

Different books, one conversation

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A book club with different books: a 30-minute plan

3-6 people, including the host. Finishing the book is optional. Listening, passing a turn or skipping a question are welcome. Keep endings and twists out of the conversation.

Follow the clock

0-3 min	Welcome and names. Explain the pass option and stay with each book's opening.
3-5 min	Prepare quietly: title, author, one-sentence introduction and one reaction.
5-17 min	Book round: introduce the book, share one reaction and leave room for questions. Include the host.
17-25 min	Choose a prompt below. Invite anyone who has not spoken to contribute or pass; then open the discussion.
25-28 min	Note books that interest you. Check titles and author names; choosing no book is fine.
28-30 min	What should we keep or change? Decide whether to meet again and who will coordinate. Finish on time.

Fit the turns into 12 minutes

3 people: up to 4 minutes each.

4 people: up to 3 minutes each.

5 people: up to 2 minutes each + 2 minutes for notes or missed questions.

6 people: up to 2 minutes each.

Questions count within each turn. If someone passes or finishes early, use the remaining time for questions or quiet notes.

Six prompts: choose one

1. What made you choose the book? Has your reason for reading it changed?
2. What is reading or listening to it like? What gives you that impression?
3. Which detail from the opening stayed with you, without revealing what happens later?
4. Where did your attention drift or sharpen? What shaped that response?
5. Who might enjoy it? Describe the subject or starting situation and reading experience, without revealing later events.
6. Did another person's book remind you of yours? Name one similarity and one difference.

If needed: "I'll pause us so the next person gets a turn." "We can stay with the book, or pass." "Let's save twists for afterwards, with anyone who wants to hear them."

Books to look up later

Title	Author	What interests me