

# ARTEMIS BY ANDY WEIR

## The Better Book Clubs Review:

The **novel** takes place in the late 2080s and is set in **Artemis**, the first and so far only city on the Moon. It follows the life of porter and smuggler Jasmine "Jazz" Bashara as she gets caught up in a conspiracy for control of the city. Excellent creation of the setting that you can really picture. There is more to this book than just a "Sci-fi" book. Very well written woman characters, with a strong feminist over tone that is not in your face.

**"Rounded,  
interesting  
characters"**

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**"Would be a great  
movie"**

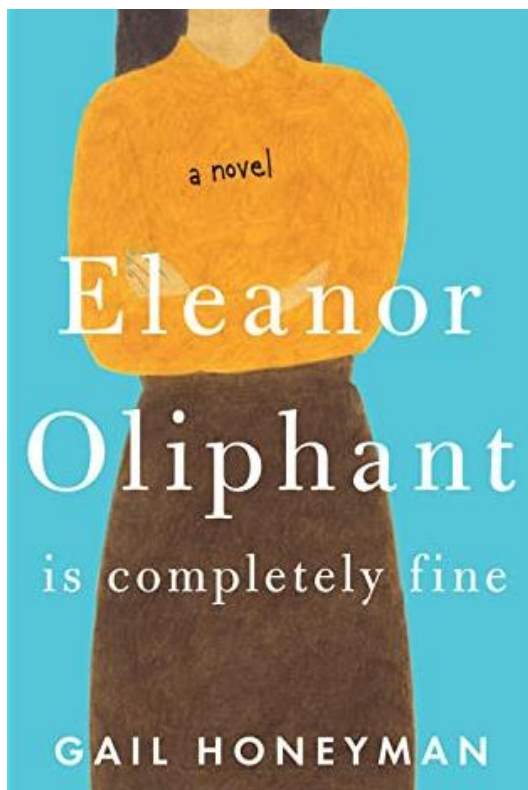
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**"Accessible,  
intriguing dialogue  
and narration"**

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**WE GAVE THIS  
BOOK 4 OUT OF 5  
STARS**





## ELEANOR OLIPHANT IS COMPLETELY FINE BY GAIL HONEYMAN

### Book Club Review:

Meet Eleanor Oliphant: She struggles with appropriate social skills and tends to say exactly what she's thinking. Nothing is missing in her carefully timetabled life of avoiding social interactions, where weekends are punctuated by frozen pizza, vodka, and phone chats with Mummy. Her journey will captivate you and fill your heart.

All members unanimously loved this book and thought it is wonderfully, quirkily funny. You will ache for Eleanor. . . and laugh with her.

**“Nuances are well written”**

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**“Funny, clever and quirky in brilliant ways”**

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**“Great plot twist and a just ending”**

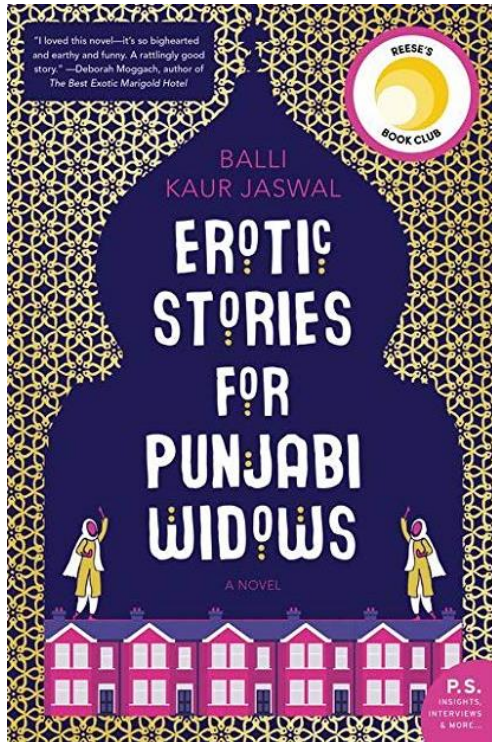
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**WE GAVE THIS  
BOOK 4.5 OUT OF 5  
STARS**



## ***Erotic Stories for Punjabi Widows***

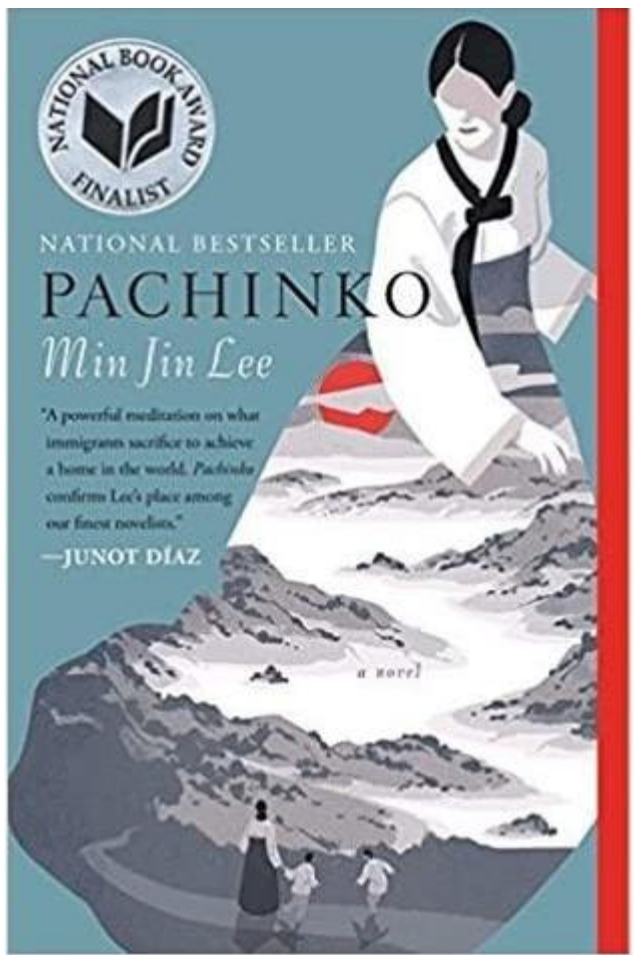
By Balli Kaur Jaswal



An easy and quick read that starts out slow, but the ending is worth it. Some of the book club members loved this book and others were “Meh.” But, this book created great conversations and has lots of themes. Great book for book clubs.

Our book club gave the book...





# PACHINKO BY JIN LEES

## Book Club Review:

LONG – could have been much more condensed. Role of woman highlighted that included breaking barriers, such as careers, raising children and sexuality. The commentary is on Asian culture and the historical events of war and isolation. This book one the National Book Award which was very appropriate in that the book educates the reader on experience and situations that we might not be exposed to. Not necessarily a book that the club would recommend freely.

**“In life, there was so much insult and injury, and she had no choice but to collect what was hers”**

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**“No one is clean. Living makes you dirty”**

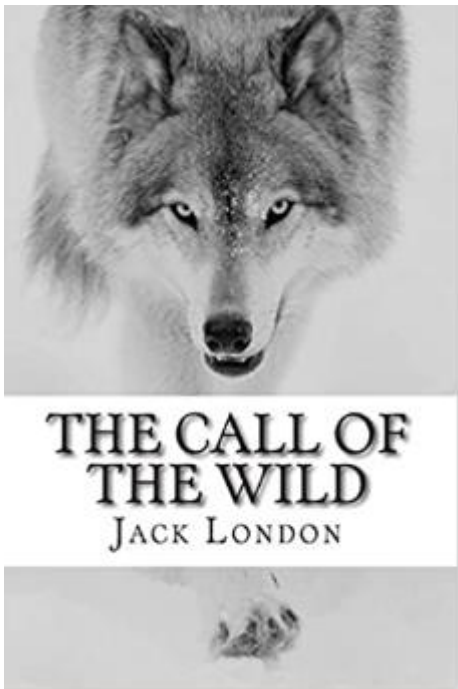
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**“We cannot help but be interested in the stories of people that history pushes aside so thoughtlessly”**

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**WE GAVE THIS  
BOOK 3.5 OUT OF 5  
STARS**





# THE CALL OF THE WILD BY JACK LONDON

## The Better Book Clubs Review:

The Call of the Wild is a novel by Jack London published in 1903. The story is set in the Yukon during the 1890s Klondike Gold Rush—a period when strong sled dogs were in high demand. This short book is a classic that is reminiscent of high school literature. Reading this book invoked a lot of emotion for dog and it is amazing so much feelings could come from a dog point of view. Every chapter was very different and the description is action was beautifully written.

**“Engaging quick read”**

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**“Right amount of action that takes you away from modern life and in the wild outdoors”**

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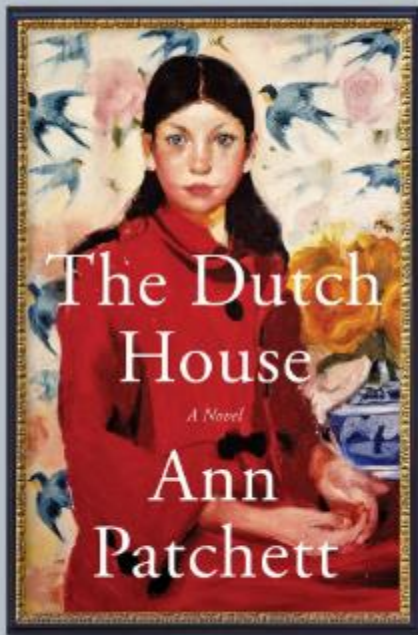
**“Written from dog perspective”**

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**WE GAVE THIS BOOK 3.75 OUT OF 5 STARS**







# THE DUTCH HOUSE BY ANN PATCHETT

## The Better Book Clubs Review:

The novel has an enticing fairy-tale framework that pulls you in, once inside its is a little hallow. Danny & Maeve Conroy are extremely close siblings. Maeve is the older sibling that is more of mother to Danny than their biological mother. They grow-up for the most part in a Gatsby like mansion. Their childhoods are shattered when their mother abandons them & their father dies. The new step-mom is the wicked step-mother from Cinderella. The novel constructs a facade of interest based on the strong foundation between siblings. The character development did not make them likeable and our group had trouble staying interested in the story line.

**“The audio book is amazing because Tom Hanks is the voice”**

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**“Interesting concepts on different classes of society”**

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**“Helping others can harm the ones who assumedly mean the most”**

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**“Cinderella like story”**

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**WE GAVE THIS  
BOOK 3.5 OUT OF 5  
STARS**





# THE OTHER WOMAN BY SANDIE JONES

## Read Between The Wines Book Clubs Review:

A twisted read that is good for beach day! Emily has met the man of her dream-- Adam He is the whole package. And then she meets his mother, Pammie. Pammie is overbearing and protective of Adam her son. She is very hard on all that Emily does, says, and the way she dresses. Being the loved son he is, Adam of course doesn't seem or acknowledge any of this. If we had to choose a message it would be "don't ignore red flags" or "no relationship is worth a terrible MIL".

**“The big reveal was disappointing”**

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**“Mysterious hints of past misdeeds”**

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**“awkward interactions”**

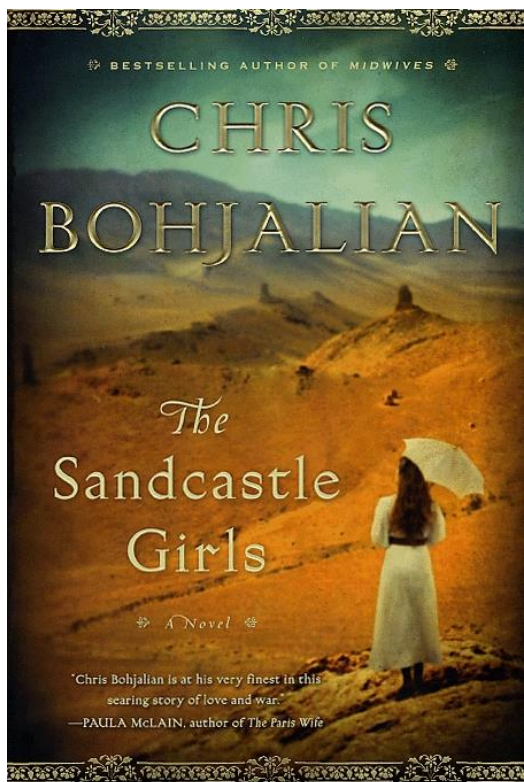
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**“Irritating plot with spineless decisions”**

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**WE GAVE THIS  
BOOK 3 OUT OF 5  
STARS**





# THE SAND CASTLE GIRLS BY CALL OF THE WILD BY CHRIS BOHJALIAN

## Read Between the Wines Book Clubs Review:

“Those who participate in a genocide as well as those who merely look away rarely volunteer much in the way of anecdote or observation,” writes Chris Bohjalian of Lincoln in his 15th book, *The Sandcastle Girls*. “Same with the heroic and righteous. Usually it’s only the survivors who speak — and often they don’t want to talk much about it either.”

**“Easy read that has a good story”**

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**“Thought provoking novel that flows well”**

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**“Written from dog perspective”**

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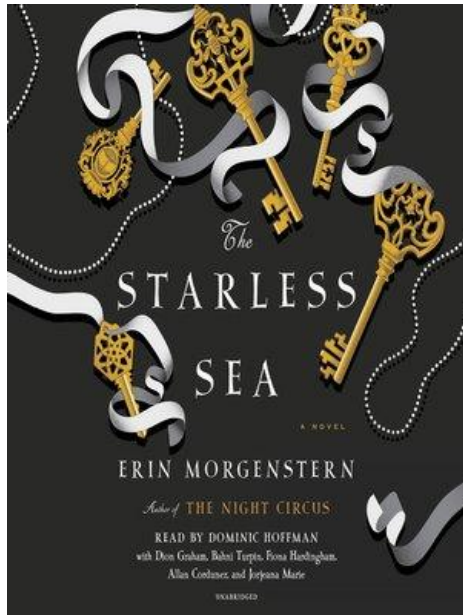
**WE GAVE THIS BOOK 4 OUT OF 5 STARS**





## ***The Starless Sea***

By Erin Morgenstern



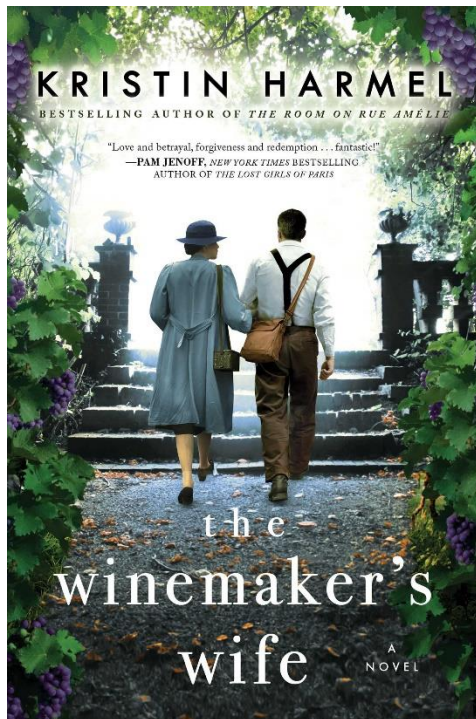
This is a captivating story that completely draws you into this underground fantasy world. You need a lot of brain power to mentally focus on all the plot lines and vivid imagery that the author has woven together into a complex story. Not your typical love stories, but they all work and keep you on the edge of your seat until the end.

Our book club gave the book...



## ***The Winemaker's Wife***

By Kristin Harmel



The Winemaker's Wife is a stirring, immersive story set in France during the early 1940s, as well present day, that is told primarily from three different perspectives. This is a complex story of love, betrayal and courage packaged in an easy read. Everyone finished the book in the club and found the plot easy to follow with unexpected turns. The lack of stars is due to lack of character development. There was complex relationships that were not fully developed.

We gave it a 3.5 out of 5 stars





# UNTAMED BY GLENNON DOYLE

## The Better Book Clubs Review:

Throughout this memoir, Doyle is relentless in her search for self-knowledge. The central question at the heart of the memoir is: How do we remain true to our innermost truths, even when the world would have us choose otherwise, and, more importantly—how do we arrive at those innermost stories when the world would make us the protagonists of a different story?

Our book club was a bit divided on the approach and context of this memoir, but this book helped create amazing conversations. An hour and a half of book club talk was not enough! Everyone finished the book and would recommend to specific woman or men in their lives. We all think this is worth a read!

**“The audio book seemed more impactful than reading the hard copy of the book”**

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**“Belonging” versus “fitting in” really resides. Create a horseshoe, not a circle”**

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**“Short to the point chapters made this book a quick read and captivated the reader”**

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**WE GAVE THIS  
BOOK 4 OUT OF 5  
STARS**

