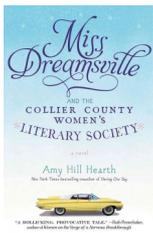


Book Clubs

Booksplus Discussion, Sunday Nov. 2 at 2: Miss Dreamsville and the Collier County Women's Literary Society



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What happens when an energetic, middle-aged Bostonian moves to a sleepy town in Florida in 1962? First, she starts a radio show under the persona of Miss Dreamsville and secondly forms a book club. Ex-Bostonian Jackie Hart starts a ruckus when she invites people of other races and sexual persuasions to the club in a decidedly racist, homophobic town where a divorcee is considered socially-risky and improper.

Narrated by a lovable octagenarian, Dora, who does not fit into Naples herself, this novel discusses important issues such as racism, feminism, and homophobia while presenting an interesting mix of characters. With a backdrop of serious and important issues, it provides a humorous and entertaining read.

In her debut novel Amy Hearth manages to take on both the Ku Klux Klan, North versus South, the nature of community, and newcomer angst to Naples, Florida. [Read more](#)

Posted by Dory L. on October 29, 2014

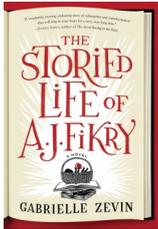
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The Storied Life of A.K. Fikry



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Like bookstores? Like islands off the coast of New England? Favor novels that feature an orphan and a single dad? Drawn to love stories especially ones where the couple start off at each other's throats? Have a thing for rare manuscripts especially those of Edgar Allen Poe? If so this charming book-celebratory novel is just your thing.

The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry begins with publisher's rep, Amelia Loman (?a tall dandelion of a woman") disembarking from a ferry to visit a small bookstore on Alice Island to go over the winter accounts for her publisher, Knightley Press. The owner, the very curmudgeonly A.J. Fikry, is decidedly unfriendly and shocked by the fact that the old book rep has not come. Loman tells him that he has died and then proceeds to push her favorite book, a memoir by a widower dealing with his bereavement.

For Fikry this hits too close to home but he does not tell Alice why. He has recently lost Nic, his intelligent and beautiful wife while she was pregnant with their first child. Fikry begins a delightful rant about all the books he does not like: postmodern, post apocalyptic, magical realism, ones with multiple fonts, children's books, poetry, YA, etc. [Read more](#)

Posted by Dory L. on October 22, 2014

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It's in the Bag - Book kits for book groups!



We get asked a lot at the reference desk for multiple copies of a book that several people want to read at once for a book club meeting. It makes sense that the library would want to support readers and local book groups, but due to shelf space and limited resources it is impossible to have multiple copies of every book. [Read more](#)

Posted by sbowman on September 12, 2013

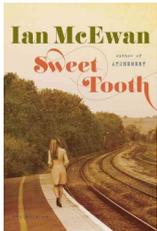
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Next Booksplus Discussion: This Sunday-- September 8th--at 2 p.m.



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Our next book to be discussed is a thrilling read about early 70's Britain. I always enjoy novels set in the author's youth. In an interview, McEwan describes this period of rock and roll and changing mores as the time of his life, "when it was very bliss to be alive." Rent was cheap even in London. For only three pounds a month, McEwan scored a large apartment, and could live off writing a few reviews and articles each month. He spent the rest of his time, reading, writing, and socializing.

This novel combines a spy novel, a love story, and a journey into the literary world of early 70s England. McEwan, who has won many prizes, could have titled it a spy in the house of literature.

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2013 One Book One Bloomington Announcement!



Earlier this week, the 2013 One Book, One Bloomington Community Read title was announced on WFHB's Interchange radio program. All of the nominated books for 2013 have

been banned or challenged.

This year, the community voted for *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood. [Read more](#)

Posted by sbowman on January 18, 2013

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Oprah's Book Club 2.0



Just released today (so new, it isn't even in our catalog yet!) is *The Twelve Tribes of*

Hattie, the debut novel by Ayana Mathis. This book has gotten some good reviews, including a [glowing review](#) from the often hard to please New York Times reviewer, [Read more](#)

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