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Dear Charlie,

This issue introduces you and your group to some extraordinarily exciting and thought-provoking books that will ignite your discussions! Most of them are featured in the new print edition of *Reading Group Choices* hot off the press. Many of the authors are available for conversations with your reading group, and others have discussed their works with **Reading Group Choices**. Read on, but be careful--you may end up with more books on your nightstand than you can finish!

**-Reading Group Choices**

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It's hot off the press!! The newest edition of *Reading Group Choices* is chock full of helpful information for you and your group. Along with over 60 new selections for reading groups, it gives you thought-provoking conversation starters, suggests helpful websites and books for and about reading groups, summarizes useful tips from your reading-group colleagues, and presents interesting reading group survey results. Special pricing for reading groups is available on the *Reading Group Choices Website*.

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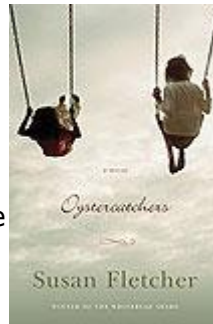


Many of the selections suggested for reading groups in the new edition of *Reading Group Choices* and on the website are BRAND NEW in your bookstore and library.

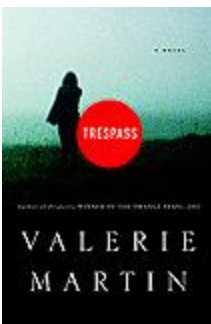
There are not-to-be-missed **inspirational gems** like *The End of the Alphabet* by CS Richardson, *Stars of David* by famed journalist and producer Abigail Pogrebin, and

*Unbowed* by Wangari Maathai.

The works of some extraordinarily **talented young novelists** made it into this edition, including Yasmin Crowther, a "novelist of exceptional honesty and grace" (*Daily Telegraph*), with *The Saffron Kitchen*, Susan Fletcher, another "seriously talented young author" (*The Guardian*) whose "prose is extraordinarily lyrical" (*Sunday Times*) with her new book *Oystercatchers*, and Marisha Pessl, whose work *Special Topics in Calamity Physics* "is hip, ambitious and imaginative." (*Los Angeles Times*).



Of course, new releases from some **reading group favorite authors** are featured. Your group may want to discuss *The View from Mount Joy* by Lorna Landvik, author of *Angry Housewives Eating Bon Bons*, *Oh My Stars*, *The Patty Jane's House of Curl*, *Your Oasis on Flame Lake*, *The Tall Pine Polka*, and *Welcome to the Great Mysterious*. Lorna is offering a **FREE DVD** in which she gives exclusive tidbits about all of her books, and you can **enter our drawing** to win a free copy of her newest novel.



And then there are many **engrossing stories** filled with emotion, such as *Trespass* by Valerie Martin, *The Assigned Visit* by Shelley Fraser Mickle, *Cormac* by Sonny Brewster, and *Grub* by Elise Blackwell. In fact, your group may be one of the twenty lucky winners of a copy of *Grub* - **enter here** for your chance!

Some of the selections are **tales of Middle Eastern cultures**, including *Bliss* by O. Z. Livaneli and *Caspian Rain* by Gina B. Nahai.

There are conversation starters for these and plenty of other discussible choices to keep your book group going for a good long while. See them all in **Reading Group Choices 2008** or on the **Reading Group Choices Website**.

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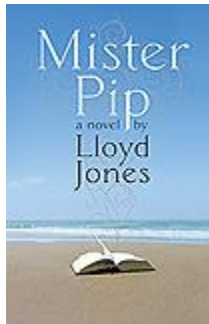
## Intimate 1-On-Ones & Author Conversations

Many of the authors whose books appear in *Reading Group Choices* are available to have a conversation about their work with your group. Click on the icon at the right, if you would like to request one.



**1**Or you can quickly learn how some of them think from a **1-On-One** conversation. Interesting and quite personal, they provide a insightful introduction to your favorite authors. This month, for example, **Elise Blackwell** (*Grub*) muses that "even in a culture that favors speed, visual imagery, and the easy fix--people are literary by nature; **CS Richardson** (*The End of the Alphabet*) speculates that an enterprising anthropologist will someday discover that there were "story groups" amongst the Neanderthals or "hieroglyphic clubs" in ancient Egypt; and **Valerie Martin** (*Trespass*) tells about one of the finest compliments she ever received--from a student who used to enjoy reading!

## Recognition for Discussible Books



THIS JUST IN! The judges of the **Man Booker Prize for Fiction 2007** have announced **Mister Pip** by Lloyd Jones as one of this year's six shortlisted novels. Howard Davies, Chair of Judges commented, *"Selecting a shortlist this year from what was widely seen as an exciting longlist was a tough challenge. We hope the choices we have made after passionate and careful consideration, will attract wide interest."*

Jones' **Mister Pip** also won the 2007 Commonwealth Writer's Prize for Overall Best Book. Two other **Reading Group Choices** selections were on the shortlist for the 2007 Commonwealth Writer's Prize Best First Book: Europe and South Asia -- **The Saffron Kitchen** by Yasmin Crowther and **In the Country of Men** by Hisham Matar.

Film rights for **The Rug Merchant** by Meg Mullins have been optioned by Fox Searchlight Pictures. GA Award-winning and Emmy® nominated director Mick Jackson



(*Tuesdays with Morrie*) has signed on to helm the project.

*The Memory Keeper's Daughter* movie will premiere in 2008 on Lifetime Television.

*The End of the Alphabet* by CS Richardson and *Grub* by Elise Blackwell are Book Sense picks for September, and *Caspian Rain* by Gina B. Nahai is a Book Sense selected title for September.

## Your Own Discussible Choices

Congratulations to Rosemary and **The Irmo Library Group** from Lexington, South Carolina, for winning the random drawing for this month's **Discussible Book Choice!** Says Rosemary, "Our group read *Bee Season* several years ago, and we still bring it up from time to time. The book is unusual and takes some unexpected twists and turns. The thing is that although several of the members said that they really didn't like the book all that much, we all had to admit that it was one of our most memorable books. The secret life of one of the characters is so unexpected and shocking and the ending marks a major turning point for another character. I would recommend it to other groups as one that should generate lots of discussion and differing opinions."

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

## Tips from Your Colleagues

Libby at **The Minoa Book Club** shares how careful organization has kept their book group together for seven years. [Click here](#) to read more about their experience.

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