

Think before you speak.
Read before you think.

- Fran Lebowitz -



PAT CONROY - A SOUTHERN WRITER



The author [Pat Conroy](#) died this month. An American author and one of my favorites. He wrote 13 books of which I have read a majority and thoroughly enjoyed every one.

His books always entertained, never let me down. Four books were turned into movies - *Prince of Tides*, *The River is Wide*, *The Great Santini* and *Lords of Discipline*.

He put a lot of his own life's experiences into his books especially his relationship with his father. I particularly liked [The Great Santini](#) both as a book and movie. According to [William Goldman](#) the renowned screenwriter, no one wanted to play the part of his father in the movie because of the complicated and petty nature of his father in the book and in real life, but [Robert Duvall](#) played the part wonderfully! You have a real sense of Conroy as a person once you read a few of his books. he was a real Southern writer with all the flavor.

OH, BY THE WAY...

1. **Emirates Airline Festival of Literature** closed the eighth edition of the annual literary event on Saturday.

Litfest saw more than 40,000 visitors attending the 300 sessions. This year they also increased the Education Days programme and sessions specifically for students – with many more free events held at schools and various locations around the UAE. The **Montegrappa Writing Prize**, the annual competition for first-time novelists, continued to grow in stature with a massive increase in entries with the winner being **Karen Osman**.

2. **We need help.** We have a number of customers who are voracious readers of Mills&Boon romance novels and are having a difficult time keeping up with the consumption of our existing supply. We want to give a shout out to our subscribers to please bring in any you are willing to part with. Much appreciated!

3. Below is our next list of recommended books. Remember, these are good reads suggested by our book-loving subscribers who have taken the time to not only take our quiz, but also to pass on one of their favourite reads. Any recommendations from you? Simply list one on question #11 of our quiz, or just drop us a line and we will include it. No guarantees these books are in stock, of course, but with over 30,000 books in our inventory you have a good chance. Many thanks for your recommendations.

TITLE
[The Secret Agent](#)
[The Gift of Rain](#)
[Stalingrad](#)
[Six Years](#)
[I am Pilgrim](#)
[Mr. Mercedes](#)

AUTHOR
Joseph Conrad
Tan Twan Eng
Antony Beevor
Harlan Coben
Terry Hayes
Stephen King

QUIZ RESULTS - OSCAR WINNERS/FOURTH ESTATE

The **quiz #39** winners of "THE FOURTH ESTATE" were **Martin, Amreeta, Mat, Andy** and **James**. Congratulations.

The following are the correct answers:

1. He is American but began his career working for newspapers in the UK. He is famous for his travel books such as 'Down Under' and 'A Walk in the Woods'. He also wrote 'A Small History of Nearly Everything' and 'Shakespeare'/**Bill Bryson**
2. He is British but began his career working as a feature writer for the Boston Globe newspaper in the States. Most famous for creating the trilogy 'House of Cards' along with other political fiction books/**Michael Dobbs**
3. She started out as a crime reporter for the Charlotte Observer newspaper before creating Kay Scarpetta in her first novel 'Postmortem.' Now, 23 books later, she is one of the biggest names in crime writing/**Patricia Cornwell**
4. He is called the Father of American Literature. Famous for his characters Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn, he started his career writing for the Virginia City Territorial Enterprise newspaper/**Mark Twain**
5. An American who first started as a magazine cartoonist before publishing children's books like 'The Cat in the Hat' and 'Green Eggs and Ham'/**Dr. Seuss**
6. Another Brit who made his career in the States. He wrote humorous articles for magazines in the early 20th century before creating his most memorable characters Jeeves and Bertie Wooster/**P.G. Wodehouse**
7. British foreign correspondent for the BBC in France covering the attempted assassination of Charles De Gaulle. He later wrote 'Day of the Jackal.' Also, as a war correspondent he wrote 'The Biafra Story'/**Frederick Forsyth**
8. Considered the greatest novelist of the Victorian era, this British author first started in newspapers before writing his great works such as 'Oliver Twist' and 'David Copperfield'. Need I say more? /**Charles Dickens**
9. A British BBC TV reporter before moving on to writing fiction about World War II beginning with 'Fatherland' and 'The Enigma Code.' He later covered other periods in historical fiction/**Robert Harris**
10. An American who worked for the Kansas City Star newspaper, then as foreign correspondent in Paris in the early 20's for the Toronto Star. He first wrote 'The Sun Also Rises' and other classics such as 'The Old Man and the Sea'/**Ernest Hemingway**

And now for **quiz #40**. I am really looking forward to getting your feedback on our next quiz - Famous Quotations and the people who created them, but this time there are only 4 possible answers - Shakespeare (of course), Churchill (also, of course) Mark Twain and, on a lighter note, Yogi Berra! If you don't know Yogi, Google him. 14 questions this time instead of 10, plus #15 - your book recommendations. You know the routine - a prize of A) bundle book, or B) cup of coffee, or C) free bookbag - to the first 5 winners.

Go to [our website](#) and click on 'The Quiz', fill in your name and address. Good luck.

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER LIST 20/03/16

1. **THE GANGSTER**, by Clive Cussler and Justin Scott. (Putnam.) In the ninth book in this series, set in 1906, the New York detective Isaac Bell contends with a crime boss passing as a respectable
6. **THE GIRL ON THE TRAIN**, by Paula Hawkins. (Riverhead.) A psychological thriller set in the environs of London is full of complications and betrayals.

businessman.

2. **ME BEFORE YOU**, by Jojo Moyes. (Penguin.) A woman who has barely been beyond her English village finds herself while caring for a wealthy, embittered quadriplegic.
3. **ROOM**, by Emma Donoghue. (Little, Brown.) The entire world of the 5-year-old boy who narrates this novel is the 11-by-11-foot room in which his mother is being held prisoner.
4. **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.
5. **THE WEDDING DRESS**, by Rachel Hauck. (Thomas Nelson.) With her own wedding approaching, Charlotte pieces together the history of a vintage gown she finds.
7. **KEEP QUIET**, by Lisa Scottoline. (St. Martin's.) A father hides a terrible secret to protect his son.
8. **THE KITCHEN HOUSE**, by Kathleen Grissom. (Touchstone.) An Irish orphan is integrated into a slave family on a Virginia plantation.
9. **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.
10. **THE LIAR**, by Nora Roberts. (Putnam.) A woman returning to her hometown discovers that her husband was a fraud who implicated her in his deceptions.

Click [here](#) for the complete list

Our winner for Newsletter #40

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

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