

Read A Kitaab Anniversary Edition



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EDITOR'S DESK

This is a special month and hence a special edition. As we complete a full year of @Readakitaab book club, I want to extend my gratitude to all of you in the community. The love that you all have given to the club is beyond words.

Now, along with being 12 months old, we are also 18 books older, which we read together and discussed to the last bit and the journey has been exciting and enriching.

What we started as a closed group of 3 people is now a family of many thousands. It is overwhelming and at the same time, it gives us the responsibility to be better than yesterday. A shout out to the Mumbai physical meets that we do every month and discuss books. We also read books together as a part of the virtual club and we have read 12 books together. If you are not in the @clubhouse and still want to participate in the discussions, this is for you. Please write to us.

With almost half a year gone, and another half left, we are working towards bringing you the best of discussions, books to read and a great atmosphere. We wish you all a great reading journey. Let's read more and read responsibly. I would love to hear your stories of reading. You can always reach out to me at readakitaab@gmail.com

At readakitaab, we always thought it's our prerogative to give back to the community, and what would be a better way to reach out to kids and inculcate in them the habit of reading, hence we started our Kids Book club for the age group of 5-12 years old and what an experience this has been! Those kids can teach us a lot.



READ A KITAAB



I would like to extend my thanks to all the parents for their support and understanding the importance of reading.

The first edition of this e-zine is a gift to all of you from us. It is a collection of several threads, discussions, it is a kind of rabbit hole. We have curated it in both; digital and print format which has links and QR codes which you can scan and read anytime, anywhere. I hope you will like it. We continually strive to make this a calm and safe place for all of you. We aim to bring in more valuable and important discussions through this group. Read A Kitaab is yours now!

We would love to hear from you.

Read A Kitaab wishes you a great reading year.

Lots of Love

Ekta Bhandari

 [@ekziee](#)



KNOW YOUR AUTHOR

“Aj akhaan Waris Shah noon, Kiton qabran wichon bol,

Te ajj kitab-e-ishq da koi, Agla varka phol”

I call out to Waris Shah today, To speak out from his grave,

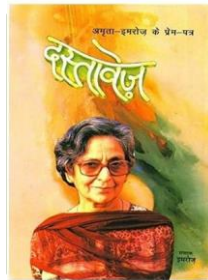
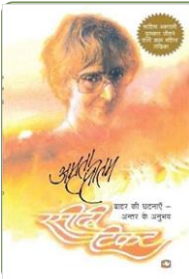
And turn today the next leaf, Of the book of love.

- waris shah (250 years ago)

Amrita Pritam and The Pain of Partition



100 Years of Amrita



READ A KITAAB - KIDS BOOK CLUB



We are excited to announce our Kids Reading Club. This is a very hearty initiative by @ReadAKitaab Book Club to all of you. We believe that the foundation begins at an early age. It is a beginning from “Read A Kitaab” to groom our kids to become better individuals - well-informed, well-read and consciously responsible towards society. Our continuous aim is to inculcate in kids the habit of reading and make them understand the importance of reading so that they can experience the pure joy of reading.

We have started the Read A Kitaab Kids book club in June 2022, and the response is overwhelming. As a part of the program we:

- Guide and help kids to develop “Reading” as a habit
- Assist them in getting immersed in the joy of reading by narrations, storytelling, journaling
- Encourage kids to create their own world of imagination
- Introduce them to authors, books and the key areas of reading
- Conduct Master Sessions with avid readers



So, if you are a parent, enrol your kid to the club.





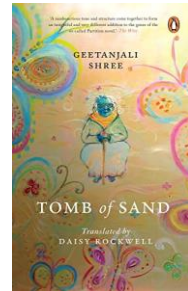
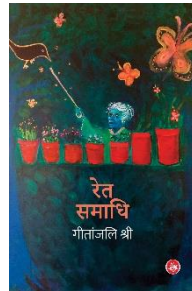
READ ALONG BOOKS

@ReadAKitaab book club, we select one book every month & read it together, at our own pace, at our own place & then we come together to discuss the book in detail on a pre-scheduled date. Use the QR link to learn more about participating in Read Along.



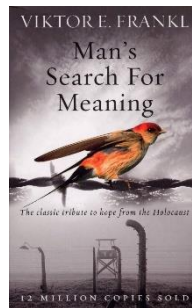
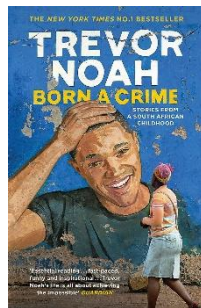
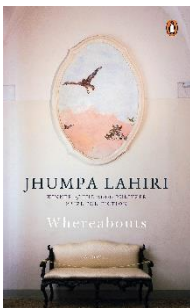
Current book of the month:

Tomb of Sand (originally titled Ret Samadhi, Hindi: रेत समाधि) is a 2018 Hindi-language novel by Indian author Geetanjali Shree. It was translated into English by U.S. translator Daisy Rockwell. In 2022, the book became the first novel translated from an Indian language to win the International Booker Prize.



Past Read Along Books.

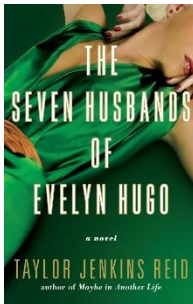
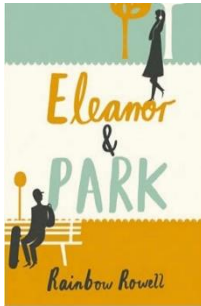
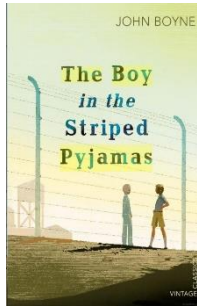
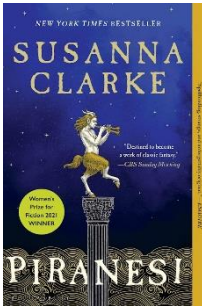
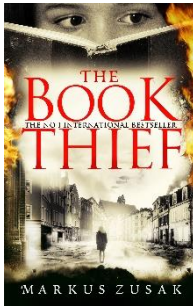
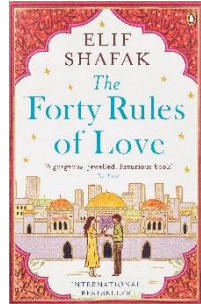
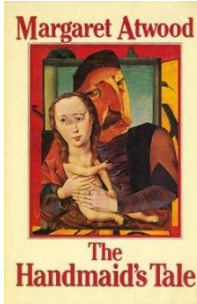
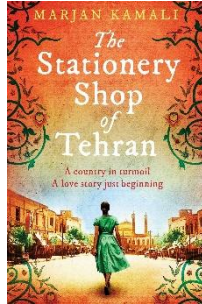
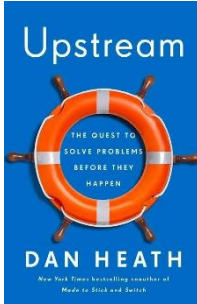
If interested, click and buy at a special price



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Book Club



“There is no surer foundation for a beautiful friendship than a mutual taste in literature.”

- P.G. Wodehouse



READ A KITAAB - NEWSLETTERS

Newsletter from the club gets published periodically, covering news and information from the reading world. If you are interested in our newsletters, then please enrol now.





BLOGGING WORKSHOP

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BLOGGING

Workshop on blogs

By Nupur Roopa, published writer, blogger and International magazines contributor

HOW TO WRITE

Blogs, blogging, seo optimising

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- Assignments
- Q&A

For more details:



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IF TREES COULD SPEAK

“To immigrants and exiles everywhere,
The uprooted, the re-rooted, the rootless,
And to the trees we left behind,
Rooted in our memories...”
- Elif Shafak, *The Island of Missing Trees*

The surprising links between humans and the natural world.



Literature & Human Rights



Love Affair with Istanbul



ELIF SHAFAK



INTERNATIONAL BOOKER 2022

“उसे छूट है कि भागे, बहे, नदी, झील, नये-नये सोते में।
'नहीं' से राह खुलती है। 'नहीं' से आज़ादी बनती है।
'नहीं' से मज़ा आता है। - Geetanjali Shree

“My Language: Why and How Hindi” by International Booker
2022 Winner



**Daisy Rockwell &
Geetanjali Shree
reads out**



**Geetanjali Shree on
Ret Samadi**



**GEETANJALI SHREE
DAISY ROCKWELL**





FOUR LEGS GOOD, TWO LEGS BAD

“In our age there is no such thing as 'keeping out of politics.' All issues are political issues, and politics itself is a mass of lies, evasions, folly, hatred and schizophrenia.”

- George Orwell

**11 Scarily Accurate
George Orwell Quotes
About Truth**



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**The Best George Orwell
Essays Everyone
Should Read**



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GEORGE ORWELL



“That is part of the beauty of all literature. You discover that your longings are universal longings, that you're not lonely and isolated from anyone. You belong.”

— F. Scott Fitzgerald



READING FOR PLEASURE

“I read for pleasure and that is the moment I learn the most.”
- Margaret Atwood

The path of a reader is not a runway but more a hack through a forest, with individual twists and turns, entanglements and moments of surprise. (Holden, 2004)

The Joys of Reading



Readings for Pleasure



“A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies . . .
The man who never reads lives only one.”

- George R.R. Martin (American novelist and short-story writer, screenwriter and television producer.)



THE CELEBRITY OUTSIDER

“All these English-speaking authors, they all knew about each other, they were reading about each other. But even when I was well known, I was in a different category, socially. Although with good intentions socially I was welcomed, I felt I was not at home, not because I found the festivals phony, but [because of]my Turkishness”

- Orhan Pamuk

In certain nations too much anxiety about being too much influenced by west..



The Celebrity Outsider



A Conversation with Orhan Pamuk



ORHAN PAMUK



FEMINISM IS FOR EVERYBODY

“Feminist is not a dirty word”

bell hooks changed how we think about Black femininity, class, and capitalism.



**10 Great Articles and
Essays about Feminism**



Feminism Articles



COMING OUT AS DALIT

“Coming Out As Dalit - A Memoir” is Yashica Dutt's personal story as to how she, as a middle-class Dalit belonging to a family with two generations of government servants, navigates herself while aspiring for a life that has been ingrained in her to only belong to the upper caste.”

I never saw caste for what it really is—the invisible arm that turns the gears in nearly every system in our country.



**YASHICA
DUTT**
Journalist and author

COMING OUT AS
DALIT: A MEMOIR



**Twelve books that form
part of the arsenal of
Dalit writing**



**YASHICA
DUTT**



SORRY, BUT SPEED READING WON'T HELP YOU READ MORE

“I took a speed-reading course and read *War and Peace* in twenty minutes. It involves Russia.””

- Woody Allen

The holy grail is increasing reading speed without sacrificing comprehension.

**Sorry, But Speed Reading
Won't Help You Read More**



Speed Reading is a Myth



Interesting Fact

“By reading just 20 minutes per day, you will actually end up reading 1.8 million words in one year. With an average of 500 words per page, that means you would read 3,600 pages per year. That’s 12 books with 300 pages each.”





BOOKS ARE LOVE

“There is something divinely magical about books that a book lover knows”

- Nupur Roopa

Books Are Love



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Knock, knock! who's there?



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India's wild greens come back



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**NUPUR
ROOPA**



MY BRAIN IS TRYING TO KILL ME

“If good things lasted forever, would we appreciate how precious they are?”
- Hobbes

My brain is trying to kill me



Calvin and Hobbes by Bill Watterson

Why Calvin and Hobbes is a great literature?



25 Great Calvin and Hobbes Strips



BLACK LITERATURE

“We are not fighting for integration, nor are we fighting for separation. We are fighting for recognition as human beings... In fact, we are actually fighting for rights that are even greater than civil rights and that is human rights.”

- Malcolm X (Black Revolution)

**Black Literature
Timeline**



**62 Great Books by
Black Authors**



“To know how much there is to know is the beginning of learning to live”

- Dorothy West (The Richer, The Poorer”)



WHAT'S NEEDED IS MAGIC

“But the longer I’ve lived, the more I’ve lost what’s inside me—and ended up empty.”

- Haruki Murakami - Kafka on the shore

**Writing Advice from
Haruki Murakami**



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**5 Great Essays from
Haruki Murakami**



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**Haruki Murakami's
life is so colorful**



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ESSENTIAL FEMINIST BOOKS

“Censor the body and you censor breath and speech at the same time. Write yourself. Your body must be heard.”

- Helene Cixous, *The Laugh of the Medusa*

“Feminism is hated because women are hated. Antifeminism is a direct expression of misogyny; it is the political defense of woman hating.”

- Andrea Dworkin, *Right-Wing Women*

“Of all the nasty outcomes predicted for women's liberation...none was more alarming than the suggestion that women would eventually become just like men.”

- Barbara Ehrenreich

Feminist Reading List



QUEER LITERATURE

“In fact, we, the LGBTQ community, have always been here. We were required to lead invisible lives out of necessity. We loved who we loved in the background of society because it was too dangerous to do otherwise.”

- Gayla Turner, Don't You Dare: Uncovering Lost Love

It still strikes me as strange that anyone could have any moral objection to someone else's sexuality. It's like telling someone else how to clean their house.

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Books to Read for Pride Month (and Beyond)



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40 Essential LGBTQ+ Documentaries



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Queer Literature - Top Five



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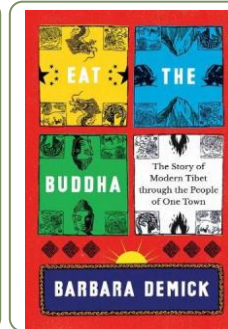
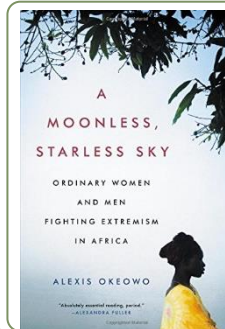
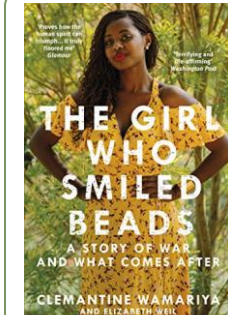
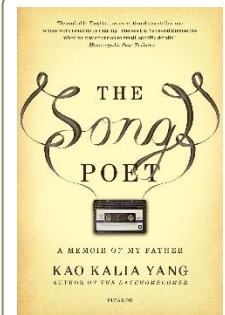
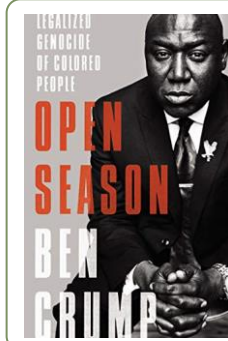
Interesting Fact

“Warsaw is the city with the biggest number of libraries per capita -with a whopping 11.5 books per 100,000 citizens.”





NOT SO POPULAR RECOMMENDATIONS





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You can also join our telegram channel that will send you information to read every day. [Join the Channel](#)

Happy Reading 😊

If you have feedback/suggestions, we would love to hear them.
Please write to us.

