

Chapter One Book Group

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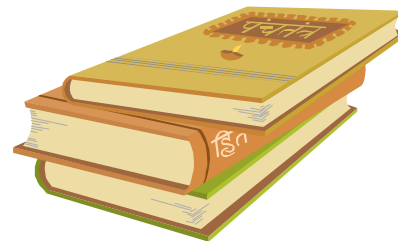
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In the Garden of Beasts

In the Garden of Beasts by Eric Larson has been on best seller lists from the time of its release. It is a compelling nonfiction read depicting the rise of Adolf Hitler and the Third Reich. The book tells the story of William Dowd, the first U.S. ambassador to Nazi Germany in 1933. Berlin is the back drop for the dazzling social life and political meetings and the life of William's daughter Martha.

William Dodd was an academic historian living a quiet life in Chicago when he was assigned by President Roosevelt to maintain U.S. relations with Germany. When Dodd arrived in Germany in July 1933 Jews were targets of violence and restrictions.

You will be astonished by



how complacent our government and the world seemed to be during this period of time, viewing Hitler as not a threat.

The twists and turns of this book will do much to demonstrate to the reader why it took so long for the United States and the world to recognize the atrocities of Hitler and Nazi Germany.

This novel is not to be missed.

Please join us on December 8 for what is sure to be an interesting book group discussion.

The discussion will be lead by Lynn Warheit.

Chapter One Meeting Dates

November 3, 2011	April 19, 2012
December 8, 2011	May 24, 2012
January 26, 2012	June 21, 2012
March 8, 2012	

NEW MEMBERS

We encourage and welcome new members to join us at any time. Attendance at each meeting is not a requirement.

If you see that we are reading a book that you are interested in join us for our discussion. Several of our members have not had the opportunity to complete a book but love to join us for the discussion.

The meetings are a wonderful opportunity to share your love reading, meet members of our congregation and enjoy lively discussions.

Although this group is sponsored by Sisterhood it is not limited to Sisterhood members or females. Bring your friends for a stimulating night out.

Our meetings begin at

6:45 p.m. and end no later than 8:30 p.m.

Meetings are held in the Temple Library.

*“Books are divided
into 2 classes, the
books of the hour and
the books of all time.”*
John Ruskin

Thinking Ahead

At our November Meeting we will be selecting our books for the rest of this Chapter One year.

Please bring your recommendations to this meeting.

Our selections will include a variety of genres including fiction, nonfiction, biographies, memoirs and mystery. Come and share a selection by your favorite

author or enjoy hearing about a new author from your fellow members.

This meeting will be held on November 3 at 6:45 p.m. in the Temple Library.

Don't miss this important meeting.

Bringing back the classics?

“ A classic is something that everybody wants to have read but nobody wants to read” wrote Mark Twain.

What classic do you wish to have read or better yet would like to read again willingly, not as a dreaded

assignment in high school or college.

Let us know a classic that you might be interested in reading.

And yes, then we can say we read a classic in our book group.

What we have read and discussed...

The Lost Symbol by Dan Brown	Olive Kitteridge by Elizabeth Stout
The Invisible Bridge by Julie Orringer	March by Geraldine Brooks
Cutting for Stone by Abraham Verghese	Prayer for Owen Meany by John Irving
Unbroken by Laura Hillenbrand	
Queen of Dreams By Chitra Banerjee	

Leading a Book Group

The first and most obvious step is to read the book.

Write down important page numbers and passages.

Come up with 8-10 questions about the book to lead to discussions.

Let others answer first. You want to facilitate the discussion, promote conversation and encourage those that are quieter to feel comfortable

participating. Your role is not to be the teacher but to be knowledgeable.

Make connections between comments to keep the flow of the discussion moving.

Rein in the tangents.

Don't be obligated to get through all of your questions.

Wrap up the discussion in the set time frame.

Be prepared for the surprising directions discussions may take. Often a member's personal insight or experience in a topic will surely add a zest to the discussion.

How do we select a facilitator for our group?

You can also research articles or find "filler" articles by accessing the World Wide Web. You can write about a variety of topics but try to keep your articles short.

Much of the content you put in your newsletter can

also be used for your Web site. Microsoft Word offers a simple way to convert your newsletter to a Web publication. So, when you're finished writing your newsletter, convert it to a Web site and post it.

A great way to add useful

content to this newsletter is to develop and write your own articles, or include a calendar of upcoming events or a special offer that promotes a new product.

"The more that you read, the more things you know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."

Dr. Seuss

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The Chapter One Book Group was formed about one year ago and continues to evolve as we learn the interests of our participants. We hope our current members and new members will join us and share your thoughts and interests in reading.

Information on our activities can be found on the Congregation Beth Emeth website under the Sisterhood Section.

Events are also listed on the weekly event emails sent out by Gail Kendall, Executive Director of Beth Emeth.

We're on the Web!
Bethemeth.org

What Might We Read Next?

The Paris Wife

Paul McLain

Caleb's Crossing

Geraldine Brooks

Marriage Plot

Jeffrey Eugenides

Winter Garden

Kristen Hannah

Cleopatra

Stacey Schiff

Those Who Saved Us

Rachel Blum

Nothing Daunted

Dorothy Woodruff

Killing Lincoln

Bill O'Reilly

The Sweetness at the
Bottom of the Pie

Alan Bradley