

TIPS ON BEING A GOOD BOOK GROUP MEMBER

1. **Read the book critically and come ready to discuss.** As you read the book, make note of questions, comments and specific passages that strike you.
2. **Join in.** Every member's perspective is valuable to the group. Try to move beyond simply stating whether or not you liked the book and explain what it was you did or did not like.
3. **Listen thoughtfully.** There are many different responses to a book. Keep an open mind and listen respectfully to others
4. **Take turns.** Be sure to keep your responses brief and give others a chance to speak.
5. **Focus on the book.** You can take time to socialize before the meeting, but this is your chance to talk about the book. While personal experiences may be an important part of your book discussions, be sure to keep them relevant.
6. **Have fun!** A book group is a wonderful opportunity to relish reading and enrich your experience of a book through discussion with others. Enjoy it!

THE FIRST TEN READS-TO-GO TITLES!

1. The Memory Keeper's Daughter
2. Snow Flower and the Secret Fan
3. Stiff: The Curious Lives of Human Cadavers
4. Ender's Game
5. Persepolis
6. Burning Marguerite
7. Year of Wonders
8. Glass Castle
9. Shadow Divers
10. Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time



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Are you ready to read?

What is a Book Club Kit?

A Book Club Kit is a book group discussion in a bag. It contains all your book group will need to have the perfect discussion. All you need to supply are the readers!

Book Club Kits Include:

- 15 paperback copies of the title (one will be Large Print if it is available).
- Author Biography
- Discussion Questions
- Resource List
- A handy-dandy book sign out sheet to keep track of the books and to keep those libraries happy!

What do we talk about?

Depending on the book you have selected you may want to discuss characters and story line; action; social implications; symbolism; author's purpose; credibility; resolution; style and setting. Included in the READS-TO-GO book club kit, you will find discussion questions to help your group get the ball rolling. Use the general questions as a warm up and move on to the title specific questions when you are ready for a real challenge!



Book discussion makes you smarter!

What book do we pick?

The method in which a book is chosen also varies from group to group. Some groups take turns picking a book; others vote on titles presented by members. It is also helpful to keep a current list of potential titles for those rare occasions when no one has a suggestion. Use the READS-TO-GO title list to choose titles that have been selected for you by librarians specifically because of each title's potential to encourage great discussion.

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