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# Hampton Pinckney book club

indulge your  
**intellect...**

The Hampton Pinckney Book Club's purpose is to bring neighbors together in discussion, learning, and friendship. Our members are men and women who live on or near Hampton Avenue and Pinckney Street who are lifelong learners. Interested in building new relationships, reading great books, and meeting your neighbors? Join us on the last Tuesday of each month.

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A story is always  
**better** if you have  
**someone to share it with.**

And even better if you share it  
with friends who read it, too.

# Hampton Pinckney Book Club: More Fun Than You Can Shake a Stick At

Once a month we come together to laugh, share stories and make new friends! We are a group of friends and neighbors who share a common goal: to explore interesting books of all genres and to have fun. Connect with kindred book lovers in our Hampton Pinckney Book Club!

You'll enjoy our casual and fun book discussions. You'll also enjoy it when we spice things up a bit with fun book tie-ins, like watching the movie based on the book we just read.

Drop in sometime and check us out. We never know where the discussion will lead, which is part of the fun. You need not attend every time. If you can't make it, it's not a problem. Just join in another month when you can. If you can make it, don't be shy. Neighborliness doesn't just happen. Come on out to meet and mingle with your neighbors. We hope to see you there!



**Above:** Jesse Breneman grins during a pre-meeting mixer. **Above Right:** From left to right, Judy Benedict, Karen Nield, and Lora Collins listen to Josephine McMullen introduce that night's discussion questions. **Right:** Judy Benedict, Josephine McMullen, and Pam Cloys laugh during the lively discussion of that night's book. The Hampton Pinckney Book Club has created a strong sense of community among its members.

## FAQs

The Hampton Pinckney Book Club always welcomes new members. If you're thinking about joining, you might have a few questions about the group. The answers to the following questions should give you a better idea of who we are and what we're about.

**>> Is it OK to drop by a meeting to check it out?** Absolutely! All you need to bring is yourself. Your host will provide light refreshments; and the moderator will guide the lively discussion. No previous book club experience is necessary.

**>> Who's invited?** Everyone who lives or works in the Hampton Pinckney Historic Neighborhood (or immediate environs) is welcome to join us. This is not just a "ladies" thing, nor is it an "old ladies" thing! All ages and genders are welcome.

**>> When, where and how often does the group meet?** We read one book each month, and we meet on the last Tuesday of the month from 7:00 – 9:00 pm, except during major holidays. Members take turns hosting meetings in their homes. Our November meeting is dedicated to a book swap and annual party. During our December meeting, we meet to select books for the upcoming year.

**>> How do I join?** Joining is easy. Just read our current book and come to the discussion. (And be ready to talk!) You might also like to sign up for the book club mailing list to receive meeting reminders and other alerts about the group. Send an email to Judy Benedict at [judy@giraffeweb.com](mailto:judy@giraffeweb.com) to have your name added to our email list.

**>> What kinds of books does the group read?** We read both quality fiction and nonfiction, and we aim for a variety of subjects, genres, writing styles and literary voices.

**>> What if I haven't had time to read/finish the book?** We know that life sometimes gets busy. Even if you couldn't quite squeeze this month's book in, you're still welcome to join us for good, insightful conversation.

**>> What do I do if I want to host / moderate a book club meeting?** Each month our moderator leads the group. Our moderators raise key questions, strive to foster meaningful discourse, and encourage networking among group participants. Our hosts provide light refreshments and space to meet. Moderators and hosts support each other as needed. Contact Josephine McMullen at 864-561-7979 or [jmcmullen@prattleon.com](mailto:jmcmullen@prattleon.com) to find out how easy it is to host one of our meetings or facilitate one of our discussions. We are currently accepting volunteers for 2011.

**>> How do the discussions work?** We ease into our meetings with a little unstructured networking time. Then we start with introductions so everyone has a chance to speak and get to know each other a little. The moderator prepares five open-ended questions to get the conversation going, but everyone is encouraged to jump in with their own questions at any time. The group is very laid-back and the conversation is free-flowing.