

BOOKING IT

Unplug! Read! Engage! & EXPAND your Horizons in 2011

Who: You, Me, Your Friends, All are welcome!

What: An Online Book Club with **two tracks**

Where: LifeasMOM.com

When: every 10th and 11th of the month

Why: because reading is good for you and your brain

How: Choose a track below (or bounce back and forth between them) and follow along on LifeasMOM.com

Assigned Reading

In the following pages you'll find a list of 11 books that we'll be reading in 2011.

If one doesn't interest you, feel free to skip it. But for those who want a reading assignment, we've got you covered.

We'll talk about the assigned book on the 10th of the each month.

Choose Your Own Adventure

Read whatever you want! Create a reading plan on the worksheet provided here. And start booking it!

Feel free to jump back and forth between the two tracks if you want.

We'll share our independent reading on the 11th of each month.

**This booklet includes**

- The Eleven List
- A printable schedule for the assigned reading list
- A printable reading planning sheet for creating your own reading plan
 - A link up schedule for LifeasMOM.com
- A notetaking worksheet

Ready for an Adventure?

We're going places this year with the Booking It reading program on LifeasMOM.com.

Freedom

Last year we read what we wanted, when we wanted. It had been my desire to host a “book club” with a lot of freedom. And it worked! We had a great time. And I read some of my favorite books ever thanks to recommendations from Booking It participants.

Structure, too

But, structure is not always a bad thing. Based on reader feedback, I've reformatted Booking It in 2011 to still have the freedom of read what you want, when you want, but added a few new things:

- **A regular posting schedule.** While I tried to be “consistent” when I posted the Booking It link-up, it wasn't as predictable as it could have been. So, in 2011, know that there will be link ups for your chosen book reviews on the 11th of each month.
- **Guided book choices.** Many readers commented that they would like to have assigned reading each month. So, for better or worse, I've put together a list of 11 books to read in 2011. Some are books I know, others are books I've never read. So, we'll discover what's inside them together and talk about the book of the month on the 10th.
- **Two tracks, but more than two choices.** Feel free to bounce back and forth between the two reading tracks. If you don't like one of the assigned books for the month, read something else, but come back each month and share what you're reading so that we can be inspired and find more good reads.

The Eleven List

The following are a list of eleven books that we'll be reading together in 2011. A printable schedule is at the end.

BOOKS ABOUT THE HOME

The Reluctant Entertainer by Sandy Coughlin - I am not familiar with Sandy's writing. But, I've seen her often referenced in the blogosphere. Since so many of us can be shy about inviting people into our homes, I thought this would be a good book to check out. (And the Marthas among us may be able to learn something new or think about things in a different way, too.)

The book is a mix of ideas, inspiration, and even a few recipes to make hospitality easier and less intimidating.

We'll be talking about this book on November 10.

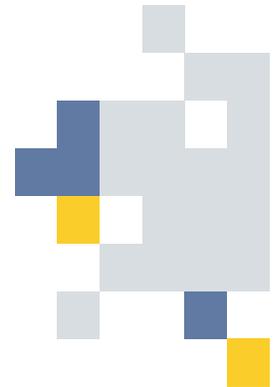
Organized Simplicity by Tsh Oxenreider - Tsh, also known as Simple Mom, has put together what promises to be a great book about simplifying your home and living an easier, happier life. I have loved reading Tsh's blog, so I'm really looking forward to reading her book.

We'll be discussing it on September 10.

BOOKS ABOUT ATTITUDE and THE HEART

The Happiness Project by Gretchen Rubin - I first heard about this book during last year's Booking It. (I'm sorry that I don't remember who recommended it.) I waited in line at the library for it, but by the time my checkout was due back, I hadn't been able to even start reading.

I started following Gretchen's blog in the fall of 2010 and was so encouraged, that I requested the book again from the library. What a fantastic resource! I am going to be rereading it at the





beginning of the year.

We'll be talking about it on February 10.

Dancing with My Father by Sally Clarkson - Sally's writings have crossed my radar screen regularly over the last dozen years. I've read several and have always been encouraged. I've also attended one of her Mom Heart conferences and am looking forward to attending another in February. This book is about enjoying our relationship with God more and has received very favorable reviews.

We'll be talking about it on July 10.

BOOKS ABOUT FOOD

Artisan Bread in 5 minutes a Day by Jeff Hertzberg and Zoe Francois - I've heard lots of recommendations about this book as "the answer" to making good homebaked bread. I'm intrigued. We'll be reading the front matter of the book and each participant is encouraged to test three recipes during the month.

We'll be talking about it on April 10.

Not Your Mother's Casseroles by Faith Durand - This book is the newest part of the *Not Your Mother's* cookbook series, produced by the Harvard Common Press. Since I'm creating the "Make and Freeze" volume of the series, due out in 2012, I'm really looking forward to digging into this book later this year. Again, we'll be reading the content and trying to test at least three recipes.

We'll be talking about it on October 10.

"The more that you read, the
more things you will know. The
more that you learn, the more
places you'll go.
-- Dr Seuss

CLASSIC BOOKS

Pilgrim's Progress by John Bunyan - According to *Invitation to the Classics*, this is the best read and most cherished religious allegory. I've always wanted to read this classic narrative about the Christian's life. This is the book that the March girls (Little Women) read over and over.

While I've read adaptations for children, I've never read the real deal. There are many editions; try to find one edited by J. Blanton Wharey or revised by Roger Sharrock. So, says *Invitation to the Classics*.

We'll be talking about it on June 10.

Mansfield Park by Jane Austen - Not as well known as Austen's other books, *Mansfield Park* is a great ride -- and my favorite of all her books. Goodness, virtue, lies, deceit, social pressure -- it's all here.

We'll be talking about it on March 10.

NEW(ER) NOVELS

The Help by Kathryn Stockett - This novel is about three women on in the South during the Civil Rights movement. It has been welcomed with rave reviews, both in the press and among *Booking It* readers last year.

The paperback is due to be released in April; the movie comes out in mid-August, so we better get with it!

We'll be talking about it on August 10.

The Monster in the Hollows by Andrew Peterson - This novel is the third of the *Wingfeather Saga*. My entire family has loved this series and we are so excited for its release later this year. If you



haven't already, I strongly recommend reading the first two in the series: *On the Edge of the Dark Sea of Darkness* and *North! Or Be Eaten*.

We'll be talking about it on December 10.

BOOKS ABOUT MONEY/WORK

Finding Your Purpose as a Mom by Donna Otto - I found this book last year and only wish that I had read it sooner. It's an encouragement to women to see their purpose as moms, to be equipped in shaping the home atmosphere, and to enjoy life with creativity and laughter. The book is full of meat, so I'm definitely up for a reread.

We'll be talking about it on May 10.

"We read to know we are not
alone."
- CS Lewis



Assigned Reading Schedule - Booking It in 2011

Discussion Date	Book Title & Author	X
February 10	<i>The Happiness Project</i> by Gretchen Rubin	
March 10	<i>Mansfield Park</i> by Jane Austen	
April 10	<i>Artisan Bread in 5 Minutes a Day</i> by Jeff Hertzberg and Zoe Francois	
May 10	<i>Finding Your Purpose as a Mom</i> by Donna Otto	
June 10	<i>The Pilgrim's Progress</i> by John Bunyan	
July 10	<i>Dancing with My Father</i> by Sally Clarkson	
August 10	<i>The Help</i> by Kathryn Stockett	
September 10	<i>Organized Simplicity</i> by Tsh Oxenreider	
October 10	<i>Not Your Mother's Casseroles</i> by Faith Durand	
November 10	<i>The Reluctant Entertainer</i> by Sandy Coughlin	
December 10	<i>The Monster in the Hollows</i> by Andrew Peterson	

Remember!

You don't have to read the above books. BUT, if you're stumped for what to read or want to read something along with a group, these are good options.

New releases are scheduled toward the end of the year to enable you time to find them used or at the library.

You can always read ahead of time. Just jot down some notes as you read or when you're done so that you remember what you thought about the book when it's time to discuss it as a group.



Posting Schedule - Booking It in 2011

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January 11	Share your reading plan for the year	
February 10	<i>The Happiness Project</i> by Gretchen Rubin	
February 11	Share your independent reading.	
March 10	<i>Mansfield Park</i> by Jane Austen	
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You don't need to post twice per month, just be sure to link up only on the days that your reading fits. For instance, if you read something from The Eleven List, just link up on the 10th.



Reading Notes - Booking It in 2011

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Author:

Date Begun:

Date Ended:

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