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Reading with Oprah: The Book Club That Changed America by Kathleen Rooney 374.22 ROO A fascinating examination of the history of Oprah's controversial book club, the club's featured novels, and interviews with many of their authors.

Well Read, Well Fed: A Year of Great Reads and Simple Dishes for Book Groups by Marcia F. Brown 374.22 BRO An enjoyable starting place for book club reading suggestions and tasty accompaniments.

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Resources for Book Groups

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These suggested print and online resources provide information on discussions, recommendations, reviews and author bios, and much more.

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BOOKS

The Book Club Cookbook: Recipes and Food for Thought from our Book Club's Favorite Books and Authors by Judy Gelman & Vicki Levy Krupp 641.5 GEL
Part cookbook, part literary celebration, this book features recipes and discussion ideas from dozens of established book clubs across the country.

The Book Club Companion: A Comprehensive Guide to the Reading

Group Experience by Diana Loevy 374.22 LOE
An eclectic book covering topics such as book club etiquette, recipes, and decorating tips related to book selection. Also includes guidelines for leading lively book discussions, reading suggestions, and more.

Book Clubs: Women and the Uses of Reading in Everyday Life by Elizabeth Long 028.9097 LON
A sociological and historical look at the reasons for the immense popularity of book clubs for women over the years.

Book Lust: Recommended Reading for Every Mood, Moment, and Reason and other books by Nancy Pearl 011.73 PEA
Nancy Pearl is one of our nation's most popular librarians, and reading her books is much like getting recommendations from a friend. Reviews are organized in categories of people, places, and themes, cover all types of books, old and new.



Good Books Lately: The One-Stop Resource for Book Groups and Other Greedy Readers

by Ellen Moore & Kira Stevens 374.22 MOO
Written by two book group consultants, this book covers it all: how to start a group, leading a book discussion, best and worst book club books, book lists, and personal anecdotes and advice.

The Mother-Daughter Book Club by Shireen Dodson 372.4162 DOD
Written by a mother who started a mother-daughter book club. Includes guidelines for starting a group, useful book lists, and lots of great reasons why mothers and daughters will benefit from sharing this experience.

Read It and Eat: A Month-by-Month Guide to Scintillating Book Club Selections and Mouthwatering Menus by Sarah Gardner 028.9 GAR
Organized by month, each with a different theme, this book offers recommended fiction and non-fiction selections accompanied by suggested recipes and discussion questions.

