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## Newsletter No 68 February 2009

"Why, what's the matter,  
That you have such a February face,  
So full of frost, of storm and  
cloudiness?"

William Shakespeare, Much Ado  
About Nothing

And who can blame us in this  
weather? Light a fire, fill a hottie and  
get into a good book such as our  
[Book of the Month](#) the tragic story of  
JULIUS WINSOME by Gerard  
Donovan.

Try this month's [competition](#) to win a  
copy and read our [interview](#) with the  
author.

Our other [recommended titles](#) are  
MOLLY FOX'S BIRTHDAY by Deirdre  
Madden, NETHERLAND by Joseph  
O'Neill, GUERNICA by Dave Boling  
and THE LIEUTENANT by Kate  
Grenville.

Canongate have ten tickets to give  
away (worth £10 each) to see Kate  
Grenville talk about THE  
LIEUTENANT at the South Bank  
Centre in London on Tuesday 3rd  
February. If you miss out Canongate  
have also given us ten copies of The  
Lieutenant to give away. See our  
[offers](#) page for all the details.

The [quest review](#) is Never Never by  
David Gaffney.

Can you [Spot the Bookshop](#)?  
Congratulations to Ann McDougal, our  
January winner. Ann wins a £10 book  
token.

Congratulations to the winners of THE  
BELIEVERS: Helen Kingsley,  
Cambridge; Vera Pope, London; Sue  
Hunt, Dover; Gemma White, Banbury;  
Andy Moore, Buxton; Jean Flynn,  
Hove; Ros Marshall, Perth; Gillian  
Mollard, Middlesborough; Estelle  
Mills, Harrow and Abbie Poole,

Livingston. Many thanks to Penguin  
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 The Cambridge Punters  
our [Bookgroup of the Month](#)

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](#).

There's still time to sign up for a  
Booklovers break in the beautiful  
Catalan countryside from February  
26<sup>th</sup> for 4 nights. For more details see  
the [Booklovers website](#) with an  
exclusive "2 for 1" bookgroup offer.

The overall winner of the [2008 Costa  
Awards](#) is Sebastian Barry for his  
novel THE SECRET SCRIPTURE.

British author Neil Gaiman has won  
American's most prestigious children's  
fiction prize, the Newbery medal, for  
his novel [THE GRAVEYARD BOOK](#).

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.

See the shortlist of ten contemporary  
books with word-of-mouth appeal  
chosen in a search to find the best  
book to talk about this year.

Vote for your favourite [The Book to  
Talk About](#), to be announced on  
World Book Day, Thursday 5th March.  
Included in the list is [FIFTEEN  
MODERN TALES OF ATTRACTION](#)  
by Alison MacLeod – you saw it here  
first!

[John Updike](#), one of the great men of American letters, has died at the age of 76.

**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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