

The "Friend" Book Club

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DO you love reading, but often find yourself stuck for suggestions as to which book to try next? Would you enjoy exchanging views and opinions with other avid readers? If so, then the **"Friend" Book Club** page is for you! Every month we'll recommend a book we think "Friend" readers will enjoy. We hope you'll read it – and then let us know your opinion! Write to: The "Friend" Book Club, "The People's Friend", 80 Kingsway East, Dundee DD4 8SL, or e-mail us at peoplesfriend@dcthomson.co.uk. We'll pay £5 for every comment we feature!

Special Offer!

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£4 off the RRP!



Margery Allingham at her Essex home.

We are delighted to bring you a very special offer this month, with copies of **"The Oaken Heart"** available to buy from us at a specially discounted price of £9.99 including free UK p&p, saving a huge £4 off the RRP of £13.99. This offer is only available through the "Friend" and numbers are limited, so make sure you buy this slice of WWII history now to avoid disappointment.

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Coming Up:

Don't miss our great new **Spring Fiction Special (no. 47)** – on sale **April 21** and available to pre-order now!

Our Book for April is...

"The Oaken Heart"

by **Margery Allingham.**

During WWII, crime writer Margery Allingham was living in the village of Tolleshunt D'Arcy, near Maldon, in Essex, where she had lived with her husband since 1935. Her American publisher was so impressed by her letters from the period, describing what it was like to live through war and with the constant worry of invasion, that he asked her to write a book.

"The Oaken Heart", first published in 1941, was the result – a lightly fictionalised account of life in Britain during the first twelve months of the war, a period remembered for the public displaying bravery in the face of threat and natural anxiety, and for communities truly

banding together to do what they could to help the war effort.

With Margery herself taking on ARP duties and finding homes for evacuated children, and the whole village making plans for what they'd do in the event of invasion, this is an honest and immediate account that will bring back memories for all those who lived through WWII on the Home Front, and give new insight to people who have only heard stories about it.

This inspiring and interesting read, which invites you to take a step back in time to the early 1940s, will leave you feeling warmed by a community standing strong in their fear and determined



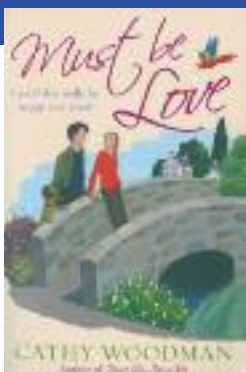
to do their bit.

Published by Golden Duck, priced £13.99, "The Oaken Heart" is available from all good bookshops and online.

Let us know what you think of "The Oaken Heart". We'll feature a selection of your comments on our July Book Club page, and we'll pay £5 for every letter we use.

The Book Club choice for January was **"Must Be Love" by Cathy Woodman.**

Here are two of the comments we received.



● I READ and thoroughly enjoyed "Must Be Love". There is a book in the series before it called "Trust Me, I'm A Vet", and both books are amusing and sad in parts. The books are very sensitively written, easy to read and you don't want to put them down. An excellent suggestion from the Book Club!

– Mrs J.M., *Insch.*

● I FOUND this book to be funny and fresh-feeling. I normally like less modern stories, but this was actually quite good – I thought the characters were well-drawn and believable, and I was interested in the decisions they made and how things ended up for them. I believe it's part of a series, so I'll definitely look out for the others.

– Mrs J.S., *Aberdeen.*