

LONDON'S TOP FIVE

Wolf Hall by Hilary Mantel (4th Estate, £18.99): Epic novel about Thomas Cromwell's rise in the court of Henry VIII; this year's Man Booker winner.

The Girl Who Kicked a Hornet's Nest by Stieg Larsson (Quercus, £18.99): The conclusion to the gripping Nordic trilogy.

The Greatest Show on Earth: the evidence for evolution by Richard Dawkins (Bantam, £20): Piling up the proof to put the Creationists to shame.

Nine Lives by William Dalrymple (Bloomsbury, £20): See review today.

Lustrum by Robert Harris (Hutchinson, £18.99): Another historical epic, featuring Cicero and other consuls.

Dark Horse – Paperwork by Peter Clark (Black Dog, £24.95): Turning old paper scraps into artful collages.

