiyu.

See our [competition](#) page to win copies of A SHIP MADE OF PAPER.

Our [Spot the Bookshop Competition](#) attracted a huge number of entries so we've made this month's a bit harder. Congratulations to Tim Evans who wins a £10 Book Token for spotting Shakespeare & Co. in Paris.

Congratulations to winners of MR PIP: Sue Ring, London; Rhona Worley, Ashbourne; Norma Heaton, Carnforth; Mai Lin Li, Huddersfield; Anne Thomson, Edinburgh; Josie Barton, Wigan; Noleen Wyatt-Jones, Claygate; Joanne Major, Lincoln; Kirstie Gillon, Glenrothes; Catherine Smith, Bradford; Michelle Worthington, Blackpool; James Mitchell, London. Many thanks to John Murray publishers.

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 Barnsley Book Club.

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

In this month's Radio 4 [Bookclub](#) on Sunday 6th and Thursday 10th January American author Alice Sebold discusses her novel THE LOVELY BONES. Remember you can "listen again" if you miss it the first time.

Escape from the dark days of winter with a relaxing weekend of stories, conversations and good food and wine by taking a [booklovers holiday](#) in the Catalan hills in Garrotxa, Spain starting February 28th 2008.

The [Costa Book Award](#) category winners are announced. We are pleased to see one of our previously recommended titles [WHAT WAS LOST](#) by Catherine O'Flynn has won the first novel prize.

The [Romantic Novel of the Year Award 2008](#) longlist is announced. The shortlist will be announced on January 14th and the winner on February 4th.

Look out for Telegram Books [book-crossing](#) project in London. They have 'set free' copies of two of their newest titles, THE MOON OPERA by Bi Feiyu and THE YEAR OF THE REVOLUTIONARY NEW BREAD-MAKING MACHINE by Hassan Daoud. Look out for the books and add your comments to their blogsite.

Should celebrities be involved in judging our top literary prizes? What do you think about the choice of [Lily Allen](#) as one of the Orange Broadband Prize judges?

[Read](#) about the plight of two young boys, stars of the film of the bookgroup favourite [THE KITE RUNNER](#), who have been taken out of Afghanistan to protect them from reprisals over a controversial rape scene.

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