

Your first meeting, sorted.

A free starter kit to go with “Your first book club meeting: a simple checklist.” Print it, and everything below fits on one page you can hand out.

BEFORE THE MEETING

- ☐ Pick a short, fun first book (under ~300 pages, hard to put down).
- ☐ Lock the date, time, and place, then share your club’s invite link.
- ☐ Collect RSVPs so you know how many chairs to set out.
- ☐ Prep three or four discussion questions (there are ten below).
- ☐ Sort out snacks and enough seating for everyone to sit in a circle.

THE NIGHT ITSELF · ~90 MIN

Arrival and settling: drinks, snacks, hellos	10-15 min
Quick introductions plus a light icebreaker	10 min
The discussion (use the questions below)	40-50 min
Choose the next book: put it to a vote	10 min
Set the next date before anyone stands up	5 min

Icebreakers, if folks don’t all know each other:

What’s a book you’d happily reread every year?

What made you want to join a book club now?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR ANY BOOK

- 1 In one word, how did this book leave you feeling?

- 2 What was going through your head when you closed the last page?

- 3 Which character did you most want to shake by the shoulders?

- 4 Who did you relate to more than you wanted to admit?

- 5 Did the ending earn itself, or did it cheat?

- 6 What do you think the author was really trying to say?

- 7 Did the book change your mind about anything, even slightly?

- 8 Was there a sentence or passage you stopped and reread just because it was good?

- 9 Did any part of this book hit closer to home than you expected?

- 10 Keep it, gift it, or donate it?



SCAN TO START YOUR CLUB, FREE

My Book Club

Opens ChapterPals with your club named and ready. It gathers RSVPs, sends reminders, and runs the vote for your next book. No spreadsheet, no group-text chaos.

chapterpals.com/?newClub=1&clubName=My%20Book%20Club&ref=kit_first-meeting