



“Books are not made to be believed, but to be subjected to inquiry. When we consider a book, we mustn't ask ourselves what it says but what it means...”

— Umberto Eco, died 19/2/2016



**"I DIDN'T DO IT ON PURPOSE!"**



[Beverly Cleary](#) turned 100 years old on Tuesday. She is an American writer of children's and young adult fiction. 91 million copies of her books have been sold since her first book was published in 1950. She created those wonderful characters Beezus, Ralph S. Mouse and especially **Ramona**

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## OH, BY THE WAY...

1. Dubai has a new and talented author - Carol Ann Whittle. Carol has had quite a varied life in that she was brought up in Kenya, educated in England, lived in London and is now a resident of Dubai with her husband. She has written a children's book called Bungee and Kidogo, the first of many we hope. For sale on Amazon. Click [here](#) for more details.
2. American author [Jim Harrison](#), best-known for his novella and screenplay of [Legends of the Fall](#) died March 26th at the age of 78 of heart failure.
3. [Margaret Forster](#) died last month at the age of 77. The autor of 30 books both fiction and non-fiction, and best-known for her novel, turned film, [Georgy Girl](#). Married to author Hunter Davies for 55 years.
4. Below is this edition's 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                                      | AUTHOR               |
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| <a href="#">The Other Boleyn Girl</a>      | Philippa Gregory     |
| <a href="#">A Little Life</a>              | Hanya Yanagihara     |
| <a href="#">A Fine Balance</a>             | Rohinton Mistry      |
| <a href="#">His Dark Materials Trilogy</a> | Phillip Pullman      |
| <a href="#">Cuckold</a>                    | Kiran Nagarkar       |
| <a href="#">Chernobyl Strawberries</a>     | Vesna Goldsworthy    |
| <a href="#">Sunset Song</a>                | Lewis Grassic Gibbon |
| <a href="#">Perfect People</a>             | Peter James          |
| <a href="#">It</a>                         | Stephen King         |
| <a href="#">Tenderness of Wolves</a>       | Stef Penney          |

## QUIZ RESULTS - DIRECT BY SPIELBERG

The **quiz #41** winners of "DIRECT FROM SPIELBERG" were **Mat, Shawna, Amanda, Martin** and **Marjorie**. Congratulations.

The following are the correct answers:

1. A Shark is involved, with Roy Scheider needing a bigger boat. Peter Benchley/[Jaws](#)
2. World War II prison camp, with a very young prisoner - Christian Bale. J.G. Ballard/[Empire of the Sun](#)
3. Tom Cruise is stopping crime - before it happens. Philip K. Dick/[Minority Report](#)
4. When Dinosaurs ruled the world, financed by Richard Attenborough. Michael Crichton/[Jurassic Park](#)
5. Leonardo DiCaprio is on the run, with Tom Hanks not far behind. Frank Bagnale Jr./[Catch me if you can](#)
6. Another World War II movie, this time with Liam Neeson saving the day. Thomas Keneally/[Shindler's List](#)
7. Oprah Winfrey's first movie before she was known by her first name only. Alice Walker/[Color Purple](#)
8. This time it is the Cold War, and Tom Hanks is the negotiator. James B. Donovan/[Bridge of Spies](#)
9. Daniel Day Lewis is so good in this Civil War movie, it should have been called LEWIS! Doris Kearns Goodwin/[Lincoln](#)
10. Spielberg seems to have war on his mind – again. This time it is World War I and a four-legged creature is the star. Michael Morpurgo/[War Horse](#)

And now for **quiz #42. ALL IS IN ORDINAL**. Fourteen questions and fourteen ordinal answers. Every book in this quiz is in our inventory right now! Obviously, the answers are **FIRST** \_\_\_\_\_,

**SECOND** \_\_\_\_\_, etc. etc. up to **FOURTEENTH** \_\_\_\_\_. Can you think of some? The clues are designed so you won't really have to google very much. Try it and good luck. 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 17/04/16

- 1. FOOL ME ONCE**, by Harlan Coben. (Dutton.) A retired Army helicopter pilot faces combat-related nightmares and mysteries concerning the deaths of her husband and sister.
- 2. BECAUSE OF MISS BRIDGERTON**, by Julia Quinn. (Avon.) Billie finds that, despite herself, she's drifting toward the arrogant George.
- 3. 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. [Book Review](#)
- 4. THE NEST**, by Cynthia D'Aprix Sweeney. (Ecco/HarperCollins.) Siblings in a dysfunctional New York family must grapple with a reduced inheritance.
- 5. JOURNEY TO MUNICH**, by Jacqueline Winspear. (Harper/HarperCollins.) In 1938, the psychologist Maisie Dobbs travels to Germany to impersonate the daughter of a prisoner.
- 6. PRIVATE PARIS**, by James Patterson and Mark Sullivan. (Little, Brown.) Jack Morgan, the head of the Private global investigative agency, probes the murders of members of the French cultural elite.
- 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. PARTNERS**, by John Grisham. (Doubleday.) The defense attorney Sebastian Rudd develops a close working relationship with his bodyguard and sidekick, Partner. A standalone digital short-story prequel to "Rogue Lawyer."
- 9. 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.
- 10. ONCE A RANCHER**, by Linda Lael Miller. (HQN.) A troubled teenager helps bring together his harried guardian and a filmmaker who has returned to the family ranch.

Click [here](#) for the complete list

## Our winner for Newsletter #42

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

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