



LHJ BOOK CLUB

Our Pick For March

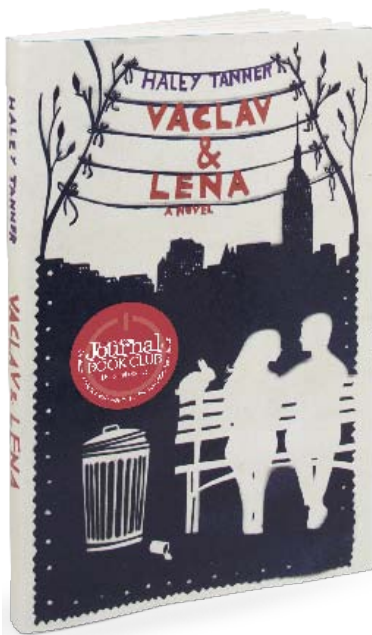
Look no further for your next book-group read! We loved this novel and think you will, too.

Tell us about your book club and enter to win prizes at LHJ.com/bookclub.

VACLAV & LENA
by Haley Tanner

In this tender love story, first-time novelist Tanner creates an indelible portrait of two Russian émigré children living in Brighton Beach, Brooklyn.

Brainy Vaclav, 10, is determined to become a world-famous magician like his hero Harry Houdini and to have his beloved Lena, 9, at his side as his assistant. Vaclav is blessed with doting parents, but Lena's reality is far from magical: As an orphan living in squalor with her troubled aunt, she barely knows English and struggles at school. One day she simply vanishes. Their reunion seven years later—and the revelations behind Lena's disappearance—will pierce your heart. But the character who may just steal it is Vaclav's mother, Rasia, whose boundless love for her only child is fierce, funny and unforgettable.



Tell Us ... What Is Your Book Club Reading This Month?

1. Still Alice

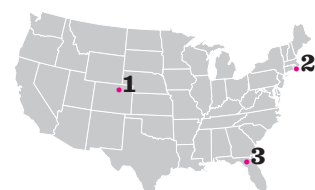
by Lisa Genova
We were haunted by this portrait of a 50-year-old professor with early-onset Alzheimer's. Three of us have had family members touched by this disease. We agreed the book should be required reading.
Holly Bea-Weaver Greeley, Colorado

2. The Lotus Eaters

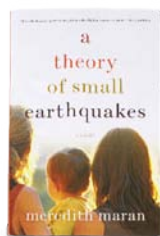
by Tatjana Soli
I'm fascinated by the Vietnam War, but I've never read about it from a woman's perspective. The main character of this novel is a photojournalist scarred by her time there who learns empathy and compassion.
Betsy Learned Bristol, Rhode Island

3. The American Plague: The Untold Story of Yellow Fever, the Epidemic That Shaped Our History

by Molly Caldwell Crosby
We often choose books about history because they teach us so much about where we come from.
Maghan McDowell Gainesville, Florida



15-Second Book Reviews



A Theory of Small Earthquakes
by Meredith Maran

Call it *Two Women, One Man and a Baby*. Maran's take on the modern family is at once unexpected and totally relatable.



Good in a Crisis
by Margaret Overton

Great-memoir alert: Who knew that a bitter divorce, midlife dating and an aneurysm could be this entertaining?



The Flight of Gemma Hardy
by Margot Livesey

Penniless orphan becomes au pair and falls for rich businessman. Sounds like a cheap romance but it's actually a lovely homage to *Jane Eyre*.

READER FEED

I just read J. M. Barrie's *Peter Pan*. What a revelation! Sophisticated and quite dark—so different from the Disney version.
Alysia Bice Tallahassee, Florida

