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1. BOOK LAUNCH - CUT ON THE BIAS

Our latest anthology 'Cut on the Bias: Stories about women and the clothes they wear' is being launched in London and Cardiff over the coming weeks.

'Better than Shopping!' says Nicola Heywood-Thomas of our latest anthology, 'Cut on the Bias' featuring short stories on the complex relationship women have with clothes. ISBN: 9781906784133 £8.99

ABERYSTWYTH: Thursday 21st January, 6.30pm.
The Bookshop: Aberystwyth Arts Centre.
All Welcome. Refreshments. Free Entry.

CARDIFF: Wednesday 17th February, 6.30pm.
Oxfam Boutique, 34 St Marys Street, Cardiff
All Welcome. Refreshments. Free Entry.

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2. INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY ANTHOLOGY SUBMISSION

Wales Women's National Coalition are publishing a short anthology of poetry and creative prose in celebration of women under the title of 'The Voice of Women in Wales'. An esteemed panel of judges will select entries to be included in the anthology, which will be published in March 2010.

On the panel are; Shelagh Weeks, Jeni Williams, Jo Verity, Sarah Edmonds, Menna Elfyn

Entries in English and Welsh are welcome.

Entrants must be: Women From Wales or currently living in Wales, 16-116 years of age, Creative prose should be no longer than 750 words, and poetry should be no longer than 30 lines. We would prefer to receive your entries via e-mail on llinos-merriman@wwnc.org.uk. Alternatively,

copies can be sent to Wales Women's National Coalition, Anchor Court, Keen Road, Cardiff, CF24 5JW. If you have any queries, please contact us on 02920 478919.

The deadline for entries is 25/01/10.

Judging will take place in January 2010, all entrants will be notified.

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3. POETRY ON TAP

Poetry on Tap is Cardiff's newest monthly poetry and spoken word series. Taking place on a Sunday afternoon, they feature two poets and an open mic at a central venue in Cardiff. See: <http://poetryontap.wordpress.com/> for further details, they also have a facebook group.

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4. MYSELLANEOUS MAGAZINE

A new quarterly magazine to showcase hidden, raw talent in Wales, it aims to provide a platform for the dissident voice of the arts scene in Wales. Each issue will be supported by an eclectic 'Night for the Unsung' where magazine contributors will have the opportunity to perform their work. The first event will take place in Spring 2010.

MYscellaneoUS are currently collecting submissions for their first issue. The theme for the issue is 'First Times'. They are looking for 4-6 poems, 500-800 words of fiction, flash fiction would be ideal. However they are pretty flexible, so if you have any suggestions of your own just let them know.

Submission Deadline: Saturday 30 January 2010

Direct any enquiries and submissions to: myscellaneous@live.co.uk

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5. RECENT HONNO TITLES

CUT ON THE BIAS: STORIES ABOUT WOMEN AND THE CLOTHES THEY WEAR

An anthology of fictional short stories that explores the intensely personal relationships women have with what they wear; what clothes mean to them; why women choose what they do; how they consume fashion and the subtle and sophisticated shifts in self-perception that the simple act of dressing can represent.

First published by Honno in January 2010

£8.99

Continuing our Honno Voices series, we are relaunching the following two titles as new editions:

CHANGING TIMES: A DIFFERENT WORLD - WOMEN'S STORIES OF THE 50s AND 60s

Life in the 50s and 60s still meant segregation and inequality for many women, but it also brought rock-n-roll, rising hemlines and the first signs of female emancipation since the vote. £11.99 ISBN: 9781906784102

PARACHUTES AND PETTICOATS: EVOCATIVE WOMEN'S STORIES FROM WWII

Women were the backbone of the country's war effort, 'keeping calm' and 'carrying on' on the frontline and under bombardment in the UK. But there were good times alongside the bad. £10.99 ISBN: 9781906784119

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6. WOMAN AND HOME SHORT STORY COMPETITION WINNER

The Woman and Home annual short story competition was launched last May in association with the Costa Book Awards and attracted hundreds of entries. We are thrilled that the winning entry was by Honno Committee member Catriona Graham. The judges said it was:

"A very atmospheric, visual piece of writing that is very well written. It explores a long-term relationship, without resorting to cliché, and ends on a moment of hope - without suggesting that everything is solved."

The full list of winners can be seen in the current issue of Woman and Home and also at:
<http://www.womanandhome.com/articles/travelandentertainment/shortstories/435074/short-story-competition-winners-2009.html>

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7. HER CIRCLE EZINE

This March Her Circle Ezine will host it's second International Women's Day Virtual Festival, bringing together women writers and artists from around the globe. The One World Cafe Virtual Reading Series is just one of the exciting events returning this year, featuring recorded readings of original works by women poets and authors.

We are currently accepting written submissions of poetry, short fiction, and novel excerpts for consideration. Submissions must be received no later than January 31st to be considered for the International Women's Day event. Submissions received after this date will be considered for future readings. If selected for a virtual reading, authors will be asked to produce and submit a simple mp3 audio file of their work for the event.

Her Circle will also continue to publish book reviews and welcomes submissions of current and forthcoming releases for consideration. Review copies can be posted to the following address:
M.K. Ericson, Her Circle Ezine, 11 Cherry Rise, Whinmoor, Leeds LS14 2HJ

Enquiries and submissions to mkericson@hercreezine.com.
www.hercreezine.com

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8. OSWESTRY FESTIVAL OF THE WORD

Oswestry will be holding a festival to celebrate the 'Word' between 13th-20th March. The festival will showcase the best of talents from Oswestry and the Welsh marches - including writers, poets, songwriters, singers and actors.

If any authors (of single author books only) would be willing to do readings/signings during that week do let me know.

Helena: press@honno.co.uk

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9. MSLEXIA SHORT STORY COMPETITION

Closing date: 25 January 2010

First prize £2000, including a one week writing retreat at Chawton House Library, plus a day with a Virago editor.

Second prize: £500

Third prize: £250

All winning stories will be published in Mslexia magazine

See: http://www.mslexia.co.uk/whatson/msbusiness/scomp_active.html

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10. BOOK REVIEW BLOGS

If you are looking for some interesting book review blogs, the following three are all worth a read. Do let us know if you come across other interesting websites or events you think other Honno supporters will be interested in.

<http://savidgereads.wordpress.com/>

<http://dovegreyreader.typepad.com/>

<http://cardigangirlverity.blogspot.com/>