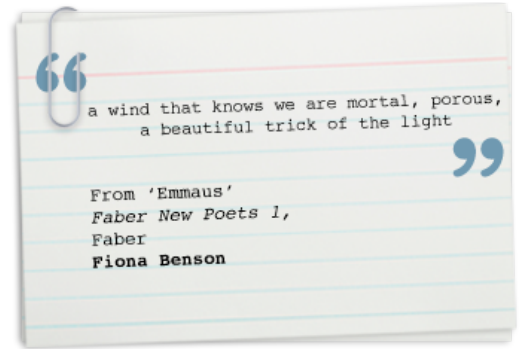




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## book of the month

*Sidereal*  
by Rachael Boast

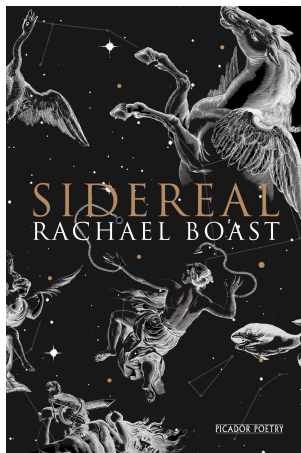


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Rachael Boast was born in Suffolk in 1975, and has recently completed a PhD in Creative Writing at the University of St Andrews. Her work has appeared in *Ambit*, *Poetry Wales*, and *The Yellow Nib*, and in the Long Lunch Press anthology, *Addicted to Brightness*. *Sidereal* is her first collection and is out now from Picador. She lives in Bristol.

Rachael Boast's first collection is dominated by astral influence and divine chance, by unseen or remote causes; but despite its celestial title, *Sidereal* is full of terrestrial concerns, the traffic and chaos of the human and natural worlds. Ultimately, however, it is the work of a poet who believes that we must also turn our gaze skywards to make sense of who we are, and these poems pursue their elliptical but inevitable orbits through a world where the earthly and transcendent are thoroughly interfused. Above all, *Sidereal* impresses through Boast's lyric faith, which through even the worst pain and despair can still offer its clarities and revelations, and announces an important new voice in British poetry. *Sidereal* has been shortlisted for the Forward Prize for best first collection and longlisted for the Guardian First Book Award.

To read an extract of *Sidereal*

visit: <http://www.guardian.co.uk/books/gallery/2011/sep/01/guardian-first-book-award-longlist?picture=378450804#/?picture=378451375&index=1>

For more information about Rachael and her inspirations for the book, visit the Picador blog: <http://www.picador.com/Poetry/Collections/Sidereal>

Rachael will be appearing at the Bristol Poetry Festival this September and at the Exeter Poetry Festival in October.

<http://www.poetrycan.co.uk/index.php?>

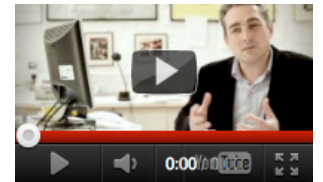
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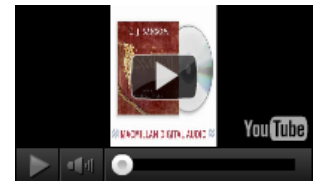
### Book of the Month Clips

The Redeemed by M.R. Hall



*Dissolution* by C.J. Sansom

Pan Macmillan



*Innocent* by Scott Turow

Hachette Book Group



*Dark Matter* by Michelle Paver

Pan Macmillan



*The Death of King Arthur* by Peter

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<http://www.exeterpoetryfestival.com/>

Cyprus Well interviewed Rachael earlier this year: [Rachael Boast Interview](#)

#### Book of the Month Archive

June 2010 Derek Landy: *Skulduggery Pleasant Dark Days*

July 2010 Scott Turow: *Innocent*

August 2010: Julia Green: *Drawing With Light*

September 2010: C J Sansom: *Heartstone*

October 2010: Of Love and Hope

November 2010: Michelle Paver *Dark Matter*

December 2010 Peter Ackroyd *The Death of King Arthur*

January 2011 Andrew Taylor *The Anatomy Of Ghosts*

February 2011 Jill Mansell *To The Moon And Back*

March 2011 Aminatta Forna *The Memory of Love*

April 2011 M.R. Hall *The Redeemed*

May 2011 Jussi Adler-Olsen *Mercy*

June 2011 Philip Marsden *The Levelling Sea*

July 2011: Imogen Robertson *Island of Bones*

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