

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

INSTRUCTIONS:

The people here are all looking for a book to buy. Below there are eight book reviews. Decide which book would be the most suitable for the potential buyers.



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Silvia likes reading true stories which people have written about themselves. She's particularly interested in people who have had unusual or difficult lives

Ali enjoys reading crime stories which are carefully written so that they hold his interest right to the end. He enjoys trying to guess who the criminal really is while he's reading.

Monica is a history teacher in London. She enjoys reading about the history of people in other parts of the world and how events changed their lives.

A London Alive This author of many famous novels has now turned to writing short stories with great success. The stories tell of Londoners' daily lives and happen in 18 different places – for example, one story takes place at a table in a café, another in the back of a taxi and another in a hospital

B Burnham's Great Days Joseph Burnham is one of Britain's best-loved painters these days, but I was interested to read that during his lifetime it was not always so. Art historian Peter Harvey looks at how Burnham's work attracted interest at first but then became less popular.

C The Missing Photograph Another story about the well-known policeman, Inspector Manning. It is written in the same simple but successful way as the other Manning stories – I found it a bit disappointing as I guessed who the criminal was halfway through?

D Gone West A serious look at one of the least-known regions of the United States. The author describes the empty villages which thousands left when they were persuaded by the railway companies to go West in search of new lives. The author manages to provide many interesting details about their history.

E The Letter The murder of a television star appears to be the work of thieves who are quickly caught. But they escape from prison and a young lawyer says she knows who the real criminals are. Written with intelligence, this story is so fast-moving that it demands the reader's complete attention.

F Let me tell you The twenty stories in this collection describe the lives of different people who were born in London in 1825. Each story tells the life history of a different person. Although they are not true, they gave me a real feeling for what life used to be like for the ordinary person.

G The Last Journey John Reynolds' final trip to the African Congo two years ago unfortunately ended in his death. For the first time since then, we hear about where he went and what happened to him from journalist Tim Holden, who has followed Reynolds' route.

H Free at Last! Matthew Hunt, who spent half his life in jail for a crime he did not do, has written the moving story of his lengthy fight to be set free. Now out of prison, he has taken the advice of a judge to describe his experiences in a book.