

## Mother's Day Discussibles

Free Book Chances &  
More  
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Dear Charlie,

Bookstores and libraries will be greeted this month with a rich collection of discussible books. Some are about mothering and some are about other aspects of life - but all are great choices for spirited discussions. See what's in store for you in this month's issue of the **Reading Group Choices** newsletter!

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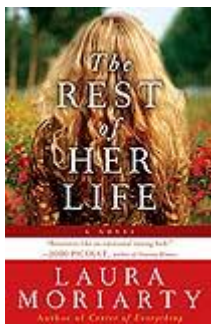
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### Reads for Mothers & Daughters



Being a mother is no easy task. Sometimes it's just impossible to get it right, no matter how hard we try. In her novel ***The Rest of Her Life***, due to be released in paperback in a few weeks, Laura Moriarty delivers a luminous, compassionate, and provocative look at how mothers and daughters with the best intentions can be blind to the harm they do to one another. Would you like to see if it's for your book club even before you can

### Mothering & More



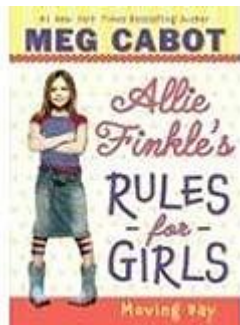
Mothering: frustrating, overwhelming, sometimes even dangerous -- yet rewarding. Get together with those who understand -- with authors in their writings and with friends in your book group. New book suggestions for mothers to discuss, for their daughters to read, and for any book group member to enjoy are all here in this month's newsletter!

### The Storks' Nest

buy it? If so --

### **Enter for a Chance to Win a Copy**

And what happens when a mother's love is no longer enough? Jane Bernstein thought that learning to accept her daughter's disabilities meant her struggles were over. But as Rachel grew up and needed more than a parent's devotion, both mother and daughter were confronted with formidable obstacles. In this Mothers' Day month, share the frustrations and unexpected pleasures of finding a place for Jane's daughter, first in her family, and then in the world in ***Rachel in the World***.



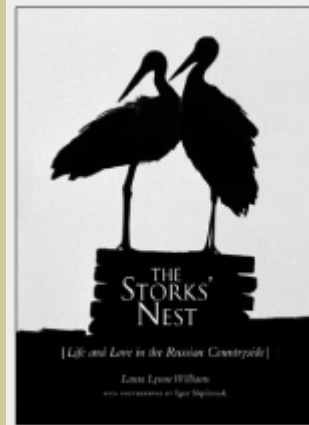
Are you a mother in need something to spark your daughter's interest in reading? Take a look at the *New York Times* best-selling series, ***Allie Finkle's Rules for Girls***, by Meg Cabot. Book #1: ***Moving Day*** is in stores now and Book #2: ***The New Girl*** is due out in August.

Don't you just *love* your book club? Wouldn't it be great to share that experience with your daughter? You can learn how ten busy mothers and daughters came together to talk, laugh, and learn through their love of reading in Shireen Dodson's book, ***The Mother-Daughter Book Club***. It is the story of a group of mothers and their daughters, and how their relationships were strengthened and changed by starting a monthly reading club.



### **Other Kids' Stuff**

**New Discussibles for Every Group**



**THE STORKS' NEST**  
*Life and Love in the Russian Countryside*

LAURA LYNNE WILLIAMS

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**Chances to Win**

**The Rest of Her Life**

**So Brave, Young, and Handsome AND Peace Like a River**

**Peace Like a River Audiobook**

**Garden Spells**

**Bulls Island Audiobook**

**Confessions of a Jane Austen Addict**

There's a new release scheduled for this month just right for almost every group. Consider these discussibles!



**Jane Austen Fantasy:** If you and your friends liked the Jane Austen books and films featured in our July newsletter and in the recent TV series, you will love **Confessions of a Jane Austen Addict** by Laurie Rigler just released in paperback. It's a fantasy about a woman who wakes up and finds herself not in her Los Angeles bedroom or even in her own body, but inside the bedchamber of a woman in Regency England.

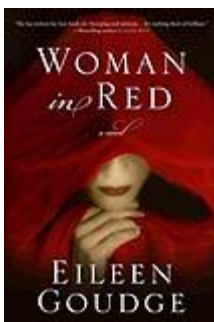
Who but an Austen addict like herself could concoct such a story?

### **Enter to Win a Copy**

**Romanticism and Gritty Reality:** Leif Enger's **Peace Like a River** was a National Bestseller; it was listed as one of *Time* magazine's Top Five Books of the Year for 2001 and listed as a Best Book of the Year by the *Christian Science Monitor*, the *Denver Post* and the *Los Angeles Times*. His new novel, **So Brave, Young, and Handsome**, is a stunning successor--a touching, nimble, and rugged story of an aging train robber on a quest to reconcile the claims of love and judgment on his life, and the failed writer who goes with him. With its smooth mix of romanticism and gritty reality, **So Brave, Young, and Handsome** often recalls the Old West's greatest cowboy stories. But it is also about an ordinary man's determination as he risks everything in order to understand what it's all worth, and follows an unlikely dream in the hope it will lead him back home.



### **Enter to Win a Copy of Peace Like a River AND So Brave, Young, and Handsome**



### **Enter to Win an AUDIOBOOK of Peace Like a River**

**Fast-Paced Conversation Starter:** Did you ever wonder how the author might respond to those "Conversation Starters" that you sometimes use to keep your discussions moving? **Click here** to see a video of how Eileen Goudge responds to the questions about **Woman in Red**, her new "fast paced,

**Strawberry Fields**

## **What's New?**

**Island of Lost Girls**

## **1-On-Ones**

**Patricia Gussin**

**Sarah Addison Allen**

**Laura Moriarty**

**Laura Lynne Williams**

## **New Profiles**

**Strawberry Fields**

**Belong to Me**

**A Thousand Splendid Suns**

**Eat, Pray, Love**

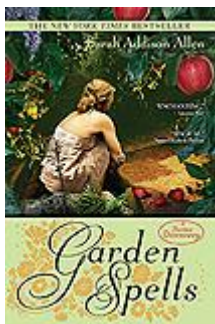
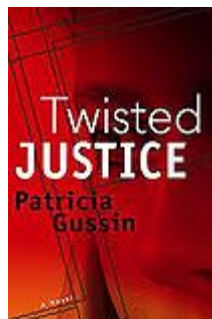
**The Kite Runner**

**Three Cups of Tea**

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intricately plotted, and multi-layered" novel (in the words of *New York Times* bestselling author Kristin Hannah). (Please give the video a little time to load if you don't have a high-speed computer connection.)

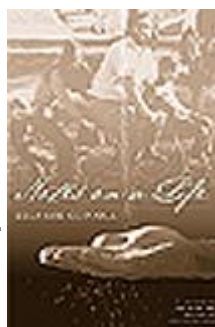
**Provocative Thriller:** Perhaps this month your group would like a mystery -- propelled by family dynamics. ***Twisted Justice*** delivers fiery hot action, pulse-pounding suspense, and a razor-sharp plot full of dangerous curves and tantalizing turns.



**Enchanted Story:** Do you and your friends like to cook (and eat) "magical" meals with fresh herbs from the garden? So does Claire in ***Garden Spells***, who has always tended the enchanted soil in the family garden from which she makes her sought-after delicacies. She has everything she thinks she needs, until one day she wakes to find a stranger has moved in next door and a vine of ivy has crept into her garden... and Claire's carefully tended life is about to run gloriously out of control. You can even try ***Garden Spells*** enchanted recipes or --

### **Enter to Win a Copy of Garden Spells**

**Memoir of an Extraordinary Life:** Eleanor Coppola shares her extraordinary life as an artist, filmmaker, wife, and mother in ***Notes on a Life***, a book that captures the glamour and grit of Hollywood and reveals the private tragedies and joys that tested and strengthened her over the past twenty years. Written with a quiet strength, Eleanor Coppola's powerful portrait of the conflicting demands of family, love and art is at once very personal and universally resonant.



## Your Own Discussible Choices

Congratulations to Laura and **The Blackey Library Book Club** for winning the random drawing for this month's Discussible Book Choice!

"Our book club just finished reading *The Grave Digger's Daughter* by Joyce Carol Oates. We had a lively discussion

with some very strong opinions expressed about this book. It is a tale of girl and her family that immigrated from Poland at the beginning of WWII and the "better life" that never came to be for them. It had strong language violence and dealt with tragedies and hardships that unfortunately many people have had to deal with in their lives. Not easy topics, but it evokes real emotions and makes for some very spirited discussions."

### **More Discussible Choices**

## Discussible Books Awards & News

Anne Enright has followed last year's Man Booker win by securing the Irish Novel of the Year award for ***The Gathering*** at this year's Irish Book Awards.



The film rights for Andrea Portes' debut novel, ***Hick***, have been sold to producers Christian Taylor of Taylor Lane Productions and Steven Siebert of Lighthouse Entertainment. ***Hick*** was a *Los Angeles Times* paperback bestseller, a Book Sense Pick, a Book Sense Reading Group Pick, and a Midwest Connections Pick.

**Thanks for keeping the joy of reading alive,**



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