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Covers”

Back to Blood

The Racketeer -- http://www.earlyword.com/2012/10/18/the-racketeer/

[The Big Books of Fall](http://www.earlyword.com/2012/10/18/back-to-blood-reviewed/)

The fall book season kicks off in earnest this coming Tuesday, when two novels arrive with big expectations; John Grisham’s [***The Racketeer***](http://edelweiss.abovethetreeline.com/ProductDetailPage.aspx?sequence=1&group=search&keywords=Racketeer&searchContext=&searchOrgID=&searchCatalogID=&searchMailingID=&sku=0385535147)(Random House) and Tom Wolfe’s [***Back to Blood***](http://edelweiss.abovethetreeline.com/ProductDetailPage.aspx?sequence=3&group=search&keywords=Back+to+blood&searchContext=&searchOrgID=&searchCatalogID=&searchMailingID=&sku=0316036315)(Hachette/Little, Brown).

Grisham will appear on the *Today Show* on Tuesday; Wolfe is heralded with a full PBS documentary, [*Tom Wolfe Gets Back to Blood*](http://www.tomwolfemovie.com/), airing on Friday. Advance reviews have been arriving all week, with the majority of the attention on Wolfe’s first novel in 8 years [more]…

Below are excerpts of the other major stories we’ve been following on EarlyWord.com throughout the week.

Keep on reading,

Nora

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Holds Alert

THE END OF YOUR LIFE BOOK CLUB

“The smallest and most intimate of book clubs” is [profiled in *USA Today*](http://www.usatoday.com/story/life/books/2012/10/17/end-of-your-life-book-club/1627735/). The membership consisted of “just two readers, an elderly mother and her middle-aged son”…

TV & Books

On The DAILY SHOW

Jon Stewart was so taken with Nate Silver’s “absolutely fascinating book,” [***The Signal and the Noise***](http://edelweiss.abovethetreeline.com/ProductDetailPage.aspx?sequence=1&group=search&keywords=Nate+silver&searchContext=&searchOrgID=&searchCatalogID=&searchMailingID=&sku=159420411X)*: Why So Many Predictions Fail-but Some Don’t* (Penguin Press) that this interview with the author ran to two extended segments (click through for video). Silver, who is [profiled in *Vanity Fair*](http://www.vanityfair.com/politics/2012/11/nate-silver-mitt-romney-has-one-in-three-chance) this month, has become the go-to guy on political stats, because of his accurate predictions of the 2008 presidential election …

Best Books

[Huff Po 2012](http://www.earlyword.com/2012/10/17/huff-po-best-books/)

[***Swimming Home***](http://edelweiss.abovethetreeline.com/ProductDetailPage.aspx?sequence=1&group=search&keywords=swimming+home&searchContext=&searchOrgID=&searchCatalogID=&searchMailingID=&sku=162040169X) by Deborah Levy (Bloomsbury USA), the Booker finalist that was published here on [the very day of the announcement](http://www.earlyword.com/2012/09/27/booker-update/) that another book won the prize, is recognized by the *Huffington Post* as one of the “[Best Books of 2012 So Far](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/10/16/best-books-2012_n_1952748.html?utm_hp_ref=books),” which describes it as “Short, simple and haunting”…

Books to Movies

SUITE FRANÇAISE

Both [Michelle Williams and Kristin Scott Thomas are set to star](http://www.guardian.co.uk/film/2012/oct/11/michelle-williams-suite-francaise-film) in a movie adaptation of [***Suite Francaise***](http://www.randomhouse.com/book/120697/suite-francaise-by-irene-nemirovsky), the novel by Irène Némirovsky, which became a surprise hit when it was published in 2004, more than 60 years after the author’s death in Auschwitz…

[CARRIE Coming This Spring](http://www.earlyword.com/2012/10/16/carrie-is-on-her-way/)

Get ready for the next-gen [*Carrie*](http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1939659/). The teaser trailer for a new film based on Stephen King’s classic debuted at New York ComicCon over the weekend (click through for video)…

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Coming Next Week

New Title Radar [working on]

**Tom Wolfe** and **John Grisham** go head to head with new novels next week - and so far, Wolfe is getting the lion's share of media attention. Meanwhile, watch out for **Jami Attenberg**'s potential breakout, *The Middlesteins…*In nonfiction, Jerry Sandusky's accuser, "**Victim One**," unmasks himself upon the publication of his book, while former Goldman Sachs honcho **Greg Smith** reveals why he left the company…

Memoir

[Nancy Pearl Interviews Paul Auster](http://www.earlyword.com/2012/10/17/nancy-pearl-interviews-paul-auster/)

The latest episode of “[Book Lust with Nancy Pearl](http://www.seattlechannel.org/videos/watchVideos.asp?program=bookLust)” features an interview with Paul Auster, whose new book, a memoir, [***Winter Journal***](http://edelweiss.abovethetreeline.com/ProductDetailPage.aspx?sequence=2&group=search&keywords=Winter+Journal&searchContext=&searchOrgID=&searchCatalogID=&searchMailingID=&sku=0805095535) (Macmillan/Holt) was published in August (click through for video)…

Awards

[More on Mantel’s Win](http://www.earlyword.com/2012/10/17/more-on-mantels-win/)

Now that Hilary Mantel has won her second Booker in a row, the media takes a look at the stats. She is the first person to win for a direct sequel, the first woman and the first Brit to win twice, and only the third double winner…Mantel has written 11 other books, jumping from genre to genre as is clear from the following outline of her work…

On NPR

[PLUTOCRATS](http://www.earlyword.com/2012/10/15/plutocrats-on-morning-edition/)

On NPR’s *Morning Edition* , a book that warns, “Forget the 1 percent; it’s the wealthiest .1 percent who are outpacing the rest of us at breakneck speed”…

Book Fairs

[Frankfurt, Vicariously](http://www.earlyword.com/2012/10/17/what-the-frankfurt-book-fair-is-like/)

If you’ve wondered what it’s like to be in the midst of the world’s largest book fair (featuring over 7,000 exhibitors in multiple buildings), the [*New Yorker* gives a good impression of it](http://www.newyorker.com/online/blogs/books/2012/10/in-the-land-of-videobooks-a-dispatch-from-the-frankfurt-fair.html#ixzz29ZSGGjO4)…