

## Book Club Kits

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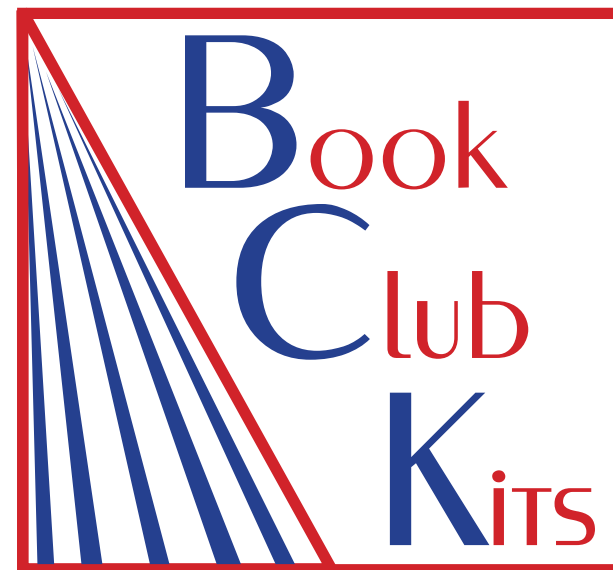
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Each kit comes with a folder with  
book discussion questions

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## Book Discussion Kits

### **All Over but the Shoutin'**

by Rick Bragg (5 copies)

After Rick Bragg won the Pulitzer Prize in 1996, he wrote this memoir and tribute to his mother who made many sacrifices for him and his brothers in the dirt poor south.

### **Angry Housewives Eating Bon Bons**

by Lorna Landvik (10 copies)

The women of Freesia Court are fully convinced that a cup of coffee, delicious desserts and a strong shoulder can fix anything. Throughout the years their book club has served as an outlet for friends to discuss life as well as books.

### **Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress**

by Dai Sijie (8 copies)

This beautifully presented novella tracks the lives of two teens, childhood friends who have been sent to a small Chinese village for “re-education” during Mao’s Cultural Revolution.

### **The House on Mango Street**

by Sandra Cisneros (11 copies)

This lyrical coming-of-age tale about Esperanza Cordero is set in Chicago during the 1970s.

### **The Kite Runner**

by Khaled Hosseini (16 copies)

The political turmoil of Afghanistan is the backdrop for the story of Amir, the son of a wealthy businessman in Kabul.

### **March**

by Geraldine Brooks (11 copies)

A story set in the early years of the Civil War. One man leaves his family to help the Union cause. His experiences will change his marriage and challenge his beliefs.

### **The Memory Keeper’s Daughter**

by Kim Edwards (12 copies)

Dr. David Henry delivers his twins during a terrible snowstorm. After realizing his daughter is born with Down syndrome, he decides to protect his wife and gives the child to his nurse, who secretly decides to raise her. The book spans twenty five years from the children’s births to adulthood.

### **The No. 1 Ladies’ Detective Agency**

by Alexander McCall Smith (5 copies)

Precious Ramotswe goes against all convention in Botswana and sells her late father’s cattle to get money to set up her detective agency.

### **The Painted Veil**

by W. Somerset Maugham (10 copies)

Kitty Fane’s affair with Assistant Colonial Secretary Townsend is interrupted when her vengeful bacteriologist husband takes her from Hong Kong to work in a cholera epidemic.

### **The Plot Against America**

by Philip Roth (10 copies)

In this book of alternative history, Charles Lindbergh defeats Franklin Roosevelt in the 1940 presidential election. Lindbergh negotiates an accord with Adolf Hitler

and accepts his conquest of Europe and anti-Semitic policies. This novel is both appropriate and timeless to the belief “it can’t happen here.”

### **The Secret Life of Bees**

by Sue Monk Kidd (12 copies)

Fourteen-year-old Lily Owens and her African-American nanny Rosaleen escape their small town after a racial incident and find themselves welcomed by the Calendar sisters, three women raising bees in the south.

### **Suite Francaise**

by Irene Nemirovsky (10 copies)

This novel is in two parts. The first part “Storm in June” is set during the 1940 chaotic exodus from Paris. The second part “Dolce” is set in a German-occupied village full of resentment, resistance, and collaboration.

### **Water for Elephants**

by Sara Gruen (5 copies)

This is the story of Jacob Jankowski’s life with the circus. After his parents die in a car crash, leaving Jacob penniless, he drops out of veterinary school and joins the circus.

### **Year of Wonders: a Novel of the Plague**

by Geraldine Brooks (11 copies)

When the bubonic plague erupts in the small town of Eyam in Derbyshire, England in 1665, the rector of the community calls upon the town members to quarantine themselves rather than risk spreading the disease.

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