

Win 15 Discussible Books!

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Group Favorites
Survey!**
January 2009

Dear Charlie,

What books nurtured the liveliest book group discussions in 2008? Share your favorites with thousands of other book groups in the annual **Reading Group Choices** survey now underway and win **\$75** to cater your next gathering!

Join us in our **15th** year anniversary celebration. Enter to win a **15th Anniversary Book Pack** containing **15** of our **15th** year selections.

And peruse the new discussible book selections from **Reading Group Choices** and your colleagues in other book groups - all in this month's **Reading Group Choices** Newsletter!

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15th Anniversary Book Pack

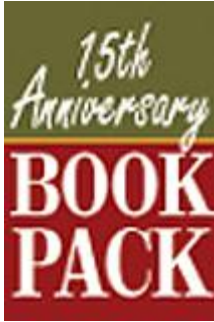
Favorite Discussible Books of 2008

~ SURVEY ~

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

It's **one-of-a-kind**: a list of favorite DISCUSSIBLE books for book groups! Though there are many lists of books and many book awards, not all of the books on them make for the kind of lively, fun, interesting, thought-provoking, unforgettable discussions that reading groups crave. Well, here's your chance - join with thousands of other book group members to tell us which books did all that for your group in 2008. We'll compile and publish the list for you, and let you know how it compares to those chosen in previous surveys.

And when you complete the short survey, **Reading Group Choices** will enter your name into a random drawing for

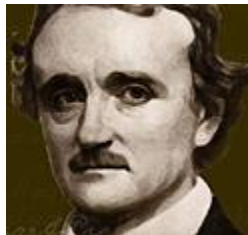


It's hard to believe - even for us! **Reading Group Choices** has been selecting discussible books for reading groups for **15** years. We think that calls for a celebration. We've joined with our publishing partners to party with you - at least **15** lucky book groups will win a **15th** Anniversary Book Pack containing **15** different discussible books selected by **Reading Group Choices** in its **15th** anniversary year (2009). Just click below for a chance to win. Recipients will be chosen by random drawing. Good luck!

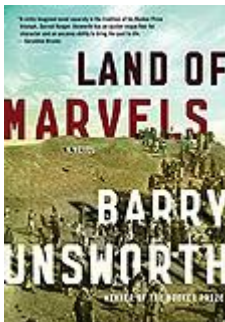
[Enter for a Chance to Win](#)

Poe's 200th Birthday Celebration

Speaking of anniversaries, the 200th Anniversary of Edgar Allan Poe's birth is January 19th. The [Edgar Allan Poe Society](#) and the [Poe House](#) in Baltimore, MD, have won the Raven Awards, sponsored by the [Mystery Writers of America](#). MWA president Harlan Coben called the choices appropriate because "not only does 2009 mark the anniversary of Edgar Allan Poe's 200th birthday, but Mystery Writers of America has long-considered Poe a patron saint." The Raven Award is named after his famous poem and the Edgar Awards are the highlights of the banquet.



Thought-provoking & Discussion-stimulating



From historical fiction and international intrigue to thorny contemporary situations that any of us may face, this month's discussible selections will make you ponder and your group discuss overtime.

In [The Land of Marvels](#), a thriller set in 1914, Barry Unsworth, winner of the

\$75 to cater your next get-together!

[Complete the Survey](#)

You and your group can use the survey results to select some great discussibles that you may not have otherwise known about. To see what we mean, take a look at past years' lists.

[See Past Years' Favorites](#)

Chances to Win Discussible Books

[The Lost Recipe for Happiness](#)

[Sing Them Home](#)

[The Senator's Wife](#)

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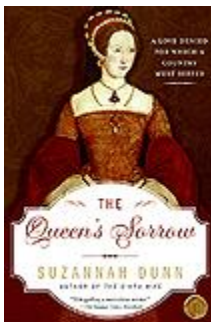
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New Profiles of Discussible

Booker Prize for ***Sacred Hunger***, brings to life the schemes and double-dealings of Western nations grappling for a foothold in Mesopotamia (now Iraq) in the dying days of the Ottoman Empire. Historical fiction at its finest, ***The Land of Marvels*** opens a window on the past and reveals its lasting impact.

Mary Tudor, daughter of Catherine of Aragon and Henry VIII, is overjoyed when she becomes Queen of England. After her father rejected her and her mother, Mary feels at last that she is achieving her destiny. And when she marries Philip of Spain, her happiness is complete. But as Rafael, a member of Philip of Spain's entourage, becomes closer to Mary, his life-and newfound love-are caught up in the terrible chaos. ***The Queen's Sorrow***, by Suzanne

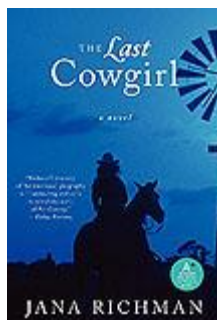


Sing Them Home is a moving portrait of three siblings who have lived in the shadow of unresolved grief since their mother's disappearance when they were children. With breathtaking lyricism, wisdom, and humor, Stephanie Kallos (***Broken For You***) explores the consequences of protecting those we love.

At once beautiful and terrifying, this extraordinary debut novel, ***Still Alice*** by Lisa Genova, is a moving and vivid depiction of life with early-onset Alzheimer's disease that is as compelling as ***A Beautiful Mind*** and as unforgettable as ***Ordinary People***. Lisa Genova holds a



Ph.D. in neuroscience from Harvard University that adds both credibility and empathy to the story.



Spanning two generations and vast landscapes, a novel that fans of Pam Houston and Barbara Kingsolver will eagerly embrace, Jana Richman's ***The Last Cowgirl*** will strike a powerful chord

Books

[***Going to See the Elephant***](#)

[***Lima Nights***](#)

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[***Firmin***](#)

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with anyone who has ever searched for solace in the space around them.

Henkin's Exciting Travels to Book Groups

Many of you know that **Reading Group Choices** links groups and authors together, so that the authors can participate in the groups' discussions. One **Reading Group Choices'** selected author, Joshua Henkin (*Matrimony*), relates the fun he has had with his travels to book groups in a *Philadelphia Inquirer* **article**. Why not have an author discuss their work, in person or by phone, with your group?

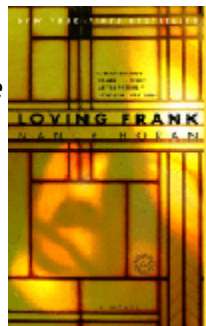


Try It Out!

Your Own Discussible Choices

Congratulations to Carol and **The Bookers** for winning the random drawing for this month's Discussible Book Choice!

*"**Loving Frank** by Nancy Horan: We read the book because it received a good review. We were all surprised to learn more about Frank Lloyd Wright's life. None of us knew his biography. Half of the group enjoyed reading the book half did not. All agreed they learned from the book. It was interesting to listen to the different moral stances that members took during the discussion. No one got upset - just surprised each to hear how they interpreted Wright's life and what is acceptable to society-then and now."*



Carol, The Bookers, Henrico, NC

We enjoy hearing from book club members and sharing their choices with everyone. Please **let us know** about

your group's discussible choices - you may win a book-related prize for every member of your reading group!

Thanks for keeping the joy of reading alive,



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