



ONLINE BOOK CLUBS FOR YOU TO JOIN!

Interested in sharing your thoughts about the books you read with others who have the same interest? That's the whole idea behind online book clubs, where readers gather in cyberspace to share the same kind of discussion that local book clubs have among their members.

Here are some suggestions about online book clubs you're welcome to check out:

<http://bookgrouplist.com/index.html>

This is the official companion site for Yahoo.com's book group list, which you can join for free. The group has this to say about its mission:

People in this group all share the belief that talking about the questions, reactions and ideas we have when we read a book is a fabulous way to better understand what's going on. It may not make you love or hate a book more, but it'll certainly help you see why others do. We disagree often, but share a strong respect for differing opinions. Our group is not a classroom. We are not teachers lecturing to the masses. In short, we are a group of friendly readers sharing our thoughts so that we might become better at reading and discussing books.

www.arcamax.com/books

This site offers a book club for classics lovers. Here's what they say:

Welcome to the ArcaMax Book Club. We offer the largest collection of free classic books by email. Sign up to as many classic books as you want. For each subscription, you'll receive the full text free by e-mail -- one chapter per day. You'll also get weekly updates of the newest books.

<http://bookclubs.barnesandnoble.com/>

This publisher's site offers a wide variety of free book clubs and discussion groups. Check it out!

<http://bookcrossing.com/>

Here's what this site has to offer:

Join hundreds of thousands of active BookCrossers daily in our many forums to discuss your favorite authors, characters and books in every genre throughout history right up through current releases.

<http://delmio.com/>

This site calls itself "an interactive magazine for book lovers." Featured on its home page at the moment is an interview with Khaled Hosseini, author of *Kite Runner*, a recent bestseller. Additional resources include book news, book columns, and a book blog.

<http://book-clubs-resource.com/>

This site is "a guide to book clubs and reading groups." There are lists of general interest clubs as well as special clubs for particular groups of readers, such as children, women and ethnic groups.

<http://glyphs.gardenweb.com/forums/paradise/>

The Reader's Paradise Forum styles itself as follows: "This forum is for the discussion of all topics related to reading and literature. Here there is always a comfortable chair and just the right light. Its name is derived from something Jorge Luis Borges once said: *I have always imagined that Paradise would be a kind of library.*"

<http://adbooks.org>

This site is specialized for young adult readers. Here is some information it provides about itself:

Adbooks is a group of people of all ages. Our purpose is to discuss books written for adolescents, or young adults (YA). We maintain a mailing list and a website. Our members include teachers, parents, librarians, students, writers, and others. In addition to informally swapping recommendations and discussing topics related to books, reading, and teaching, we read and discuss selected books together, and sponsor an annual book award, the [JHunt](#). Our atmosphere is warm, supportive, inclusive, and stimulating. We welcome new members of all ages and backgrounds.

[http://dir.groups.yahoo.com/dir/Entertainment Arts/Humanities/Books and Writing/Reading Groups](http://dir.groups.yahoo.com/dir/Entertainment_Arts/Humanities/Books_and_Writing/Reading_Groups)

This is a Yahoo directory list of over 2,000 different book and reading groups. There's sure to be something of interest here for anyone!

<http://www.geocities.com/bookiestoo/>

From the group's website:

BookiesToo is a long-standing book discussion group that is friendly and welcoming. We enjoy stimulating book discussion and we love to chat about anything that is book-related!

Our discussion schedule includes two books per month. We primarily discuss literary fiction but members may nominate books from any genre for discussion. The group then votes from among all nominated titles to arrive at a schedule. We're currently discussing Slaughterhouse Five by Kurt Vonnegut. Next up: Of Human Bondage by W. Somerset Maugham

<http://booktalk.org>

This site announces its focus as follows:

BookTalk.org is an online reading group dedicated to quality books, good people and great conversations. Our book discussion forums host a variety of fiction book discussions and non-fiction book discussions. Together, as a community, we select our official books for discussion and then talk about these books in our forums and chat room. As often as possible we host live author chat sessions with our authors where BookTalk members can interview and interact directly with our book authors by asking questions and making comments about the books.

You'll also find below a broad spectrum of discussion forums on discussion topics ranging from Belief, Religion & Philosophy to Arts & Entertainment; Politics, Current Events & History to Science & Technology; Atheism & Freethought to discussions about great videos discovered on YouTube and fascinating articles found throughout the Blogosphere. We've got a little for everyone and a lot for book lovers. Register a free account, join the discussions, and make some new friends today!

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