

"I have lived a thousand lives and I've loved a thousand loves. I've walked on distant worlds and seen the end of time. Because I read."

—George R.R. Martin—



OPRAH'S 2016 BOOK CLUB SELECTION



Author Colson Whitehead and Oprah

Cora is a slave on a cotton plantation in Georgia. Life is hellish for all slaves, but Cora is an outcast even among her fellow Africans, and she is coming into womanhood; even greater pain awaits.

Colson Whitehead's new novel '[The Underground Railroad](#)' is about race and resistance, and the title is rich with meaning. It is the latest selection by the Oprah Book Club and also chosen as summer reading by President Obama.

OH, BY THE WAY...

1. We have decided to change the opening hours of our **Jumeirah branch**. We used to be open from 9-8 PM daily, 4-8 PM Fridays, but we have found our clients appreciate the shop being open a little later in the evening. Therefore, effective immediately, we will open from **10:00-9:00 PM daily, 5:00-9:00 PM Fridays**. Let us know what you think.

2. House of Prose has a new partner! I am very excited to announce I now have a fellow book-lover as a partner in the business. His name is **Pouria Dehghani** and is a university student here in Dubai - and an avid reader. He has decided to commit himself to the book business as he knows that people who read books are nice people, and one can do much worse than passing one's time in such an amiable, relaxing and informative atmosphere. I am still here and involved, of course, but Pouria will be slowly taking over the day-to-day operation. Please make him feel welcome as he will be a major asset to our world of books. He is young, which is a good thing and has lots of new ideas, which is even better!

3. **Change Initiative** has decided to close their doors for business for good on or about September 15th. So we have joined in on their big "**Good Buy Sale**" which starts immediately. From now until closing, any House of Prose book you buy at CI will be **20% cheaper** than the already fantastically low prices we always offer! Please drop in and check out our selection and stock up on/take advantage of their great sale of everything in the

building.

4. Our '**MOVING UP**' date at the **Dubai Garden Centre** has been set back till the **end of this month**. Sorry about our previous announcement. To show our appreciation for your custom for all these years, and for following us upstairs in the future, we are offering a free gift (**gift** means book) between now and moving day. that means for about the next two weeks we will reward you (**reward** means book) for lightening our load from downstairs to upstairs by relieving us of some of the excess weight (**weight** means book)! Come and see us and I will explain what book means.

5. House of Prose is looking into opening **another outlet** here in the Dubai area and so are asking our subscribers for any suggestions of suitable locations. **So what do you think?** Anything available/suitable in your part of town? Please drop us a note with your ideas.

6. A great number of exciting recommended books this time. I always think the books our customers recommend reflect on their high reading standards. It's obvious they are all very intelligent, entertaining and informative! Here is a new batch of recommended books from our last newsletter. One of my personal favourites is included, '**Shogun**' by James Clavell. Any recommendations from you? Simply list yours on question #11 of our quiz, or just drop us a line and we will include it. We often have a copy of the recommended books, but we can't promise. Many thanks for our contributors' input.

TITLE / AUTHOR

[The Miniaturist](#)/Jesse Burton
[The Violet Hour](#)/Richard Montanari
[The Hunger Games](#)/Suzanne Collins
[To Kill a Mockingbird](#)/Harper Lee
[Shōgun](#)/James Clavell
[Midnight Crossroad](#)/Charlaine Harris
[No Great Mischief](#)/Alistair Macleod
[Gathering Blue](#)/Lois Lowry
[The Greatest Knight](#)/Thomas Abridge
[The Witnesses](#)/James Patterson
[Rumi: In the Arms of the Beloved](#)/Rumi, Jonathan Star(Translator)
[Diary of a Short-Sighted Adolescent](#)/Mircea Eliade

QUIZ RESULTS - IN HONOUR OF QUIZMASTER PHIL

The quiz #49 winners were **Amreeta, Mintu, Mary, Sarah** and **Stig**.

Obviously, the quiz this time was just too easy! Almost everyone had a perfect score, and the number of submissions was up. Of course, the fact you can now take the quiz from your phone explains the increase in quiz-takers.

The following are the correct answers:

1. What 1936 Margaret Mitchell book became the Best Picture award winner in 1939? /[Gone with the Wind](#).
2. What 1996 Helen Fielding book became a hit movie in 2001 for Rene Zellweger? /[Bridget Jones' Diary](#).
3. What 1986 Winston Groom novel became the Best Picture winner in 1994? /[Forrest Gump](#).
4. What 1962 book by Ken Kesey became the Oscar winner for best Picture, Actor, Actress, Director and Screenplay? /[One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest](#)

5. What 1962 Anthony Burgess book became a 1971 nominated movie? / [Clockwork Orange](#).
6. Who wrote the 1949 play 'Death of a Salesman,' which became a 1985 movie? / [Arthur Miller](#).
7. Whose 1951 debut novel 'From Here to Eternity' became the 1953 Oscar Best Picture? / [James Jones](#).
8. Which Harper Lee 1960 novel became a 1962 movie nominated for Best Picture? / [To Kill a Mockingbird](#).
9. Which 1958 Truman Capote book became a popular 1961 movie? / [Breakfast at Tiffany's](#).
10. He wrote the 1988 novel 'Silence of the Lambs' which became Best Picture in 1991. / [Thomas Harris](#).

And now for quiz #50 **A RELATIVELY SIMPLE QUIZ**. They say "You can choose your friends but you can't choose your family". We would like to amend that statement "**You can choose your books but not your relatives.**"

You will see what we mean when you go to the quiz. Submit your answers and don't forget question #11 - a title of one of your favourite books to add to our inventory of good reads. 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', **REMEMBER, YOU CAN NOW USE YOUR MOBILE!!** fill in your name and address. Many thanks for your participation.

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER LIST 21/08/16

- | | |
|---|---|
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. BULLSEYE, by James Patterson and Michael Ledwidge. While the president of the United States is in New York to meet with his Russian counterpart, Detective Michael Bennett must stop a team of assassins prowling the Upper West Side. 2. SWEET TOMORROWS, by Debbie Macomber. The journeys of the characters at the Rose Harbor Inn come to a close in this last book of the series. 3. THE GIRL ON THE TRAIN, by Paula Hawkins. A psychological thriller set in the environs of London is full of complications and betrayals. Read Review 4. TRULY MADLY GUILTY, by Liane Moriarty. Tense turning points for three couples at a backyard barbecue gone wrong. 5. SMOOTH OPERATOR, by Stuart Woods and Parnell Hall. When the former rogue C.I.A. agent Teddy Fay, a master of disguise, takes the lead to help a powerful woman, her fate, and that of the nation, is in his hands. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD, by Colson Whitehead. A teenage girl heads north on the network that helped slaves escape to freedom, envisioned in this novel as a secret system of actual tracks and tunnels. See Oprah Winfrey 7. IT ENDS WITH US, by Colleen Hoover. A battered wife raised in a violent home attempts to halt the cycle of abuse. 8. ROGUE LAWYER, by John Grisham. The attorney Sebastian Rudd is a "lone gunman" who hates injustice and the system and defends unpopular clients. 9. DARK CAROUSEL, by Christine Feehan. A woman falls for a rich-bachelor vampire, but she also has a separate plan for which he is the bait. A Carpathian novel. 10. CHASE, by James Patterson with Michael Ledwidge. The New York detective Michael Bennett knows a staged suicide when he sees one. |
|---|---|

Click [here](#) for the complete list

Our winner for Newsletter #50

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

Please join us if you like us

This newsletter is being sent to you based on your request or by directly subscribing in our newsletter either online or offline. If you dont want to recieve this newsletter, then please use this link to [Unsubscribe](#).
Regards,

Mike McGinley
The Book Guy

Contact number: 971 4 344 9021