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Not Another Book Club

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Summary:

Not everyone has time to read a novel to be able to go to a book club and talk about fiction.

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Article Body:

Want to talk about fiction but not sure if you can commit to reading a book each month? Espe

So what is the answer. Short stories, of course! They can be read in a fraction of the time

So how does a short story club work? Basically the same as a book club but without the 12 hou

First up you need to decide if you want to be in an online or offline club. If you are wantin

Whether you decide on an online or offline club, you will need to work out a few other details

You need to set the guidelines up front so that everyone knows how it will work.

1. How often will you meet? Once a week, once a month, once every two months. You probab
2. When will you meet? Lunchtime, after work, in the evenings, Saturday afternoons, over
3. Where will you meet? This will probably be determined by when you meet but some possi
4. Work out how you will choose what to read. Will you take it in turns to pick? This o

So you've now got the rules organised, how will you get a discussion going? The best way to d

- . Meet at a set time and allow a few minutes for everyone to catch up with each other
- . Spend 15 minutes reading the story
- . When everyone is finished, go around in turn and have each person say what they liked or dis
- . Run through a standard list of questions:
 - Did the opening grab your attention?
 - Was the ending satisfying? Did it derive from the story or did it feel too left field?
 - Was it well written?
 - How was the pace of the story? Were there any dead spots?
 - Was there any padding that didn't contribute to the telling of the story or development of
- . Finally ask each person to give the story a rating out of ten. One being terrible and ten b

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