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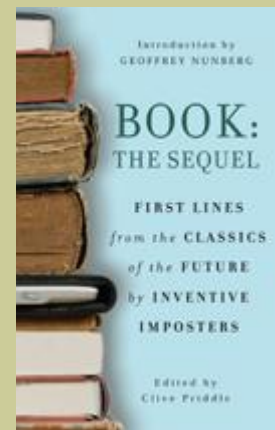
Dear Charlie,

What do you imagine as the sequel to a favorite book? Book clubs can join other readers who answer this question in a new book -- published in 48 hours!

Taste an authentic comfort food in your next gathering, or win a trip with your book club to the Guernsey island off the coast of England. Or perhaps your group wants to savor the new works of book group favorite authors or discuss some novels that created lively times for other groups.

You can do it all - in this month's ***Reading Group Choices Newsletter!***

Book: The Sequel



Ever wonder what happens to Harry Potter after twenty years of marriage and a steady government gig? Or what Karl Marx would say about today's financial crisis? If ***The Bible*** had a sequel, what would its first sentence be? What did Scarlett O'Hara really think about tomorrow?

Book: The Sequel dares to answer these burning questions with imagined first sentences of classics and contemporary works. Authors, booksellers, editors, librarians, marketers, teachers and various

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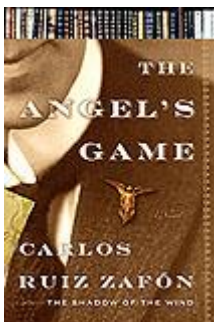
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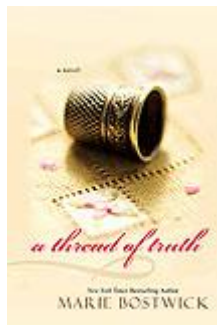
From master storyteller Carlos Ruiz Zafón, author of the international phenomenon ***The Shadow of the Wind***, comes ***The Angel's Game***-a dazzling new page-turner about the perilous nature of obsession, in literature and in love. Zafón takes us into a dark, gothic universe and creates a breathtaking adventure of intrigue, romance, and tragedy. Through a dizzyingly constructed labyrinth of

secrets, the magic of books, passion, and friendship blend into a masterful story.

Kate Jacobs' novel, ***Comfort Food***, tells the story of Augusta Simpson, the TV cooking show personality. Shortly before turning 50, "Gus" discovers that the network wants to boost her ratings by teaming her with a beautiful, young new co-host. But Gus isn't going without a fight. ***The Friday Night Knitting Club***, a #1 *New York Times* bestseller, was Jacobs' first novel



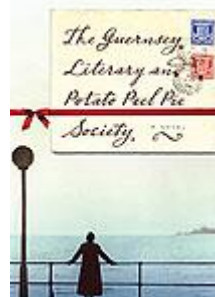
In this month's **Food by the Book**, ***find the recipe*** and serve Gus's Golden Cupcakes for your ***Comfort Food*** discussion.



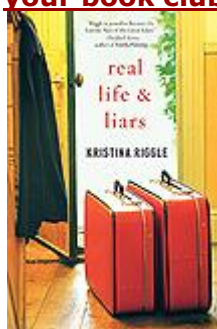
Come home to Marie Bostwick's ***A Thread of Truth***, a poignant novel of new beginnings, old friends, and the rich, varied tapestry of lives fully lived. Having fled an abusive marriage, Ivy figures historic New Bern, Connecticut, is as good a place as any for a fresh start. With a part-time job at the Cobbled Court Quilt Shop and budding friendships, Ivy feels hopeful for the first time in ages. But when a popular quilting TV

show is taped at the quilt shop, Ivy's unwitting appearance in an on-air promo alerts her ex-husband to her whereabouts. Suddenly, Ivy is facing the fight of her life.

Celebrating literature, love, and the power of the human spirit, ***The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society*** is the story of an English author living in the shadow of World War II-and embarking on a writing project that will dramatically change her life. Enter for a chance to ***win a trip to Guernsey with your book club!***



One lucky winner will travel to Guernsey with five friends from Friday October 2nd through Monday October 5th, 2009. Activities will include a joint book discussion with a UK book group, an island tour, and more!



In ***Real Life and Liars***, Kristina Riggie introduces us to Mirabelle Zielinski. For Mirabelle's children, happiness always seems to be just out of reach. Her polished oldest daughter, Katya, clings to a stale marriage

other sequelists were asked to pick a book, imagine its sequel, write the first sentence, and give it a great title.

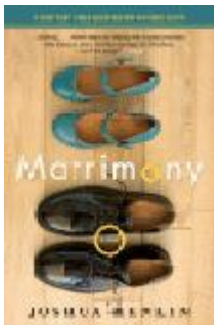
The Perseus Books Group collected submissions from around the globe, culled and edited them, covered and designed the book, and published it - all in 48 hours! **Reading Group Choices** assisted in writing the reading group ***conversation starters***.

Book: The Sequel is a perfect gift for book lovers everywhere, or anyone to whom "The End" is simply the starting point for their imagination. Will there be a sequel to ***Book: The Sequel?***

See some creative submissions

with a workaholic husband and three spoiled children. Her son, Ivan, so creative, is a down-in-the-dumps songwriter with the worst taste in women. And the "baby," impulsive Irina, who lives life on a whim, is now reluctantly pregnant and hitched to a man who is twice her age. On the weekend of their parents' anniversary party, lies will be revealed and hearts will be broken, but love will also be found. And the biggest shock may come from Mirabelle herself, because she has a secret that will change everything.

In the words of Anisha Lakhani, author of *Schooled*, Claire Cook's new novel ***The Wildwater Walking Club***, "reminds of us what's important in life-the joy of friendship, the power of a brisk walk, and of course the importance of a good book. This exhilarating novel made me want to call my friends and lace up my shoes. I couldn't put it down."



Josh Henkin carries his novel ***Matrimony*** with believable characters and effortless narrative. The story is set in 1987, when Julian Wainwright, aspiring writer and waspy son of New York City old money, meets beautiful, Jewish Mia Mendelsohn in the laundry room at Graymont College. So begins a relationship that spans twenty years, as it takes Julian and Mia across the country and through the depths of family tragedy, love and friendship, money and ambition, desire and tensions of faith.



Tricky Book Group Dilemma

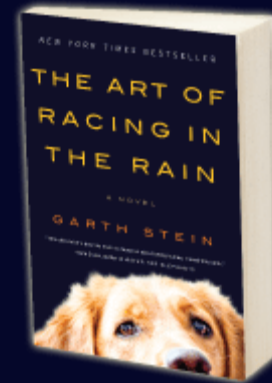
An "Ask Amy" question in the *Los Angeles Times* tackled a tricky book club dilemma: "**Dear Amy:** I have a neighbor who is part of our book group. She doesn't often come to the meetings, but she has used our e-mail addresses to promote her and her husband's businesses and a student-exchange program. I only e-mail my neighbors about the next meeting. I am uncomfortable about this and would like to address the issue with her. Any suggestions?" -Concerned

[See What Amy Says](#)

Your Own Discussible Choices

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

"Luncheon of the Boating Party by Susan Vreeland generated a great discussion. The painting came alive as we read about the lives of the artists and models. We also learned a lot about the time period as the author shared her vast amount of knowledge on the subject."

Lucy, The Footnotes, The Villages, FL

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!

More Discussible Choices

Readers' LIAnonymous

In a **World Book Day** survey reported by the **IrishTimes**, two-thirds of respondents lied about reading books they have in fact not read. People said the main reason they lied was to impress the person to whom they were speaking.

Honor system - what have you really read?

Happy Father's Day and thanks for keeping the joy of shared reading alive,



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