

Book Chat Guidelines

1. Read the Book

It's no surprise that reading the book leads to a better group discussion. We understand how life can make finishing a book a bit difficult at times, so making your best effort is appreciated.

2. Arrive on Time

When everyone does their best to arrive on time, we are able to respect everyone's schedule and the time set apart for the book club meeting.

3. Participate

Like reading the book, participation from everyone adds to a good and lively discussion. We want to hear your thoughts when you are ready. However, we ask everyone to please share their thoughts briefly so others can contribute. Additional thoughts may be shared at the end if time permits.

4. Show Kindness and Respect

Showing kindness and respect goes a long way in a group! Please help us make this group a welcoming space by doing the following:

- Allow others to speak without interruptions.
- Refrain from using inappropriate language and steering the conversation to divisive topics (zero tolerance).
- Agree to disagree when others have differing views or opinions.
- Seek to understand others through clarifying questions rather than assuming.

5. Share Your Questions

Discussion questions will be provided before each meeting to help guide the conversation. But we encourage you to share any questions with the group that come to mind while reading the book.

6. Stay Focused

Due to our limited discussion time, please keep our conversation focused on the book. Author notes and background information connected to the book or its themes are welcomed, but remember to keep it brief.

7. Have Fun!

Book clubs should be fun gatherings for readers, and we hope the above guidelines will help cultivate a great atmosphere for everyone!



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