



LHJ BOOK CLUB

Our Pick For October

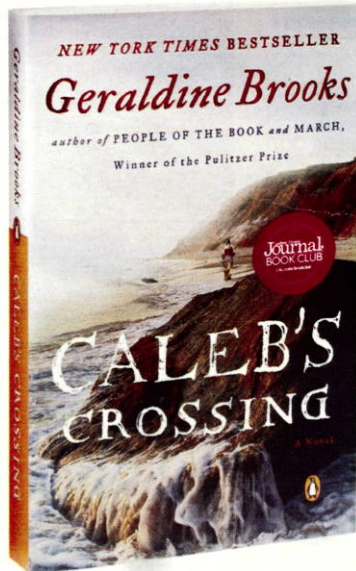
Look no further for your next book-group read! We loved this novel and think you will, too.

Share book-club stories and learn about this month's pick at LHJ.com/bookclub.

CALEB'S CROSSING
by Geraldine Brooks

Pulitzer Prize-winner Brooks takes a tiny slice of American history—in 1665, Caleb Cheeshahteumauk became the first Native American to graduate from Harvard College—and imagines an

unforgettable story of friendship and aspiration in Early Colonial America. The novel also has the most engaging narrator you'll find in any fiction this year. Bethia Mayfield, a smart, curious and often-irreverent missionary's daughter, becomes friends with Caleb on Martha's Vineyard, where both grow up. Bethia's father decides to tutor Caleb, a quick study who eventually must leave the windswept wilderness he loves for "civilization" and a Christian education. Bethia, forced to become an indentured servant, follows him to Cambridge. She charts Caleb's "crossing" from his own world to that of the white Englishman in a lively, vivid voice that is both true to its era and as modern as any 21st-century feminist. You'll savor every syllable.



Tell Us ... What's the last book you read that made you laugh out loud?

1. Black Heels to Tractor Wheels

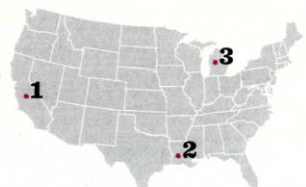
by Ree Drummond
The Pioneer Woman's sense of humor shines through in this book. Rather than be embarrassed by some of the situations she finds herself in, she transforms them into hysterical stories.
Kimberly Barrett
Oak Park, California

2. Bossypants

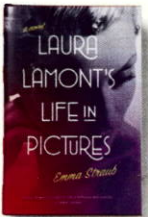
by Tina Fey
I'm reading this now and loving it. Fey's humor is just as hilarious on the page as it is onscreen.
Amy Riep
Slidell, Louisiana

3. Neither Here Nor There: Travels in Europe

by Bill Bryson
Anything by Bryson makes me laugh so hard I can barely breathe! This one's my favorite because I was in Europe at the same time he was and can relate to so much of it.
Mary Sue Lutz
Farmington, Michigan

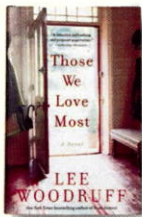


15-Second Book Reviews



Laura Lamont's Life in Pictures

by Emma Straub
A naïve blonde from Wisconsin heads west in the 1930s and gets discovered by a Hollywood bigwig. He turns her into a brunette, a movie star—and his wife.



Those We Love Most

by Lee Woodruff
In this moving page-turner, debut novelist Woodruff details how two generations of the Corrigan family cope in the wake of an unthinkable tragedy.



NW

by Zadie Smith
A classic fiction hook—the arrival of a mysterious stranger—propels Smith's new novel about four thirty-somethings who grew up in the same London housing project.

READER FEED

I know where I'll be on September 27—in line to buy *The Casual Vacancy*, J. K. Rowling's first novel for adults. I can't imagine being disappointed. She's an amazing writer.
Ann Marie Curtin
Fairfield, Connecticut

