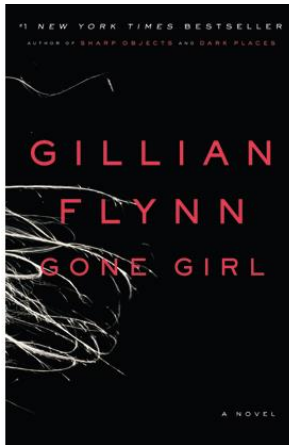


Gone Girl

By Gillian Flynn



Gone Girl by Gillian Flynn captivated the book club right from the start. As much as the characters frustrated us, we still kept turning the pages and wanted to know more. This thriller was layered with plot twists and surprises right to the last page. Very cleverly written.

The group got into some deep conversation on the outlook of the characters and how they viewed life. Flynn was able to write about such “out there” personalities and still make you relate to the.

We would recommend this book to anyone to read and it will make you stay up late to keep finding out more.

Our first book club meet up gave this book a



Our next books for November reviews is ***A Great and Terrible Beauty*** by Libba Bray.

Lullabies for Little Criminals

By Heather O'Neil



Lullabies for Little Criminals by Heather O'Neil tore at everyone heart strings. The main character did not have a chance with her unfortunate upbringing. The numbness and normalcy of her response to very sad and scary situations was hard to read. The group would recommend this book and the authors writing was clearly a personal biography.

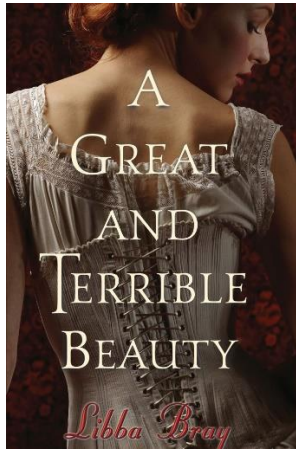


We have a copy of this book in our lending library at the Chappelle Gardens Residents Association so please come take a copy and find out for yourself what the Pilgrimage of Harold Fry is all about.

Our next books for November reviews is ***The Glass Castle by Jeannette Walls.***

A Great and Terrible Beauty

By Libba Bray



A Great and Terrible Beauty by Libba Bray is a Young Adult Victorian England supernatural novel about a group of four young ladies who explore the Realms of the Order. Each girl demonstrates a different side of a sixteen year old: the Beauty, the Leader, the Quiet girl, and the Mysterious, new girl. Together they learn who they are and what they want out of their lives. Libba Bray has these girls questioning the norms of their gender in the time period.

Power is a major topic of this novel. The author explores the power of a woman, the power of friendship, and magical powers.

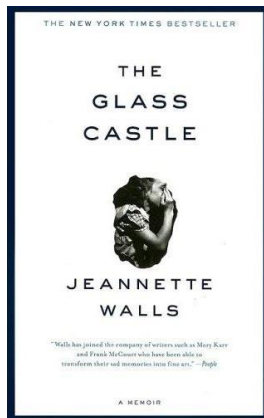
As teens, we would have given this book a 5/5. At the end of our discussion, the group settled on a 4/5 with the wish to finish the series!



Our next books for November reviews is 'The Alice Network' by Kate Quinn. We are planning to meet January 10th

The Glass Castle

By Jeannette Walls



The general feelings on the book were that it was almost unbelievable at points, and we felt the tone of the book shift from a matter-of-fact look at life, to anger, to guilt. We universally disliked Rose Mary, and couldn't agree on whether Rex truly believed the things he said, or if they were a result of his attempt to drink his way past the events of his life. We felt that they stayed as a family unit because Rex could not handle leaving his children, and though Rose Mary did not necessarily want children, she wanted to be with Rex. Overall, we thought the book was a unique insight into the relationship between parents and children, and how even in the most dysfunctional of relationships, it's nearly impossible for a child to walk away from their parents - "condemn your parents, and you condemn yourself" was how one person put it. We also talked about the "freedom of homelessness" and how the book explored how people find themselves to be homeless, and why they would choose to live the way the Walls' did.

We recommend this book as an eye-opening and enthralling read.

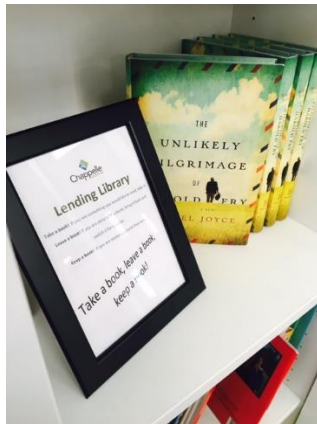


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Our next books for January is ***Lamb*** by Christopher Moore.

The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry

By Rachel Joyce



The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry by Rachel Joyce was the Chappelle Gardens Book Club first book to review. Twenty-Two Chappelle Garden Residents signed up for our book club and read this book about an unexpected letter and impulsive act. The writing of this book was clean and simple, with a slow moving start to a journey that captivates you.

Our reviews were divided on whether we loved Harold or were annoyed with him, but either way it is a thought provoking story that makes you question relationships, marriage, age and motive. Pretty much all book club members said at first they were happy to have read this book.



Our first book club meet up gave this book a



Our second group gave this book a

We have four copies of this book in our lending library at the Chappelle Gardens Residents Association so please come take a copy and find out for yourself what the Pilgrimage of Harold Fry is all about.

Our next books for November reviews is ***Lullabies for Little Criminals*** and ***Gone Girl***.