

**Extra! Read all about it!** Whether you're a voracious reader or just wish you read more, social distancing and quarantine provide an opportunity for upping your reading game. And reading doesn't have to be a solo activity! Use this time to start a virtual book club so you can keep in touch and enjoy a new book at the same time. Here are some book club ideas for whatever interests you.

## Sick of TV? Try reading the book!

Did you binge watch *Little Fires Everywhere* with Kerry Washington and Reese Witherspoon? <u>The book</u>, written by Celeste Ng, could be a fun read for you and your Hulu-watching friends. First topic of discussion – differences between the two versions. Missing *Game of Thrones*? Start with book one of the "A Song of Ice and Fire" series by George R. R. Martin, *A Game of Thrones*.

#### A book about books.

If you're a book lover, chances are you love reading about books too. Jojo Moyes' novel <u>The Giver of Stars</u> tells the story of a group of women delivering books during the Great Depression as part of FDR's traveling library.



## Self-help in self-isolation.

Reese Witherspoon makes the list again – a popular book from Reese's Book Club is *Untamed* by Glennon Doyle. This nonfiction book focuses on finding your inner voice and inner peace. Perfect for today's world!



## Start a family book club.

Get your kids reading beyond their schoolwork. This is a perfect opportunity to read and discuss together!

- For young kids, picture books like Lois Ehlert's
  <u>Eating the Alphabet</u> and Shel Silverstein's <u>The</u>
  Giving Tree can be a great boding experience.
- For preteens, starting a new series can help cure stay-at-home boredom. Rick Riordan's <u>Percy Jackson and the Olympians</u> series is a fun and unique series that incorporates tons of info about ancient Greek history and gods. Plus, there's a series for teens featuring the same characters - <u>The Heroes of Olympus</u>.

# Travel the world – without leaving your couch.

Dreaming about vacation and exploring new places? Dive into the works of James A. Michener, whose novels each focus on a different locale. Each story follows new characters and incorporates real history and multigenerational family stories. Check out <u>Alaska</u>, which includes stories of the Gold Rush, the wild frontier, and more.

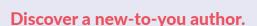


# Catch up on the classics.

Is there a book you've always heard about but never had the chance to read? Whether it's Jane Austen's <u>Pride and Prejudice</u>, F. Scott Fitzgerald's <u>The Great Gatsby</u>, or the <u>Harry Potter</u> series, there's no better time than now!

### Get involved.

Want to discuss a book with the author? Because book tours and signings are currently off the table, many authors are hosting virtual events. Check out <a href="https://www.quarantinebookclub.com/">https://www.quarantinebookclub.com/</a> for upcoming author events.



Love mysteries? Walter Mosley has written over 40 crime fiction novels, some of which have inspired films, like his debut novel, <a href="Devil in a Blue Dress">Devil in a Blue Dress</a>. If you're an action fan, dig into the Jack Reacher series by Lee Child. Start with book one, <a href="The Killing Floor">The Killing Floor</a>, and know you've got 25 more to go in the series!

