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One Ring Zero

TUESDAY: A couple of weeks ago, we stumbled on One Ring Zero, a literary-minded accordion-driven combo who like to set their little tangos, rumbas, and waltzes to work by the likes of Paul Auster, Dave Eggers, Neil Gaiman, and Ben Greenman. And on their new *As Smart As We Are* (Soft Skull Press), the band actually persuaded these folks to write passages just for them. They're being managed by Magnetic Fields' Claudia Gonson, they've had Margaret Atwood sit in with them on theremin (?!), and the *Paris Review's* Fiona Maazel wrote their liner notes — never mind the *Billboard* charts, these guys ought to be on the *Times* bestseller list. One Ring Zero are just one element in the latest edition of Q Division and Newtonville Books' Earful series of "writers reading, songwriters singing." Also on the bill are writers Tom Perrotta (who will act as master of ceremonies), Ben Greenman (*Superworse*), and Alicia Erian (*The Brutal Language of Love*) and musician Rachael Cantu. That's at the Paradise Lounge, 969 Commonwealth Avenue in Boston. Doors open at 6 p.m.; call (617) 562-8819.