

The book club as it's meant to be: Small group, dynamically engaged readers share conversationally salient points in and around the topic of the monthly read. If this sounds like you or someone you know, let's make this happen. Here's the idea: Choose a starting spot on The Man Booker Prize list. This could be our direction for monthly choices. People know what's next and can read at a pace that suits them. Everyone knows what book is next; so as busy as we all are you can re-enter at anytime and not miss a beat within the group.

Why The Mann Booker? I like the underdog. Pulitzer prizes aside, the oftenoverlooked Booker Prize offers savory bites of literature with a nice on-line study guide as monthly roadmap for our reading group.

A few other back of the envelope ideas: Perhaps members bringing a book/story/to share with the group as an additional "*what's worthy*" might also be fun in addition to a food dish to share and make it a pot luck evening to boot. No muss-no fuss, as it should be about the book we are all sharing, we could cross-pollinate food thematically with our read. I'd like to suggest Thursday evenings, 6ish-8:30 ish and I'd be game to host initially. One last thing..we need a name for our group, but until then the above Thinker Image will hold the space.

All the best, Christine Currie

About Me: Relocated to Santa Cruz three years ago, from a life afloat and founded an arts space downtown called Art duJour, setting up another space as I type that has yet to be named but will reside @#7 Squid Row and will focus upon performing arts, coffee culture and chess. Voracious reader, writer & photographer that dabbles with adventures in motherhood: dynamic duo Collin and RC (ages 10 & 12.) Food, dining and engaging in community building all rate highly on my list. My secret for success in all things non quantifiable: look to that secret stash of chocolate, as current trends say it's the key to something.

Ideas, and anything you'd like to share please reach me at: <u>Christine@artdujour.org</u> 831-239-0654.