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## Newsletter No 67 January 2009

A Very Happy New Year to you all and apologies for the delay with updating the site this month.

Our [Book of the Month](#) is THE BELIEVERS by Zoë Heller. Try this month's [competition](#) to win a copy and read our [interview](#) with the author.

Our other [recommended title](#) is the much-lauded TRUMPET by Jackie Kay.

The [guest review](#) is CANDY'S CHILDREN by Sylvia Murphy.

Can you [Spot the Bookshop?](#) Congratulations to Shelagh Milne our December winner, for spotting Actes Sud in Arles, France. She wins a £10 book token.

Congratulations to the winners of SEA OF POPPIES: Maria Ellis, Welling; Gwyneth Dilly, Lechlade-on-Thames; Hazel Weller, Leeds; Melannie Docherty, Hesse; Emma Clarke, Pontypridd; Kieran Muelaner, Bodmin; Linda Neilson, Manchester; Porter Warren, Coventry; Dan Caldon, Chesterfield; Kirsty Bayliss, Christchurch; Yvonne Hall, Keighley; Sade Toppin, Northolt  
Many thanks to John Murray publishers.

Our lucky Christmas Competition winner is Anne Thomson from Edinburgh who wins a fantastic selection of Picador books. Many thanks to the publishers.

The response to THE LIEUTENANT offer was fantastic so, in the interest of fairness, we halved the number of books for some of the larger groups who were lucky enough to be chosen. Many thanks to Canongate publishers.

Claim your **FREE BOOKS!** If your group is already registered with us you are eligible to claim free books every month (sorry, UK and Ireland groups only). If your group is not registered then just fill in the [form](#). It's a very simple process!

Read about our [Bookgroup of the Month](#) the highly enthusiastic Books R Us from Liverpool.

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

Leave your comments on book (or bookgroup) related topics on our [notice-board](#).

Why not get away from cold old UK and take a Booklovers break in the beautiful Catalan countryside. 'Fireside Tales' runs from February 26<sup>th</sup> for 4 nights. The organisers promise "an exquisite weekend break including ensuite rooms, homely comfort and high quality food & wine in a very special house." For more details see the [Booklovers website](#) with an exclusive "2 for 1" bookgroup offer.

Get your entries in for the [Bristol Short Story Prize 2009](#). This prestigious award offers writers cash prizes as well as the chance to get into print. Closing date for submissions is March 31.

[The Women's Library Reading Group](#) is a place to discuss a wealth of work by women writers. You can attend occasionally, or regularly. The cost is £5 including refreshments. The next 2 meetings are on January 29<sup>th</sup> and February 26<sup>th</sup>.

The [2008 Costa Awards](#) are announced. TOWARDS THE END, by the amazing 91 year old Diana Athill wins the biography category. The overall winner will be announced on January 27<sup>th</sup>.

Bernard Cornwell discusses THE LAST KINGDOM on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> and Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February on [Radio 4 Bookclub](#).

Remember you can “listen again” if you miss either programme.

The Richard & Judy Book Club are looking for reading groups around the UK to review their selected titles.

They are looking for book clubs of at least 10 members who are happy to be filmed discussing a selected book in the New Year. They need groups with a good mix of ages and genders. If your reading group fits the bill and might be interested email:

[zoe.smith@cactustv.co.uk](mailto:zoe.smith@cactustv.co.uk)

Try the [Guardian 2008 Book Quiz](#) – no prizes but it’s fun.

A group of fantasy authors have teamed up to launch a new award celebrating the genre and the bestselling author [David Gemmell](#), who died in 2006. The short-list will be decided by a public vote.

And last but not least a fond farewell to [John Mortimer](#) who died on January 16<sup>th</sup> aged 85.

**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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