

# Stockton Central Library

## Newsletter

## May 2008

### Opening Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday

9:30am - 7:00pm

Thursday and Saturday

9:30am - 5:00pm

### Stockton Central Library

Church Road

Stockton on Tees

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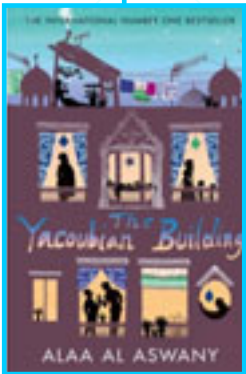
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**May Closure** - All libraries will be closed on the following dates:  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> and Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May

### Book of the Month

'The Yacoubian Building' by ALAA AL ASWANY



**The once grand Yacoubian Building stands on one of Cairo's main boulevards.**

Taha has aspirations beyond the slums, and dreams of one day becoming a policeman. But when he is rejected because his family is neither rich nor influential, the bitterness sets in. When he seeks solace in a student Islamic organisation, the pressure mounts, and he is drawn to actions with devastating consequences. The story follows Taha's trajectory from innocence to tragedy and the lives that orbit his, the inhabitants of the building. From those living in squalid conditions on the rooftops, to the homosexual editor of Le Caire newspaper and a womanising aristocrat, all of the contradictions in Egyptian society are here. Religious feelings live side by side with promiscuity and bribery while exploitation alternates with moments of joy and elation and modernity clashes with the vision of a more ancient society.

### Stockton Central Library's Reading Group

### April's Read

**Angelfield House stands abandoned and forgotten.** It was once home to the March family - manipulative Isabelle, dangerous Charlie, and the untamed twins, Emmeline and Adeline. But Angelfield House hides a chilling secret. Now Margaret Lea is investigating Angelfield's past - and the mystery of the March family starts to unravel. As Margaret digs deeper, two parallel stories unfold, and the tale she uncovers sheds a disturbing light on her own life...



### "A fireside mystery with all the grisly trimmings"

Interested in the reviews written by members of the reading group? Please feel free to have a look. Reviews attached to the notice board monthly. Books on display can be borrowed.

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