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It's Kismet



Ladies, it looks like our book group is pure kismet. The Woman's National Book Association Inc. has declared **October National Reading Group Month**.

Seeing as how our first meeting was October 2nd, I claim this as a victory for our team.

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October Meeting Summary

It was splendid to get together with you ladies last night to discuss October's book selection, *Atonement*. And Andrea - you were sorely missed!

A summary of last night's activities:

We discussed the book. While everyone did not get to finish the book, we still had a healthy discussion centered on the summation of the story. We had a lengthy discussion on the 'meta' qualities of the book, and the trend of 'meta'-ness in post-modern and post-post-modern literature. We also discussed the limitations and problems associated with an unreliable narrator (in both fiction and alleged non fiction, e.g. memoirs).

One of the most interesting points, raised by Kathleen, was whether or not McEwan likes women (see his other novels for further information on this subject). While none of the characters in the book were wholly 'bad,' only Robbie was for the most part 'good,' with all the major female characters being flawed in one way or another.

We discussed the structure of the group. *[Also, to cut down on confusion in group communication, Jennifer K. shall be referred to as 'Jennifer' and Jennifer B.-soon-to-be-O. shall be referred to as Jenn]*

Jennifer presented her idea for the structure of the club (although this was somewhat determined by earlier emails amongst the group): each month one member is responsible for presenting 3-5 choices to the group - group consensus will pick the following month's reading. The one member is then responsible for coming up with discussion questions and will help guide the conversation at the following month's meeting. (i.e., Jennifer presented three book ideas for November and the group will decide them .Jennifer will prepare