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**Newsletter No 45  
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Our new [reviews](#) are THE INTERPRETATION OF MURDER by Jed Rubinfeld and THE EMIGRANT'S FAREWELL by Liam Browne. Our Book of the Month is HALF OF A YELLOW SUN by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie. Read our [interview](#) with Chimamanda.

Our [guest review](#) is A STAIN ON THE SILENCE by Andrew Taylor.

See our [offers](#) page for free books. Please first [register](#) your group. You only need to do this once!

Enter our [competition](#) to win copies of HALF OF A YELLOW SUN.

Congratulations to the winners of THE ROAD and A THOUSAND YEARS OF GOOD PRAYERS. Our thanks to Picador and Harper Perennial publishers.

Our [Bookgroup of the Month](#) is Telegraph Hill Bookgroup. Fill in the [questionnaire](#) if you'd like to be a BGoTM.

This month's [Bookclub](#) on BBC radio 4 features Val McDermid. She discusses her book [THE MERMAIDS SINGING](#) on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February.

Birmingham University is conducting some research on mass reading and needs your help. See their [Beyond the Book Project](#) and complete the questionnaire, where you will have the chance of winning a £100 book voucher. Don't forget to mention us!

The [Costa Book Awards](#) category winners are announced. The overall winner will be announced on February 7<sup>th</sup>.

[BBC Somerset](#) has a winner for

Chapter 4 of their short story competition. It has now re-opened for Chapter 5 - the final chapter!

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

[Booktrust](#) has compiled a useful round-up of books chosen by newspapers in December 2006. The year's most popular book was Irène Némirovsky's [SUITE FRANÇAISE](#).

This year's [Jewish Book Week](#) will run from 24<sup>th</sup> February – 4<sup>th</sup> March. London's biggest and oldest literary festival's programme is livelier than ever with more than 60 events and 100 contributors.

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

What 10 books couldn't you live without? For [World Book Day's](#) tenth anniversary, they are finding out the ten most life-enhancing books according to all of you. The list will be announced on World Book Day, March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**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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