

Carlton Book Club

Carlton Book Club was formed in 1996 with just three members and the first book was “One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich” by Alexander Solzhenitsyn. The group has grown in strength since that day with around over 12 members now. The group are a lively bunch, who meet every 6 weeks to ponder and discuss a wide variety of books, popular and classical, revisiting old favourites and sampling new authors. This often leads to discussions about films, theatre productions and TV and radio programmes, featuring the authors that have been read. Books are chosen by the members in turn who then host the evening discussion at their home with a bottle (or two) of wine, nibbles and lots of good spirit.

The club was organised by Anne Swallow who did a sterling job for over 25 years. Anne and Pat Lockwood are the only founding members still with the group. Sue Sarson took over the task in January 2024.

The last six books that have been read were:

The Rose Code	Kate Quinn
Wish You Were Here	Jodie Picoult
Just My Luck	Adele Parks
The Lincoln Highway	Amor Towles
The Women	Kristin Hannah
Orbital	Samantha Harvey

A very varied selection which generated a range of differing responses both good and ‘not so good’.

Carlton Book Club will be celebrating 30 years in 2026. If you wish more information please email Sue Sarson on suebbs@aol.com

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