

Shine the Light on Domestic Violence

Attention Book Clubs and Literature Classes

Are you meeting in October? Participate in Domestic Violence Awareness Month and “Shine the Light on Domestic Violence” by expanding your knowledge and talking about the issue. Book club members can wear purple (the awareness color) to the meeting. You can even serve purple food and drinks. Get creative! A suggested book list, including fiction, autobiographies and non-fiction, follows. For a reliable source of domestic violence information, visit our [website](#) before or during the meeting and see our victim handbook, “[Finding Safety & Support.](#)”

Want to take it to the next level?

- Consider collecting money from each member and donating it to your local domestic violence program. For a list of programs: <https://www.nyscadv.org/statewide-dv-directory/>
- Other suggestions for getting involved: http://www.opdv.ny.gov/difference/donate_volunteer.html
- Be prepared to share the NYS Domestic and Sexual Violence Hotline: **1-800-942-6906.**

Book List

- *A Natural Woman*, Carole King
- *An Early Frost*, Jenna Brooks
- *A Streetcar Named Desire*, Tennessee Williams
- *A Thousand Splendid Suns*, Khaled Hosseini
- *Backseat Saints*, Joshilyn Jackson
- *Bastard Out of Carolina*, Dorothy Allison
- *Batterer as Parent (The): Addressing the Impact of Domestic Violence on Family Dynamics*, Lundy Bancroft
- *Because I Am Furniture*, Thalia Chaltas
- *Behind Closed Doors*, B.A. Paris
- *Big Little Lies*, Liane Moriarty
- *Bitter End*, Jennifer Brown
- *Black and Blue: A Novel*, Anna Quindlen
- *Bloodroot*, Amy Greene
- *Blue-Eyed Devil*, Lisa Kleypas
- *Burning Bed (The)*, Faith McNulty
- *But I Love Him*, Amanda Grace
- *Casual Vacancy (The)*, J.K. Rowling
- *Chosen One (The)*, Carol Lynch Williams
- *Color Purple (The)*, Alice Walker

Book List (Cont'd)

- *Crazy Love*, Leslie Morgan Steiner
- *Dance Upon the Air*, Nora Roberts
- *Don't Make Me Beautiful*, Elle Casey
- *Dreamland*, Sarah Dessen
- *Eleanor & Park*, Rainbow Rowell
- *Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Cafe: A Novel*, Fannie Flagg
- *Gift of Fear (The)*, Gavin De Becker
- *Girl on the Train (The)*, Paula Hawkins
- *Girl Who Played with Fire (The)*, Stieg Larsson
- *Goldfinch (The)*, Donna Tartt
- *Gone Girl*, Gillian Flynn
- *Gravedigger's Daughter, (The)*, Joyce Carol Oates
- *Handmaid's Tale (The)*, Margaret Atwood
- *Hurricane Sisters (The)*, Dorothea Benton Frank
- *Hush Little Baby*, Suzanne Redfearn
- *I Am Nujood, Age 10 and Divorced*, Nujood Ali
- *I Closed My Eyes: Revelations of a Battered Woman*, Michele Weldon
- *If I Am Missing or Dead: A Sister's Story of Love, Murder, and Liberation*, Janine Latus
- *I Let You Go*, Clare Mackintosh
- *Into the Darkest Corner*, Elizabeth Haynes
- *Into the Free*, Julie Cantrell
- *I, Tina*, Tina Turner
- *Last One Home*, Debbie Macomber
- *Mill River Recluse (The)*, Darcie Chan
- *My Whispers of Horror: Letters Telling Women's True Tales from Ex-USSR Nations*, Olga Brine
- *Murderer's Daughters (The)*, Randy Susan Meyers
- *No Ordinary Life*, Suzanne Redfearn
- *Perks of Being a Wallflower (The)*, Stephen Chbosky
- *Picture Perfect*, Jodi Picoult
- *Please Ignore Vera Dietz*, A.S. King
- *Prince of Tides (The)*, Pat Conroy
- *Purple Hibiscus*, Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
- *Reason to Breathe*, Rebecca Donovan
- *Safe Haven*, Nicholas Sparks
- *Second Trial (The)*, Rosemarie Boll
- *Secret Life of Bees (The)*, Sue Monk Kidd

Book List (Cont'd)

- *Secrets of Eden: A Novel*, Chris Bohjalian
- *Shelter Mountain*, Robyn Carr
- *Sound of Glass (The)*, Karen White
- *Split*, Swati Avasthi
- *Stalking of Kristin (The): A Father Investigates the Murder of his Daughter*, George Lardner
- *This Charming Man*, Marian Keyes
- *Torn From the Inside Out*, Josephine Thompson
- *Trail of Broken Wings*, Sejal Badani
- *Trauma and Recovery: The Aftermath of Violence - From Domestic Abuse to Political Terror*, Judith Herman
- *Vinegar Hill (P.S.)*, A. Manette Ansay
- *Water for Elephants*, Sara Gruen
- *Why Does He Do That?: Inside the Minds of Angry and Controlling Men*, Lundy Bancroft
- *Woman Who Walked Into Doors (The)*, Roddy Doyle

If you read any of the above, or any other domestic violence-themed books not on this list, please let us know by taking a photo of your class and/or book club, and sending it to the NYS Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence at: opdvpurple@opdv.ny.gov so we can add it to our Facebook posts and photo albums.



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