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Novelists Talk About Their Books on Free DVDs for Reading Groups

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Ouch! Since I wrote this, the hard drive on my Mac laptop has apparently crashed. I hope to get it fixed in the next day or two. In the meantime, I'll try to post on computers at a library, where I am now, but may be slow to respond to comments. Thanks for your patience. Jan



Tonight I was going to write a post about *Kilt Dead* (Kensington, \$22), the first mystery in **Kaitlyn Dunnett's** new Scottish-themed series set in Maine www.kaitlyndunnett.com. But you'll have to wait a day or two for that one, because I decided instead to go into Manhattan for a launch party for **National Reading Group Month**, sponsored by the **Women's National Book Association** www.wnba-books.org and www.wnba-nyc.org.

At the celebration I learned about something reading groups may want to check out: **Random House** is giving away to book clubs on a while-supplies-last basis three DVDs, each of which has a different female author talking about her books: **Lorna Landvik** (*Angry Housewives Eating Bon Bons*), **Adriana Trigiani** (*Home to Big Stone Gap*) and **Fannie Flagg** (*Can't Wait to Get to Heaven*). I haven't read any of these books, but if you have and love them, you can request a DVD for your club at www.thereaderscircle.com.

Would that Random House would do a DVD for **Katha Pollitt**! Her new essay collection *Learning to Drive: And Other Life Stories* is ideal for book group members who liked the bestseller from the company's Knopf imprint, **Nora Ephron's** *I Feel About My Neck*. A review of and reading group guide to Pollitt's book appeared on this site on Oct. 16 www.oneminutebookreviews.wordpress.com/2007/10/16/.

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