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The Bookies

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The Bookies have been meeting for more than four years. We have 12 members and a wonderful facilitator. Our members live in Chicago and the northern suburbs.

We meet at a different member's home each month. The host selects the title the group will discuss.

We hold a summer potluck with our spouses and a winter dinner and theater outing. We have attended author talks and met once at the Mitchell Museum of the American Indian (in Evanston) to expand our knowledge on the theme of "The Shadow Catcher" by Marianne Wiggins.

We had the wonderful opportunity to meet Heidi W. Durrow, author of "The Girl Who Fell from the Sky," via videoconference. She answered questions about biracial issues and how her background influenced her writing.

We especially liked "Room" by Emma Donoghue because it included suspense while tugging at our heartstrings.

Four books we loved: "Stoner" by John Williams, "Let the Great World Spin" by Colum McCann, "City of Thieves" by David Benioff and "State of Wonder" by Ann Patchett.

We disliked "The God of Small Things" by Arundhati Roy because it was tedious to read, pretentious and too political. Also: "Girls of Riyadh" by Rajaa Alsanea, "Sarah's Key" by Tatiana de Rosnay and "Freedom" by Jonathan Franzen.

Our next book: "Major Pettigrew's Last Stand" by Helen Simonson.

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