

Shine the Light on Domestic Violence

Attention Book Clubs

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: <http://www.nyscadv.org/local-domestic-violence-programs/>
- 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

Black and Blue: A Novel, by Anna Quindlen

The Color Purple, by Alice Walker

Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Cafe: A Novel, by Fannie Flagg

Secrets of Eden: A Novel, by Chris Bohjalian

Vinegar Hill (P.S.), by A. Manette Ansay

Crazy Love, by Leslie Morgan Steiner

A Natural Woman, by Carole King

The Woman Who Walked Into Doors, by Roddy Doyle

Torn From the Inside Out, by Josephine Thompson

The Burning Bed, by Faith McNulty

I Closed My Eyes: Revelations of a Battered Woman, by Michele Weldon

I, Tina, by Tina Turner

The Gift of Fear, by Gavin De Becker

Why Does He Do That?: Inside the Minds of Angry and Controlling Men, by Lundy Bancroft

Next Time She'll Be Dead: Battering and How to Stop It, by Ann Jones

The Stalking of Kristin: A Father Investigates the Murder of his Daughter, by George Lardner

If you take a photo of your book club, send it to the NYS Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence at: opdvpurple@opdv.ny.gov and we'll put it on our Facebook page.



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Book List (cont'd)

Big Little Lies, by Liane Moriarty
The Girl Who Played with Fire, by Stieg Larsson
Black and Blue, by Anna Quindlen
Secrets of Eden, by Chris Bohjalian
The Chosen One, by Carol Lynch Williams
Picture Perfect, by Jodi Picoult
The Casual Vacancy, by J.K. Rowling
Safe Haven, by Nicholas Sparks
Split, by Swati Avasthi
Eleanor & Park, by Rainbow Rowell
An Early Frost, by Jenna Brooks
Purple Hibiscus, by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
Hush Little Baby, by Suzanne Redfearn
Why Does He Do That?: Inside the Minds of Angry and Controlling Men, by Lundy Bancroft
This Charming Man, by Marian Keyes
Into the Darkest Corner, by Elizabeth Haynes
Backseat Saints, by Joshilyn Jackson
If I Am Missing or Dead: A Sister's Story of Love, Murder, and Liberation, by Janine Latus
Last One Home, by Debbie Macomber
The Girl on the Train, by Paula Hawkins
The Mill River Recluse, by Darcie Chan
My Whispers of Horror: Letters Telling Women's True Tales from Ex-USSR Nations, by Olga Brine
The Woman Who Walked Into Doors, by Roddy Doyle
Bitter End, by Jennifer Brown
I Let You Go, by Clare Mackintosh
Dance Upon the Air, by Nora Roberts
Don't Make Me Beautiful, by Elle Casey
Shelter Mountain, by Robyn Carr
Into the Free, by Julie Cantrell
A Streetcar Named Desire, by Tennessee Williams
The Sound of Glass, by Karen White
The Second Trial, by Rosemarie Boll
Blue-Eyed Devil, by Lisa Kleypas
Gone Girl, by Gillian Flynn
Reason to Breathe, by Rebecca Donovan
A Thousand Splendid Suns, by Khaled Hosseini
Dreamland, by Sarah Dessen
Because I Am Furniture, by Thalia Chaltas
The Batterer as Parent: Addressing the Impact of Domestic Violence on Family Dynamics, by Lundy Bancroft
Trauma and Recovery: The Aftermath of Violence - From Domestic Abuse to Political Terror, by Judith

Book List (cont'd)

No Ordinary Life, by Suzanne Redfearn
The Gravedigger's Daughter, by Joyce Carol Oates
Bloodroot, by Amy Greene
The Prince of Tides, by Pat Conroy
I Am Nujood, Age 10 and Divorced, by Nujood Ali
The Hurricane Sisters, by Dorothea Benton Frank
The Goldfinch, by Donna Tartt
Trail of Broken Wings, by Sejal Badani
Please Ignore Vera Dietz, by A.S. King
Bastard Out of Carolina, by Dorothy Allison
The Perks of Being a Wallflower, by Stephen Chbosky
The Secret Life of Bees, by Sue Monk Kidd
The Handmaid's Tale, by Margaret Atwood
But I Love Him, by Amanda Grace