

## Hi Charlie,

Enter for your chance to win reading group favorite author Cassandra King's newly-released novel.

Tell about your book group experiences. Get new ideas to make your discussions lively. Find answers to a thorny book club issue.

Find out what's *new* on the bookshelves this month that your reading group will love.

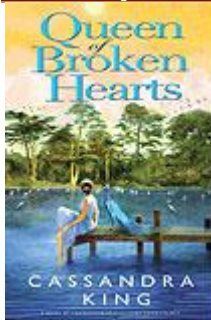
And get ready for the spring flings planned at this year's book festivals.

All in this month's edition of the *Reading Group Choices Newsletter!*

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## You May WIN Cassandra King's New Release!



Cassandra King's new book, [Queen of Broken Hearts](#), is in stores now! *Queen of Broken Hearts* is a story infused with all the flavors, textures, and intrigues of a small Southern town. While Clare, as a divorce therapist, has no problem helping the hundreds of men and women who seek her advice to mend their broken hearts; she struggles to heal her own heart. What is the force that allows Clare to confront her past and start living in the present?

Ms King ([The Sunday Wife](#) and [The Same Sweet](#)

## Last Chance to Win \$75

~ SURVEY ~  
Earn a chance to win \$75  
toward your next  
reading group discussion.  
[Click here to enter.](#)

Thanks to the many of you who have already completed the **Reading Group Choices 2007** survey. Your group has been entered for a chance to win \$75. Your answers will help you and other reading groups have livelier discussions, and they will help publishers, authors, and **Reading Group Choices** to support your group.

Partial results are already in. Click to check out the [Top Ten Reading Group Favorites of 2006](#).

According to the survey so far, over 1/3 of you are members of more than one reading group. Nearly half of you have graduate degrees. The ages of members of your groups range from 20 to over 80. Over a third of your groups have between 10 and 12 members.

Almost 90% of you prepare in advance of the discussion, and almost 2/3 of you have had a group member dominate a discussion and prevent others from speaking – [click](#) to see what other groups did about it!

If you haven't already completed the **Reading Group Choices** survey, please [do so](#) by **Friday, March 30th**.

[Girls](#)) delivers what her fans want—strong relationships, strong women characters, and triumph over tragedy. This moving and genuine story of midlife revelations is a bold step forward for Cassandra King

[Enter the Cassandra King Contest](#) for a chance to win your free copy of *Queen of Broken Hearts*!

See how Cassandra answers the hardest question she's ever been asked in this month's [1-On-One](#).

[Authors 'Round the South](#) is kind in letting us share with you [Cassandra King's recent interview](#) with them.

### **Cassandra King 1-On-One**

#### **Handling "Book Group Divas"**

Our ongoing [survey](#) reveals that almost 2/3 of you have had a group member dominate a discussion and prevent others from speaking. Some of you just let it pass, and the problem did not persist. But the rest of you found it necessary to take some action so that everyone in the group could have fun and take part in the discussions. Many of you asked to hear what others groups did about it, so we've summarized your comments on our website. Thanks to all of you who provided us with the benefit of your experience

Many of you found that preparation for your discussion - - particularly having a list of "Topics for Discussion" was one of the keys to ensuring that everyone gets a chance to talk. Click [here](#) to see other ideas about preparing for a lively discussion.

**[See what other groups did about "divas."](#)**

#### **Creative, Community-Minded Ideas**

How about donating your reading group's gently-used books to a camel-borne library in Kenya?

Maybe you would like to bring a philanthropic component to the intellectual and social aspects of your book club.

Or help your library (and yourself) get free books

We trust those of you who are on the mailing list received our recent envelope in your mailbox. If we don't have your correct mailing address, please [register](#) on our site to receive the summer mailing. Each of these is loaded with information and offers of interest to you and your reading group.

### Quick Links...

[Take the 2007 Survey](#)

[Enter The Cassandra King Contest](#)

[Enter The John Grisham Game](#)

[Enter The Shelley Mickle Match](#)

[1-On-One With Cassandra King](#)

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### Recipe for a Book Club



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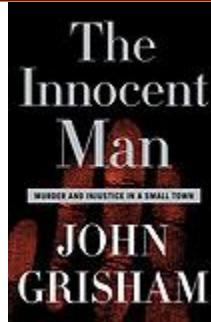
Perhaps you would like to celebrate reading and literacy by taking a reading group "road trip" to a city or town with great bookshops, literary sites, and libraries.

### **More About Creative, Community-Minded Ideas**

#### **What's New?**

Lots of great reads for book groups are being released this month. Get "Topics for Discussion" for each of them to liven your discussions.

[Queen of Broken Hearts](#) by Cassandra King  
[The Innocent Man](#) by John Grisham  
[The Secret of Lost Things](#) by Sheridan Hay  
[The Sweet Life](#) by Lynn York  
[The Assigned Visit](#) by Shelley Fraser Mickle



John Grisham is one of the most widely read novelists in America. But in his newest book, he's reporting on actual events - and a courtroom drama that results in a real-life nightmare for all the wrong people. [Enter for a chance to win](#) a free copy the new nonfiction work, [The Innocent Man](#).

[Enter to win](#) a free 15-minute DVD for your next gathering. In it, Shelley Mickle talks about the background of [The Assigned Visit](#) and reads several passages from this historical novel.

#### **Award-Winning Discussible Choices**

Two **Reading Group Choices** selections have been nominated for the *Southern Independent Booksellers Alliance (SIBA) 2006 Book of the Year*: [The Innocent Man](#) by John Grisham, and [Blood and Thunder](#) by Hampton Sides.

[Broken Trail](#) by Alan Geoffrion has been named Western Heritage Awards Novel of the Year.

And [The Inheritance of Loss](#) by Kiran Desai won the National Book Critics Circle Award for Fiction on March 8, 2007. Born in India, Ms Desai

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expressed her gratitude at being "an immigrant writer... claimed by the place you live." *The Inheritance of Loss* is also one of the finalists for the 2007 [Kiryama Prize](#). The award recognizes outstanding books about the Pacific Rim and South Asia that encourage greater mutual understanding of and among the peoples and nations of this vast and culturally diverse region.

### Spring is Almost Here — New Books and Festival Time!

Along with the spring flowers, a Renoir masterpiece blossoms into a wonderful and imaginative novel! Spring fever takes root at some of the year's first book festivals. Read about them in this month's ...



[... On the Bookcase](#)

### See You There!

On March 19 and March 21, [Quail Ridge Books & Music](#) will present their bi-annual *Book Club Bash*. The knowledgeable staff recommends books for reading groups. Barbara will be on hand to talk book clubese and give some prizes away! Plenty of conversation, food, and wine – sounds like a book club event!



On March 21st through the 25th, Charlottesville, Virginia, turns into a love fest of literacy. Please come to the **Gravity Lounge** on Thursday, March 22 at noon. **Reading Group Choices** will sponsor an event in which favorite authors of book groups discuss their books. Have a little lunch and some fun with a great bunch of women authors.

### Your Own Discussible Choices

Congratulations to Glenda and **The Porch Page**

**Turners** from Jamestown Kentucky and Nancy and **The Cedar Park Public Library Book Discussion Group** in Cedar Park, Texas, for winning the random drawing of the Discussible Book Choices Contest!

We enjoy getting emails from book club members and sharing their choices with everyone. Please [email us](#) with your group's discussible choices, and you may win a book-related prize for every member of your reading group. Please remember to include your group name, number of people in your group, and mailing address to send the prizes.

**Other Discussible Choices**

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