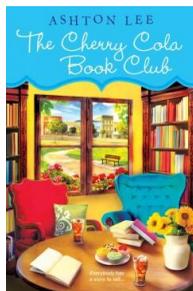


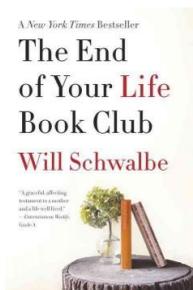
**Fiction Landvik – *Angry Housewives Eating Bon Bons* (2005)**

The women of Freesia Court are convinced that there is nothing good coffee, delectable desserts, and a strong shoulder can't fix. Laughter is the glue that holds them together—the foundation of a book group they call AHEB (Angry Housewives Eating Bon Bons), an unofficial “club” that becomes much more. It becomes a lifeline.



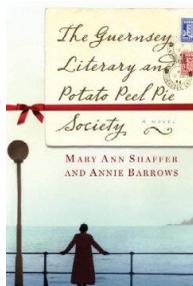
**Fiction Lee – *The Cherry Cola Book Club* (2013)**

Set in a small town in Mississippi, The Cherry Cola Book Club is the touching and sometimes hilarious story of a young, upbeat librarian who has been given an ultimatum to increase the library's circulation dramatically—or risk having to close its doors. Maura doesn't just start a book club; she gets involved in unique and unexpected ways with her library patrons.



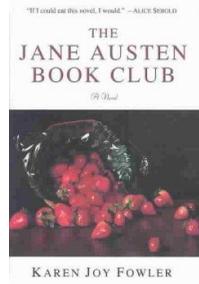
**92 Biography Schwalbe – *The End of Your Life Book Club* (2012)**

During her treatment for cancer, Mary Anne Schwalbe and her son Will spent many hours sitting in waiting rooms together. To pass the time, they would talk about the books they were reading. Once, by chance, they read the same book at the same time—and an informal book club of two was born. Through their wide-ranging reading, Will and Mary Anne—and we, their fellow readers—are reminded how books can be comforting, astonishing, and illuminating, changing the way that we feel about and interact with the world around us.



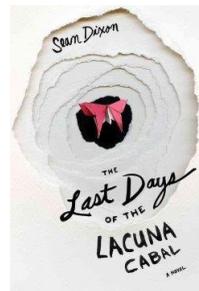
**Fiction Shaffer – *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* (2008)**

As London is emerging from the shadow of World War II, writer Juliet Ashton discovers her next subject in a book club on Guernsey—a club born as a spur-of-the-moment alibi after its members are discovered breaking curfew by the Germans occupying their island.



**Fiction Fowler – *The Jane Austen Book Club* (2004)**

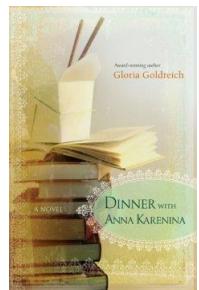
In California's central valley, five women and one man join to discuss Jane Austen's novels. Over the six months they get together, marriages are tested, affairs begin, unsuitable arrangements become suitable, and love happens.



**Fixtion Dixon – *The Last Days of the Lacuna Cabal* (2009)**

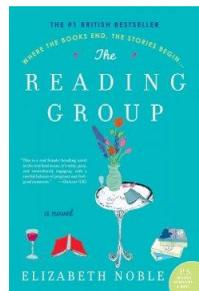
The girls of the Lacuna Cabal Montreal Young Women's Book Club are at a crossroads. One of their founding members is dead, they've made a few unfortunate compromises to their membership, some of them aren't getting any younger, and they've been stuck on a single weepy tome for six long months. Resident

maverick Runner Coghill decides to shake things up by introducing a cherished family heirloom to the group — ten pristine stone tablets, carved in cuneiform, telling the oldest story in the world: The Epic of Gilgamesh.



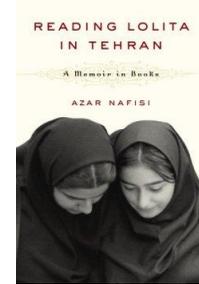
**Fiction Goldreich – *Dinner with Anna Karenina* (2006)**

Every month they gather over good food and wine to discuss their favorite books: six very different women—not quite friends, not quite strangers. The drama that unfolds forces each woman to explore the secrets shaping and burdening her life as they speculate about what could have happened—and what, in their own circumstances, would constitute the ultimate betrayal.



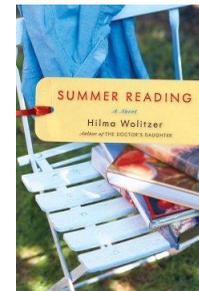
**Fiction Noble – *The Reading Group* (2005)**

The Reading Group follows the trials and tribulations of a group of women who meet regularly to read and discuss books. Over the course of a year, each of these women become intertwined, both in the books they read and within each other's lives.



**820.9 Nafisi – *Reading Lolita in Tehran: A Memoir in Books* (2003)**

This is the story of Azar Nafisi's dream and of the nightmare that made it come true. For two years before she left Iran in 1997, Nafisi gathered seven young women at her house every Thursday morning to read and discuss forbidden works of Western literature. They were all former students whom she had taught at university. They were unaccustomed to being asked to speak their minds, but soon they began to open up and to speak more freely, not only about the novels they were reading but also about themselves, their dreams and disappointments.



**Fiction Wolitzer – *Summer Reading* (2007)**

Summer Reading offers a seductive glimpse into the intersecting lives of three very different women. The books – in fact, the act of reading itself – will influence the tough choices the women must make. Stunningly evocative and richly imagined, Summer Reading explores the meaning and consequences of living an authentic life.



**910.4 Smith – *Off the Beaten Page* (2013)**

Off the Beaten Page encourages avid readers, particularly those in book clubs and other groups, to leave the security of their living rooms and seek to experience in person the places they've read about. Inspired by years of excursions with her own book club, award-winning journalist Terri Peterson Smith offers lively, expert guidance through fifteen US destinations ideal for

anyone eager to mix their love of travel and quality time with friends or family with their desire for meaningful cultural experiences



**YA Teen Life Schumacher – *The Unbearable Book Club for Unsinkable Girls* (2012)**

When four very different small-town Delaware high school girls are forced to join a mother-daughter book club over summer vacation, they end up learning about more than just the books they read.

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**374.22 Sau – *The Complete Idiot's Guide to Starting a Reading Group***

**OVR 374.22 Weiler – *Good Books, Good Friends, Good Food: A Successful Recipe For Your Own Book Club***

Provides recommendations, discussion questions, tips, etiquette, and even recipes for book clubs.

**J Parent Shelf 028 Gelman – *The Kid's Book Club Book***

Draws on the experiences of five hundred clubs from across the country and identifies fifty favorite books while suggesting recipes and activities from best-selling authors.

**016.8 Hill – *Reading Women: A Book Club Guide for Women's Fiction***

Provides the structure and fun facts needed to examine the genre of women's fiction.

**YA 027 Kunzel – *The Teen-centered Book Club: Readers into Leaders***

Covering every step, from planning and promoting to how to prompt discussion and keep it civilized, this is a one-stop source for the teen book club leader.

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