

Kennebecasis Public Library - Book Club Program

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Email: Madaline.boutilier@gnb.ca Phone: (506) 849-5314 and ask for her. Please let Kirstin know which book(s) are selected so she can contact Madaline to reserve the book(s) the club wants to read next.

Date of the next meeting: Thursday, May 29, at 1:30PM.

February, Lisa Moore

About the Author: Lisa Moore has written two collections of stories, Degrees of Nakedness and Open, as well as a novel, Alligator. Open and Alligator were both nominated for the Giller Prize. Alligator won the Commonwealth Prize for the Canadian Caribbean Region and the ReLit Award, and Open won the Canadian Authors' Association Jubilee Prize for Short Fiction. Lisa has also written for television, radio, magazines (EnRoute, The Walrus and Chatelaine) and newspapers (The Globe and Mail and The National Post). Lisa has a Bachelor of Arts degree from the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design. She also studied at Memorial University of Newfoundland, where she became a member of The Burning Rock Collective, a group of St. John's writers.

A) Here are 10 discussion questions to help kick-off discussion. Members can take turns reading the question aloud.

- 1. What do you think of the book's title? How does it relate to the book's contents? What other title might you choose?
- 2. Which twist surprised you the most? Why did this surprise you?
- 3. Share a favorite quote from the book. Why did this quote stand out?
- 4. If you could ask the author anything, what would it be?
- 5. How did your opinion of the book change as you read it?
- 6. Did the book spook you, or get under your skin, in any way?
- 7. Are there plot points the book didn't address?
- 8. Did you guess the ending? If so, at what point?
- 9. How did you feel about the ending? How might you change it?



- 10. Would you read another book by these authors? Why or why not?
- B) Book questions and discussion from Book Club Members.
- C) Discussion and choosing of the next book to read (by popular vote).

May: Things Fall Apart, by Chinua Achebe

C) Writing Prompts Exercise

Immediately following Book Club, join Book Club member Molly Titus for a writing exercise called "Prompts".

How it works: A title is chosen, we write on that title for 10 minutes, then stop. The results can be surprising, satisfying and shocking! If anyone wants to read their piece to the group, they can, but there is no pressure to do so. We may try 2 or 3 prompts, depending on time and enjoyment. All Book Club members are welcome to stay for this writing exercise. All you need is pen and paper.