

THE BOOK CLUB HUB

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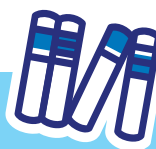


Welcome to the Book Club Hub, a newsletter for book clubs designed to give you ideas for your club and offer suggestions to expand your personal reading. If you have any questions, concerns, or comments, let us know at bookclub@tbpl.ca

Book Club in a Bag - Book Review

The Bittlemores by Jann Arden

In her fiction debut, multi-talented Jann Arden conjures up the tale of Harp Bittlemores' dilapidated farm, where Harp and his nameless wife seem to delight in crushing the dreams of 14-year-old Willa, who spends her time plotting her escape. There is a secret on Bittlemores' farm concerning Willa's missing older sister Margaret and, this secret is about to be exposed. The novel is full of wit and wisdom and, of course, three talking dairy cows.

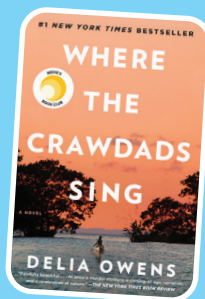


Book Review

Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens

Made into a popular movie, first time fiction author Delia Owen scored an award-winning best seller, with a gothic Southern tale. Kya Clark, the rumoured "Marsh Girl," has grown up deep within the swamp, living as one with nature and shunning the residents of Barkley Cove. Having been abandoned by her family at a young age, Kya has learned to fend for herself, with the help of a kindly couple, Jumpin and Mabel. Her childhood friend, Tate, helps her learn about the world outside of the swamp.

Set in the 1950's and 60's, the story alternates timelines, from the lush and beautiful world of Kya's childhood to her doomed romance with hometown hero, Andrew Chase, whose death finds Kya on trial for her life. More than a coming-of-age story, the book mixes elements of suspense, mystery, sadness, and the healing power of nature.



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Looking for more members? The Library frequently has inquiries from patrons looking to join a book club. Let us know if you'd like to meet a fellow book lover and we will put you in touch.

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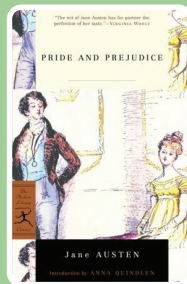
"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." - Dr. Seuss

Party Pairings - The Perfect Book/Recipe/Beverage: A Traditional English Tea

THE BOOK

Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen

Numerous delightful film adaptations have been made of this classic novel, which involves the slow coming together of spirited but poor Elizabeth Bennett and the wealthy but prideful Mr. Darcy. Austen's eye for human nature, and careful observance of the society of her time, are still a joy to read two centuries later.



THE RECIPE

Lemon Posset (from **The Great British Baking Show**)

A posset dessert would be something that Jane Austen would know well. Posset recipes have been traced back to the 1400's and were even mentioned in Shakespeare.

1 1/3 cups 35% heavy cream

1/3 cup caster sugar

3-5 tbsp fresh lemon juice

Garnish: fresh berries, grated lemon zest, crushed nuts, crumbled hard cookies (ginger or shortbread)

DIRECTIONS

- 1) Place the cream and sugar in a medium sauce pan and bring to a simmer over medium-low heat.
- 2) After it is simmering, reduce heat to low and let cook for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally.
- 3) After 5 minutes, remove from heat and quickly pour in 3 tbsp of lemon juice. The cream with sour and thicken.
- 4) Taste and add more lemon juice if required.
- 5) Pour into individual glasses, and chill for at least 3 hours. Add your choice of garnish(s) prior to serving.

THE DRINK

Afternoon Tea Punch (from **Sweet Treats** by Jean Paré)

1 cup white sugar

4 cups orange juice

4 cups prepared lemonade

Garnish: lemon slices or raspberries

1 cup strong brewed black tea

4 cups pineapple juice

1 (2 litre) bottle of ginger ale, chilled

DIRECTIONS

- 1) In a pitcher combine sugar and tea. Stir until dissolved. Stir in juices, and chill for 4 hours.
- 2) Pour chilled mixture into punch bowl, and add ginger ale, prior to serving. Add garnish(s) if desired.

Newsletter Theme: Movie Night!

This month's theme for the Book Club Hub newsletter is: Movie Night! Seeing the book you love adapted for the big screen is always exciting! TBPL has countless books that have become movies, and many of them are available as Book Club in a Bag selections, including: The Goldfinch, A Man Called Ove (or Otto, if you're Tom Hanks), Mudbound, The Dinner, Crazy Rich Asians, and more!



Contest Notice

Thank you to everyone who entered our contest! Our winner has been chosen, and they will be choosing a new book for TBPL to purchase as a new book club bag selection.

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