

# NEWS REVIEW

THE WEEK ON THE WEB

## RIGHTS

### COLLINS TO UNVEIL DOWNTOWN SECRETS IN AUTUMN

Collins will publish an illustrated companion book to ITV drama "Downton Abbey" in September, coinciding with the second season of the hit series. Collins publisher Hannah MacDonald and senior editor Louise Stanley bought world rights in all languages to the book from Gareth Nearne, m.d. of TV production company Carnival, and Annabel Merullo at PFD. MacDonald said: "The World of Downton Abbey will add greater depth and detail to the characters and the social history of the period, as well as bringing interviews and behind-the-scenes secrets."

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### 'AUDACIOUS' EARTHQUAKE TALE TO BLOOMSBURY

Bloomsbury has bought a novel about a boy trapped in a collapsed building in the aftermath of the Haiti earthquake. *In Darkness* by Nick Lake, children's editorial director at HarperCollins, will be published in both adult and young adult editions in January 2012, simultaneously in the UK, US and Australia. The story tells of 14-year-old Shorty, trapped in an earthquake-hit hospital in Port au Prince. Bloomsbury children's publishing director Sarah Odedina and Helen Garnons-Williams, editorial director for fiction, jointly bought world English-language rights to the novel from Caradoc King at AP Watt.

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### VIRGIN BUYS LENNON BIOGRAPHY

Virgin Books has acquired a "definitive" biography of John Lennon. Virgin Books publishing director Ed Faulkner acquired UK and Commonwealth rights to *Lennon: The Man, the Myth, the Music: A Definitive Life* by Tim Riley from Hyperion rights director, Jill Sansone. Music historian and journalist Tim Riley took 10 years to write the 800-page title, which will be published as a £25 royal hardback in September.

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### SEX ADVICE FROM OCTOPUS

Blindfolds, lycra leggings and "Mr 30 percent" are to be up for discussion in a new sex advice title acquired by Octopus. Publishing director Stephanie Jackson acquired world rights to *Sex Counsel* by



**PIC OF THE WEEK** Channing Tatum and Jamie Bell, the stars of new film release "The Eagle", signed copies of the film tie-in of Rosemary Sutcliff's novel *The Eagle of the Ninth* (OUP) at Waterstone's Piccadilly. Pictured left to right: Gary Deane (Waterstone's), Jamie Bell, Nicola Atkinson (OUP), Louise Brown (OUP), Channing Tatum, Steven Cooper (Waterstone's) and (kneeling) Camille Davis (OUP).

Suzy Godson from Felicity Rubinstein of Lutyens & Rubinstein. The sex and relationships expert for the *Times*, Godson will share more than 100 genuine Q&As in the title, which will be arranged thematically. The Cassell Illustrated imprint, which also published Godson's *The Sex Book*, will publish in June.

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## PRIZES

### BARNES WINS DAVID COHEN PRIZE

Thrice Man Booker-shortlisted author Julian Barnes has been awarded the £40,000 David Cohen Prize for Literature 2011 for his lifetime achievements in literature. Barnes was presented with the award by chair of judges Mark Lawson at a gala ceremony at the British Library on Thursday night [17th March]. The £12,500 Clarissa Luard Award was given to The Reading Agency to support their reading initiatives for young offenders. The biennial David Cohen Prize recognises a living writer from the UK and Ireland whose oeuvre merits recognition for a lifetime's achievement in literature.

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### DONOGHUE'S ROOM ON ORANGE LONGLIST

Man Booker shortlistee Emma Donoghue has been longlisted for the Orange Prize for Fiction 2011. The 20-strong list was released on Wednesday [15th March] and includes Joanna Kavenna, who won the 2008 Orange New Writers' Prize for her debut novel *Inglorious*, and has been longlisted for her second, *The Birth of Love*. "It was a huge tussle to get the list down to 20, but what we have is a gorgeous, widely varied longlist," said Bettany Hughes, chair of judges. The shortlist will be revealed on 12th April, with the winner of the £30,000 prize announced on 8th June.

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## INTERNATIONAL

### FRENCH PUBLISHERS SHOULD 'SPEAK WITH ONE VOICE' IN AMAZON KINDLE TALKS—GOVERNMENT

French culture minister Frédéric Mitterrand has urged French publishers to speak with one voice in forthcoming negotiations with Amazon over supplying their e-books for the Kindle. During a visit to Silicon Valley, where he met senior managers of Amazon, Apple and

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