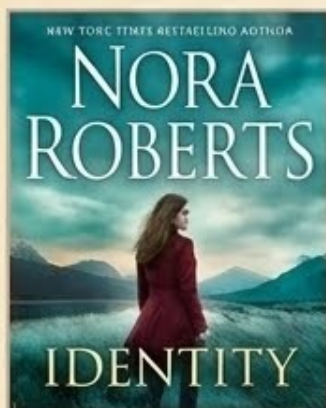


THE PAGETURNERS BOOK CLUB

Q1 QUARTERLY INSIGHTS: January - March

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Our Book Club read three interesting and very different books this quarter.



IDENTITY by Nora Roberts

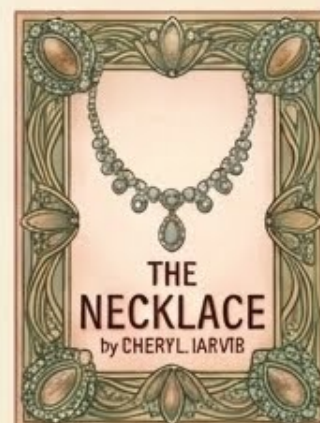
Roberts is a prolific writer who must have a winning formula since her books sell so well. She writes what I call "aeroplane" novels, suitable to read quickly in several sessions. The subject matter is interesting since it goes to everything we despise about identity theft. A psychopath serial killer who hates women not only ruins them financially but enjoys killing them for kicks. The only one that got away alive Morgan Albright although she lost her house and was in serious debt from fraudulent loans taken out in her name. As Morgan reclaims her life, her stalker spirals downward and is overpowered by Morgan's self-defence skills when he finally makes an attempt on her life. Along the way we learn about cocktail making (she's a bartender), repurposing materials for restoration, cooking the best roast potatoes, some IT and security tips.

Our Rating: 7/10

THE NECKLACE by Cheryl Jarvis

Based on a true story, 13 Californian women join together to purchase an expensive diamond necklace for a bargain price. The store owner sees the value in letting the necklace go to this group of women since he knows it will bring good PR for his business. Additionally, he wants his wife to belong to this group. Each chapter is dedicated to a member. All the different personalities changed for the better, extroverts rounded out, shy members came out of their shell and all women enjoyed a sense of belonging. Some never enjoyed friendships with women in the past. The necklace attracted a lot of publicity and became a symbol of love and generosity. Lots of charities benefitted from the fundraisers the group organised.

Our Rating: Almost 7/10



Our Rating: 6/10



THE MIDNIGHT LIBRARY by Matt Haig: 6.5/10

Unlike any other book I've ever read. It has a very powerful message, complex yet simple. It celebrates the power of books to change lives. Nora Seed is miserable and after losing her low paid sales job and finding her cat dead she decides to end her life. Whilst in the transition stage between life and death, Nora visits the Midnight Library to view her Book of Regrets. Somehow, either magically or because of parallel universes or quantum physics, etc, she gets to live different versions of her life by changing past decisions and undoing regrets. Ultimately, she decides to live because she learns so much about herself and comes to realise her potential and the positive side of the life she has built. Themes of hope, love, relationships, second chances and making the best of what you have. Great lessons in life!

HAPPY READING,
Carolynne Mucharsky

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