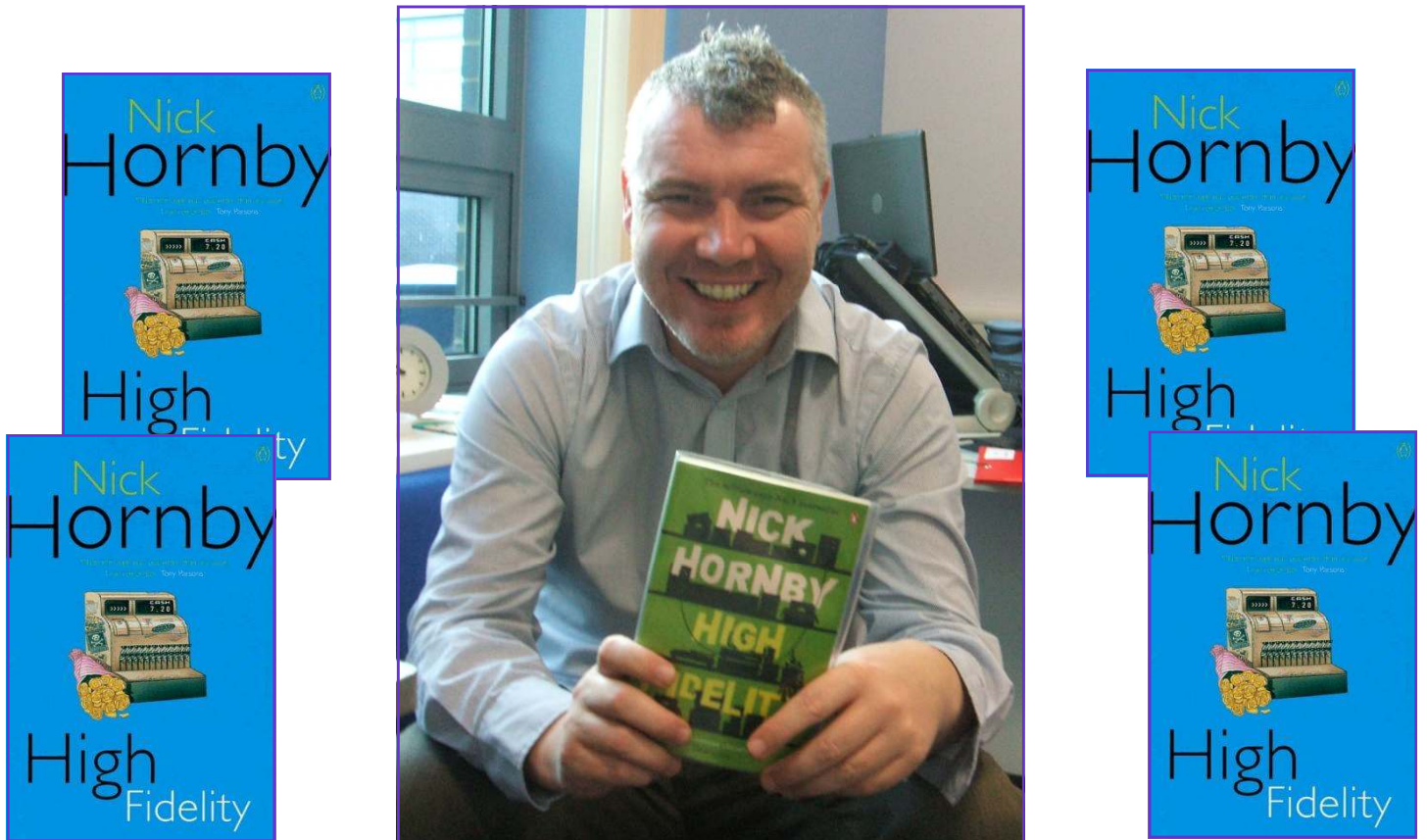


# Book of the Month - Staff

One of my favourite books: Mr Gillon, Art Department



## Nick Hornby High Fidelity

***“I gave this to my girlfriend so she could understand what being a guy is like. Then she might stop hating me and start to pity me instead”.***

The book deals with a certain type of male obsession. The sort of obsession that makes otherwise perfectly sensible men collect junk, follow hopeless football teams or try to keep old cars on the road.

In the case of Rob, the story's main character, it is an obsession with music. Not only does Rob own a record shop; he spends his time making up music lists with his friends. So as the book unfolds we learn Rob's top five singles, the best five opening album tracks and the first five bands put up against the wall and shot when the revolution comes.

So when Rob's girlfriend Laura leaves him, Rob's first reaction is to make a list of his five most painful break-ups.

In an attempt to understand what's gone wrong in his life he decides to visit all five ex-girlfriends. The book charts how Rob slowly becomes to understand other people and their view of the world.