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### RAMADAN PROMOTION

In our last newsletter I mentioned a promotion for Ramadan involving the 20th century. Huh?

FYI we have discovered we have far more books than the space available to house certain categories. So we decided to hold the following promotion during Ramadan for our loyal newsletter subscribers:

**60% DISCOUNT ON THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES OF BOOKS PUBLISHED IN THE 20TH CENTURY:**

**ADULT FICTION    YOUNG ADULTS  
ROMANCE        SCIENCE FICTION**

Keep this offer in mind when you are browsing through our shelves - from the first day of Ramadan until the last - as it will save you cash!

Remember, all special offer books will be stamped non-returnable. This offer is for adults when they buy. Now for our special offer at the other end of the spectrum - for children when they sell.

**WE WILL GIVE AS MUCH MONEY AS WE CAN FOR CHILDREN'S BOOKS WE WANT**

OR

**WE WILL GIVE 60% MORE THAN OUR CASH OFFER - IN CREDIT!**

Moms - now is a great time for the kids to clean our their bookcases and take advantage of our offer AND read for even less than usual during the Ramadan/summer season. Not bad, huh?

### QUIZ RESULTS - CLASSICS AND THEIR AUTHORS

The winners for Classics and Their Authors were **Fariha, Mat, Robin, Kathy and Tara**. To the numerous other submissions with perfect scores - better luck **THIS** time! The correct answers were - 1. The Purloined Letter/Edgar Allan Poe, 2. The Idiot/Fyodor Dostoyevsky, 3. Gulliver's

Travels/Jonathan Swift, 4. Emma/Jane Austen, 5. Hunchback of Notre Dame/Victor Hugo, 6. Mrs. Lirriper/Charles Dickens, 7. The Woodlanders/Thomas Hardy, 8. Tristram Shandy/Laurence Sterne, 9. The Wind in the Willows/Kenneth Grahame, 10. Ivanhoe/Walter Scott.

**Now for the new quiz.** Very straightforward this time - connect 10 famous children's authors' with the **series of books** they are known for. This can be a good learning experience for the kids this time, and adults too! Go to [houseofprose.com](http://houseofprose.com) and find 'the quiz'. Try to complete the quiz 'Google - free.' Good luck. As usual, bundle book or coffee to the first 5 winners. Please note - winners need to collect their prize before the next newsletter comes out. Thanks.

## INCREDIBLE MAN - INCREDIBLE STORY



I was listening to the **BBC** on the radio the

other day and heard about a most amazing man. His name is **Mohed Altrad** and he just won the **International Entrepreneur of the year** award. He owns the Altar Group in France dealing mainly with construction supplies, in particular scaffolding.

### OH, BY THE WAY...

1. We just celebrated our **18th** year in our HOP location in Jumeirah Plaza on the Beach Road on June 6. **Paper books are alive and well.** But our very first shop opened in Muscat over 22 years ago on April 13, 1993. They too are alive and well. Remember, if you have any books from the Muscat shop we will also give you a 50% refund - in credit only - on return.

2. Scottish-born author **Ali Smith** won the **Baileys Women's Prize** for Fiction last week netting a long-sought victory after missing out on a string of prestigious prizes this year. To continue the story <http://news.yahoo.com/british-author-ali-smith-wins-fiction-award-235135988.html>

But the amazing part of his story is his upbringing in Syria; no mother or father, ostracized from his village with no chance of an education or any future to speak of. Now a billionaire and author of books (yes, I haven't forgotten there has to be a book involved to be in our newsletter). He has written a fictional account of his life called **Badawi**. It is currently being translated into English. I won't miss reading this one.

Unbelievable story.

<http://www.ft.com/cms/s/2/e609fd84-0c8b-11e5-90a9-00144feabdc0.html#axzz3cwQII3qE>

3. I am just now pre-ordering copies of the upcoming **sequel** of To Kill a Mockingbird, **Go Set a Watchman** by Harper Lee, and the **fourth book** in the **Dragon Tattoo** series, **That Which Does Not Kill**. Both are coming out within the next few months. Anyone interested in reserving a copy of either or both, please let me know. Price will be the same as Magrudy's retail. (but remember, a free book from our duplicates AND 25% refund on return)

## NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER LIST 21/6/15

1. **RADIANT ANGEL**, by Nelson DeMille. (Grand Central.) A surveillance expert monitors the activities of a newly resurgent Russia.
2. **THE GIRL ON THE TRAIN**, by Paula Hawkins. (Riverhead.) A psychological thriller set in the environs of London is full of complications and betrayals.
3. **PIRANHA**, by Clive Cussler and Boyd Morrison. (Putnam.) A man sets out to thwart an American weapons designer.
4. **ALL THE LIGHT WE CANNOT SEE**, by Anthony Doerr. (Scribner.) The lives of a blind French girl and a gadget-obsessed German boy before and during World War II; the winner of the 2015 Pulitzer Prize.
5. **MEMORY MAN**, by David Baldacci. (Grand Central.) A police detective who left the force when his family was murdered teams up with his former partner to solve the case.
6. **14TH DEADLY SIN**, by James Patterson and Maxine Paetro. (Little, Brown.) When a video of a shocking crime surfaces, it casts suspicion on a San Francisco detective's colleagues.
7. **LUCKIEST GIRL ALIVE**, by Jessica Knoll. (Simon & Schuster.) The life of a successful New York magazine writer is shaken when secrets from her past are revealed in a documentary.
8. **THE NIGHTINGALE**, by Kristin Hannah. (St. Martin's.) Two sisters are separated in World War II France: one in the countryside, the other in Paris.
9. **A MATCH FOR MARCUS CYNSTER**, by Stephanie Laurens. (Mira.) A couple must vault personal resistance before accepting each other's affection.
10. **THE MARRIAGE SEASON**, by Linda Lael Miller. (Harlequin.) Marriage is the metric when a single father moves into town.

Click here to find the complete list <http://www.nytimes.com/best-sellers-books/combined-print-and-e-book-fiction/list.html>

## Our bundle book winner for newsletter #23

The subscriber who wins a free bundle book this time is **Sue Ash**. Congratulations Sue, please drop us a note to say where and when you want to choose your bundle book.

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