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A banner for the Book of the Month. The text reads "Check out our Book of the Month" and "Why we feel more anxious, stressed and overwhelmed than ever, and what we can do about it." The book cover for "Fragile" by Stella O'Malley is shown. Below the text, there are instructions to download the app and logos for Bolinda, Borrow Box, and Essex County Council.

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