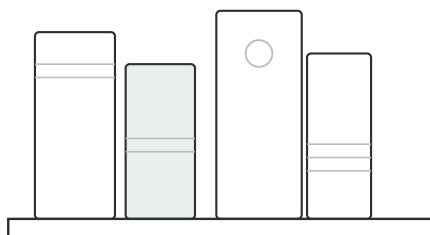
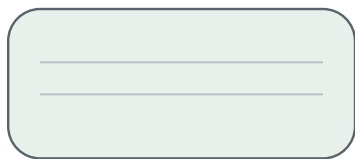
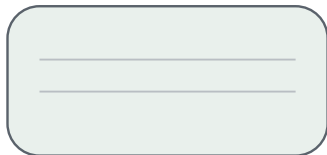


Book Club Kit

Meeting planners • discussion questions • rating cards

Works with any book. Print at home on Letter or A4 paper.



How to use this kit

- 1 Print what you need**
Print at 100% (Actual size) on Letter or A4. Every page keeps at least 0.5 in clear around the edges. Print one copy of the planner and notes pages for the host, and copies of the question sets and rating cards for everyone.
- 2 Set up your club**
Fill in the club page together, choose your roles, and agree on the ground rules. Use the nomination sheets and the ballot to pick the next book.
- 3 Plan each meeting**
The meeting planner has a page for each of 12 meetings, with room for the book, the agenda, refreshments and the questions you want to ask. The year-at-a-glance page lists them all.
- 4 Pick questions**
There are 12 sets of 10 questions. They are written to suit any book, so choose three or four sets that fit: characters, setting, themes, endings, and special sets for nonfiction, memoir, mystery and invented worlds.
- 5 Rate and decide**
Cut out the rating cards, let everyone score the book, and total the results on the group scorecard. Use the conversation starter cards to get things moving.
- 6 Keep it friendly**
Use the ground rules, take turns and make sure quieter members are asked, not pushed. The kit has no dates, so you can use it in any year.

A NOTE ON THE QUESTIONS

The questions are generic and original. They name no books, writers or characters, so they can be used with any title. You never need to ask them all; follow the conversation where it goes.

Meeting 1

Date _____ Start time _____ End time _____ Place _____

Book and writer _____ Host _____

AGENDA

Welcome and ice-breaker _____ min

First impressions _____ min

Question set 1 _____ min

Question set 2 _____ min

Break and refreshments _____ min

Rating cards _____ min

Next book, host and date _____ min

QUESTION SETS I WILL USE

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|--|---------------------------------------|
| ☐ 1 First impressions | ☐ 7 Beginnings |
| ☐ 2 Characters | ☐ 8 Emotions |
| ☐ 3 Plot | ☐ 9 Nonfiction |
| ☐ 4 Setting | ☐ 10 Memoir |
| ☐ 5 Themes | ☐ 11 Mystery |
| ☐ 6 Writing style | ☐ 12 Fantasy |

REFRESHMENTS: WHO BRINGS WHAT

WHO CAME

☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Total: _____

QUESTIONS AND TOPICS I WANT TO RAISE

NEXT MEETING

Date _____ Book _____ Host _____

- 1 In one sentence, how would you describe this book to someone who has not read it?
- 2 What made you pick it up, and was it what you expected?
- 3 How did you feel when you read the last page? Has that feeling changed since?
- 4 Which page, scene or idea did you keep thinking about after you put the book down?
- 5 Did the opening make you want to carry on? What did it do well, or not so well?
- 6 Where and when did you read this book, and did that change your experience of it?
- 7 Was there a moment you wanted to stop reading? What kept you going, or why did you stop?
- 8 If you could ask the writer one question, what would it be?
- 9 Would you read something else in the same style or by the same writer?
- 10 Out of ten, how would you rate it, and what would have added one more point?

Rating cards

Cut along the dotted lines

RATING CARD

Book _____

My rating ☆☆☆☆☆

One word for it _____

I would recommend it ☐ Yes ☐ Maybe ☐ No

RATING CARD

Book _____

My rating ☆☆☆☆☆

One word for it _____

I would recommend it ☐ Yes ☐ Maybe ☐ No

RATING CARD

Book _____

My rating ☆☆☆☆☆

One word for it _____

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One word for it _____

I would recommend it ☐ Yes ☐ Maybe ☐ No

Conversation starter cards

Cut along the dotted lines

FIRST IMPRESSIONS & OVERALL REACTION What made you pick it up, and was it what you expected?	CHARACTERS Was there a character you found hard to like? Did that change as the story went on?
PLOT & PACING Did the pace suit the story? Where did it speed up or drag?	SETTING & ATMOSPHERE Which details of the place or time stayed with you?
THEMES & IDEAS Which theme felt strongest: family, belonging, courage, loss, change, something else?	WRITING STYLE & STRUCTURE Find a short passage in your own copy that you admire. What makes it work?
BEGINNINGS & ENDINGS What do you remember most from the opening pages?	EMOTIONS & REACTIONS Did the book make you feel something you did not expect?
NONFICTION & IDEAS BOOKS Which fact or idea was new to you?	MEMOIR & TRUE STORIES How honest did the telling feel? Which parts felt most direct?
MYSTERY & SUSPENSE Which clues were fair, and which were red herrings?	FANTASY, SCI-FI & INVENTED WORLDS What are the rules of this world, and how are they explained to the reader?