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# SPRING TIDE BY SELINA WISHART

White-tipped waves roll in hypnotically charging and retreating, Buffeted by wind gusts like sparring fencers.

Pebbles and sand and translucent green seaweed,

Swirl and swim in the glistening seasorary.

Seagulls swoop and glide, Searching and soaring playfully.

Searching and soaring playfully.
A lone surfer whispers along rushing breakers,
And disappears into swaying blue-grey valleys.

valleys.
Sleek dots surface by a rocky island,
Liquid black eyes peer curiously.
All dive into the deep in an effervescent
Splash.

Vanity Fair / 2. Vietnam /
 A Hero Of Our Time / 4. Treasure Island /
 S. Dashiell Hammett

5. Which crime author created The Continental Op?

4. Which famous adventure features The Admiral Benbow Inn? 3. Pechorin is the anti-hero in which Russian classic by Mikhail Lermontov?

2. In which country is Graham Greene's The Quiet American set?  Which classic satire sees George Osborne exposed as useless with money and women, and then shot? ZIU

## WRITING PROMPT: Injustice

# SELF-SUFFICIENCY BY MARTHA PATTERSON

After a tumultuous divorce, two rebellious kids, a foreclosed home, and assorted other troubles of a rather personal nature, her new lover, Rick, stole valuable family jewels from her bedroom chest of drawers.

Unwilling to forgive and forget, she pressed charges. Now he wrote to her from jail – could she give him a second chance?

"No," she thought – he'd been too confident of her love – and she'd always been too trusting and caught up in faith'.

She burned his letters, satisfied. At last she was discerning and free. Like a wild, hunted bird, escaped from a fowler's snare.

### RULE OF SIX

Born. Lived. Died. But never loved. MARTIN KEADY Crying over my peacock and chips.

Insurrection. I much preferred First Contact.

TRACY DAVIDSON

Man seeks companion – for twelfth time.

BILLY MORTON

What are you waiting for? Submit an entry!

### ALL THE SOFT THINGS

BY RACHEL TOOKEY

She was one of those women You know She had that face You know The kind they sell nice soft things with (And some of the not so nice) And what was her It was one of those names What was And she lived in this house The white house us kids called it Right at the top of the street And My mum always said There goes Jackie Kennedy And I think my mum She'd never say it She'd never say a bad word about anybody Heart of gold But she'd nibble her pinky And then you'd know And I remember once we saw What was Let's call her Jackie It was at Tesco And I remember it because you didn't see her out often She was a recluse her husband too And she was in the veg aisle and she was trying to pick up one of those A pepper I think (Or was it)

Only her fingers had splints and she

couldn't quite-

I gave her a hand and dropped it in her basket But she didn't Not a word of thanks Gave me a look like-Then stalked off My mum damn near nibbled her pinky right off We didn't see Jackie around much after She went to stay with a relative Or at least that's what we heard At least that's what he Her husband Nasty man He'd always He'd rev his car at us kids when we were playing-And My fiancé He says Why d'you always think about such horrid things eh But I just You just think Why did she You know Stay Why didn't she Run out the door not up the stairs that's what you learn from those horror films

Run out the door

Sometimes I have this dream and in it

And I

I have to pack everything before-You know the essentials Passport Toothbrush And I'll get to the car and realise I forgot my purse or something And I dash back in And-It was these little kids that found it A suitcase Gosh can you imagine These little They were only Playing And they pushed it over And-The smell. And to this day I can't I can never be in an elevator Small spaces I feel packaged that's what I can't I take one step and I think-I think about her all the time actually We saw mum this Christmas And I wanted to know if she remembered But my fiancé he got very

He got quite mad actually

Not mad no

Hot headed

He just

That's it We had to leave before lunch in the end He and mum-She wouldn't usually say a bad word about anybody but It's my fault really I shouldn't've brought it up He doesn't like it when I go on And I know I go on I do But I can never-What was-Her name Helen? Maybe-No, that wasn't it.