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As a member of ***Mocha Girls Read*** book club your opinion of our monthly selections matters. On the ***Mocha Girls Read*** website we have a section for just that. And we made it easy for you. Go to the ***Book*** tab and click ***Reviews*** and just tell us what you think by clicking one of the 3 choices. If you want to say more leave it in the comments section below.

Giveaways!

Every month we host a giveaway on the ***Mocha Girls Read*** site. You could win books, gift cards and other surprises. So check the site often because you only win if you enter. How cool is that?

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"We are a group of black women who love to read, want to read more and meet likeminded women."

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May Nomination

Each month ***Mocha Girls Read*** members select one book to nominate for the book of the month. To make the nomination process easier, we will give you a theme for the upcoming month. This way we can mix up the genre, authors, and themes. All you have to do is add your monthly book nomination to the site from 4/9/2012 to 4/15/2012. Then from 4/16/2012 to 4/22/2012 the polls will be open for voting. The book with most votes wins! The winner will be announced on 4/23/2012.

Theme for May: "Crime Time!"

(Crime Novel)

Remember one nomination and three votes per person.

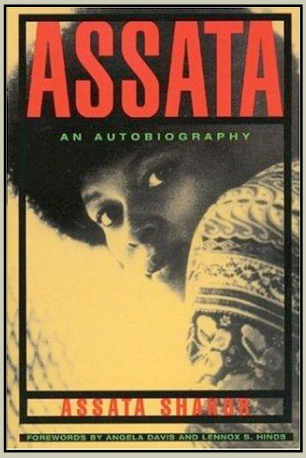
Mocha Girls Read Reviews…

Mocha Girl Tigg's *review of* ***The Darkest Child****: I rarely give 5 stars in my reviews, but this book was definitely deserving of that and so much more!! Ms. Phillips spun a tragically beautiful story had me captivated from the first page, I was so angry when I had to put it down to go to work. It reminded me of my grandmother, she was from New Orleans and once told me that she ran away from home because her mother tried to sell her off at the age of 13 to an older man for a cow. It's deplorable how young black women and girls were undervalued and treated back then. I never wanted it to end. I don't want to give too much away, but read this book.*

Mocha Girl Tahmeka's *review of* ***The Darkest Child****: I wanted to love this book but it never really came together for me. The characters had potential to be great but they weren't fleshed out. I think there were too many. Mattie, Harvey, the white lady that Tan worked for (I can't think of her name), Skeeter, Jeff,... the list goes on. So many people who weren't relevant to the story. I think that the secondary plot, the county in the beginning phases of integration, was too much. The main plot was intense enough. This book could have been perfection had the author spent more time with the characters. I don't feel like there was enough.*

Mocha Girl Tazzy's *review*: Loved it! A very interesting read! A powerfully strong woman of color!

Mocha Girl Sherrill's *review*: Interesting, enlightening, and thought provoking.



VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

As ***Mocha Girls Read*** grows so do our needs. If you would like to help out please email me at mochagirl@email.com if you are interested.

April's Book of the Month

Love In The Time of Cholera

By Gabriel Garcia Marquez

In their youth, Florentino Ariza and Fermina Daza fall passionately in love. When Fermina eventually chooses to marry a wealthy, well-born doctor, Florentino is devastated, but he is a romantic. As he rises in his business career he whiles away the years in 622 affairs–yet he reserves his heart for Fermina. Her husband dies at last, and Florentino purposefully attends the funeral. Fifty years, nine months, and four days after he first declared his love for Fermina, he will do so again.

Dewey's Read A Thon

April 21, 2012

For 24 hours, we read books, post to our blogs about our reading, and visit other readers' blogs. We also participate in mini-challenges throughout the day. It happens twice a year, in April and in October.
It was created by the beloved Dewey (her blog has since been taken down, so the link won't work). The first one was held in October 2007. Dewey died in late 2008. We're still saddened by her absence, but the show must go on. The read-a-thon was renamed to honor its founder in 2009.
Dewey's 24-Hour Read-a-thon is hosted by Trish and Shesten, with help from volunteers.
If you don't have a blog, you can Facebook or Tweet.
Sign up's will start on March 1, 2012 at http://24hourreadathon.com/

Last year, I participated for the first time and meet some great women online from Texas and won $25.00 along with a new book. I didn't read the whole 24 hours but I had great fun. ~Mocha Girl Alysia