

Carlton Book Club

Carlton Book Club was formed in 1996 with three members and the chosen book 'One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich' by Aleksander Solzhenitsyn. The group has continued to grow in strength since that day with thirteen members now. We are a lively group of readers, who meet every 6 weeks to ponder and discuss a variety of books, popular and classical, revisiting old favourites and sampling new authors. This often leads to discussions about films, theatre productions, TV and radio programmes, featuring the authors and books that we have read. Books are chosen by our members in turn who then host the evening discussion with a bottle of wine, nibbles and lots of good spirit.

We have recently taken a survey amongst our members to establish our favourite books from the 100 books read over the years. This was a very difficult choice because we all like different books for various reasons and narrowing it down wasn't easy. This revealed a huge variety of authors and titles, far too many to mention here.

However as a matter of interest over the fourteen years we have been meeting, the six most favourite books are -

The Poisonwood Bible by Barbara Kingsolver
House on the Strand by Daphne Du Maurier
The Magus by John Fowles
The Constant Gardener by John Le Carre
A Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovitch by Aleksander Solzhenitsyn
Bleak House by Charles Dickens

Quite a variety of reading there.

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