



The oldest books are still only **just out** to those who have not read them.

– Samuel Butler –



BOOKER PRIZE WINNER- REJECTED 70 TIMES!

Marlon James has become the first Jamaican writer to win the Man Booker prize, taking the award for an epic, uncompromising novel not for the faint of heart. It brims with shocking gang violence, swearing, graphic sex, drug crime but also, said the judges, a lot of laughs.

A Brief History of Seven Killings, a fictional history of the attempted murder of Bob Marley in 1976, was “an extraordinary book”, said Michael Wood, the chair of judges. “[It was] very exciting, very violent, full of swearing. It was a book we didn’t actually have any difficulty deciding on – it was a unanimous decision, a little bit to our surprise.” Click [here](#) to read more.



Marlon James being interviewed after winning the Booker Prize, his third novel. His first novel

was rejected 70 times before being published.

OH, BY THE WAY...

1. The Sharjah book fair is opening in 3 days time and will run till the 14th of November. It is now the fourth largest book fair in the world and this is the 34th year the event has been held. Click [here](#) to learn all about it.
2. October marked the 100th anniversary of Franz Kafka's novel *Metamorphosis*. November will mark the 150th anniversary of Lewis Carroll's *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*.
3. The Nobel Prize for Literature for 2015 is awarded to Svetlana Alexievich, the first Belarusian to win. For 30 years she has written on the 'human condition' of the post-soviet individual. Click [here](#) to know more.

QUIZ RESULTS - ALL-FEMALE CAST

The winners of quiz #31- ALL-FEMALE CAST - were **Lauren, Jelena, Mat, Lorain and Robin**. Congratulations! A good response.

The following are the correct answers:

1. Kay Scarpetta/**Patricia Cornwell**
2. Miss Marple/**Agatha Christie**
3. CI Jane Tennison/**Lynda La Plante**
4. Dr. Temperance Brennan/**Kathy Reichs**
5. Stephanie Plum/**Janet Evanovich**
6. Kinsey Millhone/**Sue Grafton**
7. V.I. Warshawski/**Sara Paretsky**
8. Lieutenant Eve Dallas/**J.D. Robb**
9. Dr. Sara Linton/**Karin Slaughter**
10. Alexandra Cooper/**Linda Fairstein**

Also, in our survey of your favourite author/book (question 11), you voted Agatha Christie as your favourite. No wonder she is called the **Queen of Crime**. Patricia Cornwell, Karin Slaughter, Kathy Reichs and J.D. Robb also received votes. Thanks for taking part.

You know the routine - go to [our website](#) and click on 'The Quiz', fill in your name and address and match the 10 characters with the authors who created them. Only one answer for each character. Also, question 11 – list your favourite from the list.

And the quiz this time? **IN REMEMBRANCE**, match the description with the author recently departed in 2015. Also your vote for who you will miss the most. What do the first 5 winners receive? Their choice of: A) free bundle book, B) cup of coffee, or C) free bookbag. The choice is yours. Good luck.

SUNDAY TIMES BESTSELLER LIST 1/11/15

1. **SEE ME**, by Nicholas Sparks. (Grand Central.) A couple in love are threatened by secrets from the past.
2. **THE MARTIAN**, by Andy Weir. (Crown.) Abandoned by his crew, an astronaut embarks on a dogged quest to stay alive.
3. **THE SURVIVOR**, by Vince Flynn and Kyle Mills. (Emily Bestler/Atria.) A counterterrorism operative must control the damage from a leak of C.I.A. documents.
4. **THE MURDER HOUSE**, by James Patterson and David Ellis. (Little, Brown.) When bodies are found at a Hamptons estate where a series of grisly murders once occurred, a local detective and former New York City cop investigates.
5. **FOREIGN AFFAIRS**, by Stuart Woods. (Putnam.) In the 35th Stone Barrington novel, the lawyer clashes with a New York Mafia don in Rome.
6. **THE GIRL IN THE SPIDER'S WEB**, by David Lagercrantz. (Knopf.) Mikael Blomkvist and Lisbeth Salander are back in this continuation of Steig Larsson's Millennium series.
7. **MAKE ME**, by Lee Child. (Delacorte.) Jack Reacher pries open a missing-persons case that takes him across the country and into the shadowy reaches of the Internet.
8. **PRETTY GIRLS**, by Karin Slaughter. (Morrow/HarperCollins.) When her husband is murdered, a woman discovers secrets about him that lead her to reconnect with her estranged sister.
9. **THE GIRL ON THE TRAIN**, by Paula Hawkins. (Riverhead.) A psychological thriller set in the environs of London is full of complications and betrayals.
10. **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.

Click [here](#) to find the complete list

Our winner for newsletter #32

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

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