



Book Club  
Calling all Readers

Happy New Year

I want to thank you all for being such a wonderful group, and I'm looking forward to another year of good reading, and sharing opinions and ideas with all of our readers. We've had a great year, and the next one should be just as stimulating.

Our group has grown to about a dozen members, but there's always someone who can't make it to a meeting, so we'd welcome a few new faces. Please call me if you'd like to spend a couple of hours a month talking about a fascinating book you've read and would like to share. Or just show up. We meet on the last Monday of the month in the Bunker Room at Creekside at 3:00pm.

Our Upcoming Titles

**The Custom of the Country.** I gave you a brief description of the book in the last newsletter. **Edith Wharton** (January 24, 1862 – August 11, 1937) was an American novelist, short story writer, and designer. Wharton combined an insider's view of American aristocracy with a powerful prose style. Her novels and short stories realistically portrayed the lives and morals of the late nineteenth century, an era of decline and faded wealth. She won the Pulitzer Prize for Literature in 1921, and was the first woman to receive this honor. Wharton was acquainted with many of the well-known people of her day, both in America and in Europe, including President Theodore Roosevelt.

**Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a family and culture in Crisis by J. D. Vance** is our choice for February. This book may be too difficult to get from the library because it's still very popular, and I'm not sure if it's available in paperback. If we can't get it easily, we'll read the book scheduled for March.

**The Invisible Wall by Harry Bernstein** is our book for March. Harry Bernstein wrote this book when he was 97 years old. It's a memoir of a boy growing up in a small mill town in England just before World War 2. The street on which his family lived was divided by an "invisible wall" which separated the Jewish families on one side of it, from the Christian families on the other side.

**Commonwealth.** our April book, is by the acclaimed bestselling author Ann Patchett. It tells the enthralling story of how an unprecedented romantic encounter irrevocably changes two families' lives. Told with equal measures of humor and heartbreak, Commonwealth is a meditation on inspiration, interpretation, and the ownership of stories. It's a brilliant and tender tale of the far-reaching ties of love and responsibility that bind us together. I hope you will enjoy reading these books.

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