

Food for Thought Book Club

Recommended Reading



TITLE

AUTHOR

Anna Dressed in Blood

Kendare Blake

“For three years, seventeen-year-old Cas Lowood has carried on his father's work of dispatching the murderous dead, traveling with his kitchen-witch mother and their spirit-sniffing cat, but everything changes when he meets Anna, a girl unlike any ghost he has faced before.”

City of Ember

Jeanne DuPrau

“For centuries, the residents of the underground City of Ember have flourished in an amazing world of glittering lights and quiet contentment. But when the City's massive power generator begins to fail, the streetlamps fade - along with the hopes of the townspeople. Now it will be up to two courageous teenagers to follow a trail of clues left by the ancient builders to find the way out of Ember before their world is plunged into complete darkness.”

Divergent

Veronica Roth

“In a future Chicago, sixteen-year-old Beatrice Prior must choose among five predetermined factions to define her identity for the rest of her life, a decision made more difficult when she discovers that she is an anomaly who does not fit into any one group, and that the society she lives in is not perfect after all.”

Flipped

Wendelin Van Draanen

“In alternating chapters, two teenagers describe how their feelings about themselves, each other, and their families have changed over the years.”

Graceling

Kristin Cashore

“In a world where some people are born with extreme and often-feared skills called Graces, Katsa struggles for redemption from her own horrifying Grace, the Grace of killing, and teams up with another young fighter to save their land from a corrupt king.”

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone

J. K. Rowling

"Rescued from the outrageous neglect of his aunt and uncle, a young boy with a great destiny proves his worth while attending Hogwarts School for Witchcraft and Wizardry."

The Hunger Games

Suzanne Collins

"In a future North America, where the rulers of Panem maintain control through an annual televised survival competition putting young people from each of the twelve districts against one another, sixteen-year-old Katniss's skills are put to the test when she voluntarily takes her younger sister's place."

If a Tree Falls at Lunch Period

Gennifer Choldenko

"Kirsten and Walk, seventh-graders at an elite private school, alternate telling how race, wealth, weight, and other issues shape their relationships as they and other misfits stand up to a mean but influential classmate, even as they are uncovering a long-kept secret about themselves."

Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life

Wendy Mass

"Just before his thirteenth birthday, Jeremy Fink receives a keyless locked box--set aside by his father before his death five years earlier--that purportedly contains the meaning of life."

Pegasus the Flame of Olympus

Kate O'Hearn

"Reborn as *the Flame*, thirteen-year-old Emily has saved Olympus from destruction but when *the* gruesome Nirads begin a new invasion, Emily and her friends become entangled in *the* conflict as old grudges are unearthed and new enemies are discovered."

Penny from Heaven

Jennifer L. Holm

"As she turns twelve during the summer of 1953, Penny gains new insights into herself and her family while also learning a secret about her father's death."

Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief

Rick Riordan

"Percy Jackson is no ordinary teenager, he's the son of Poseidon and is accused of stealing Zeus' lightning bolt, the most powerful weapon ever created! With storm clouds brewing, Percy embarks on an incredible cross-country journey to prove his innocence, recover the bolt, and prevent a war among the gods that could destroy our world!"

Someone named Eva

Joan M. Wolf

"From her home in Lidice, Czechoslovakia, in 1942, eleven-year-old Milada is taken with other blond, blue-eyed children to a school in Poland to be trained as 'proper Germans' for adoption by German families, but all the while she remembers her true name and history."

Summer Camp Secrets: Fearless

Katy Grant

"I'm sick of being the one who's always scared of everything. This summer everything's going to change. By the end of camp, I'm going to take the jump in horseback riding, ask a boy to dance with me, and perform onstage in front of everyone. Now all I have to do is get up the nerve to make it happen!"

A Tale Dark and Grimm

Adam Gidwitz

"Follows Hansel and Gretel as they walk out of their own story and into eight more tales. Based in part on the Grimm's fairy tales."

The Thirteenth Unicorn: Book One in the Ben Alderman Series

"While spending the summer with their grandparents, on a remote farm in South Carolina, Ben Alderman and his sister Casey uncover a hidden world of magic; a world their grandmother is secretly visiting. It is a world where elves and dwarves are locked in mortal combat against a witch who is trying to free the last surviving wizard from exile. The witch has been defeated once before, but with the combined power of the wizard, no one will be able to stand against them. Much to Ben's dismay, he learns that he is the one foretold in the ancient elfin prophecies to bring about the downfall of the witch and save this exciting new world from destruction." (Amazon)

The Unwanteds

Lisa McMann

"In a society that purges thirteen-year-olds who are creative, identical twins Aaron and Alex are separated, one to attend University while *the* other, supposedly Eliminated, finds himself in a wondrous place where youths hone their abilities and learn magic."

The Westing Game

Ellen Raskin

"When an eccentric millionaire dies mysteriously, sixteen very unlikely people are gathered together for the reading of the will...and what a will it is!" (Amazon)

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