

Thank you from Alysia (Founder/ Los Angeles Organizer)

Can you believe we are closing another year?

I just wanted to take this minute to thank each and every Mocha Girl near and far. Thank you for being apart of this great and eye opening movement. What do I mean by movement? Two years ago it was a book club but now it has become so much more than that. We, Mocha Girls are making our (currently small) voice heard in the publishing world. For some crazy reason publishing companies thought Black women only read books by Black authors, and never thought to add us in the mix when promoting Chinese, South American, European or even White American authors. But now, a few publishing companies have taken notice and the response has been overwhelmingly positive.

A Big "Thanks" goes out to all of you **Mocha Girls** for your attendance, your reviews, and your emails of encouragement. Rochelle and Rosanne, Classy and Chrissy thank you all for your amazing work. Love you all!

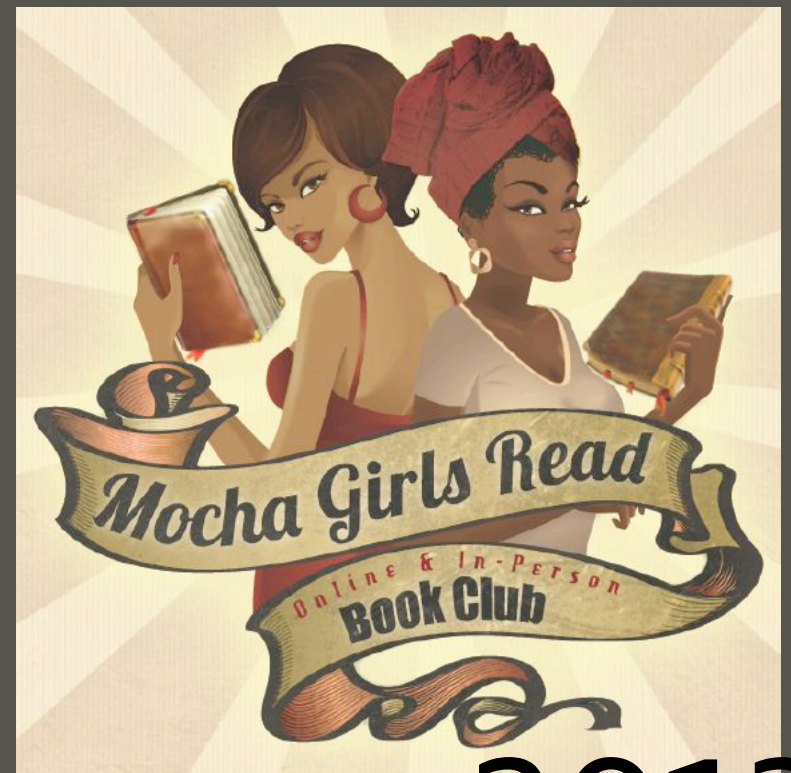
Thank you from Rochelle (Tempe Organizer)

Hello to all our Mocha Girls Read Tempe Chapter...Most importantly I thank our LA Organizer/Founder of Mocha Girls Read, Alysia for doing such an amazing job with the book club and keeping us afloat.

Also I thank you MGR Tempe Chapter for another magnificent year of reading. Without you we would not have our book discussions, so I appreciate you for showing up and sharing your opinion. This has truly been an amazing journey and I am so glad that you keep choosing MGR as your book club. Because of you MGR continues to bloom globally. I wish you and your family a safe and joyful holiday season. See you next year. More reading awaits us. Luvs and Hugs.

Thank you from Rosanne (New Lenox Organizer)

I want to first thank Alysia for creating MGR...you are Fabulous Mocha Sis! To my other Sister from another mother...Rochelle...thank you for helping me with my chapter and much more. To my co-organizers...Chrissy and Classy...what more can I say...both of you Rock!! I couldn't have done any of this without you ladies. To my New Lenox Mocha Girls...I enjoyed all of our book discussions and I really had a blast our 1st year together! Thank you! You are all Mocha Marvelous! 2014 here we come!



2013

Mocha Girls Read

"We are a group of Black women who love to read, want to read more and meet like-minded women."

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January Nominations



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 12/9/2014 to 12/15/2014. Then from 12/16/2014 to 12/22/2014 the polls will be open for voting. The book with most votes wins! The winner will be announced on 12/23/2014.

Theme for December: "Future Fiction"

(Books that take place in 2015 and beyond.)

Remember one nomination and three votes per person.

December's Book of the Month

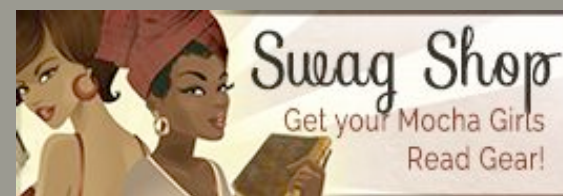
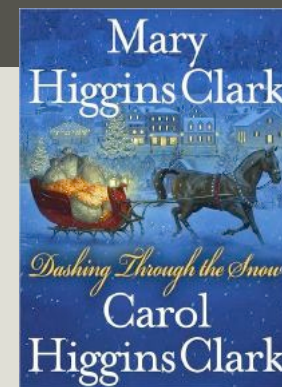
Dashing Through The Snow

By Mary and Carol Higgins Clark

From beloved mother-daughter duo Mary Higgins Clark, America's Queen of Suspense, and Carol Higgins Clark, author of the hugely popular Regan Reilly mystery series, comes *Dashing Through the Snow*, a holiday treat you won't want to miss.

In the picturesque village of Branscombe, New Hampshire, the townsfolk are all pitching in to prepare for the first (and many hope annual) Festival of Joy. The night before the festival begins, a group of employees at the local market learn that they have won \$160 million in the lottery. One of their co-workers, Duncan, decided at the last minute, on the advice of a pair of crooks masquerading as financial advisers, not to play. Then he goes missing. A second winning lottery ticket was purchased in the next town, but the winner hasn't come forward. Could Duncan have secretly bought it?

The Clarks' endearing heroes -- Alvirah Meehan, the amateur sleuth, and private investigator Regan Reilly -- have arrived in Branscombe for the festival. They are just the people to find out what is amiss. As they dig beneath the surface, they find that life in Branscombe is not as tranquil as it appears. So much for an old-fashioned weekend in the country. This fast-paced holiday caper will keep you dashing through the pages!



Get a **Mocha Girls Read** t-shirt today and help support your book club. 100% of the proceeds go to pay for our website.

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Los Angeles Chapter

Since: September 25, 2011 Mocha Girls: 474 Past Meetups: 66



Thank you **Mysterious Galaxy Bookstore** (Redondo Beach) for giving us such a beautiful and spacious area for our meetings. Your staff is amazing and so helpful. We wouldn't know what to do without you and all your wonderful support. Thank you again and we look forward to a new year with you all.

-Mocha Girls Read Los Angeles



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Tempe Chapter

Since: October 14, 2011 Mocha Girls: 164 Past Meetups: 53



Changing Hands Bookstore you are the cornerstone of our book club.

From day one you have been there for us and we "Thank you and your staff" from the bottom of our hearts. We have enjoyed your bookstore and look forward to your great events coming in the new year.

- Mocha Girls Read Tempe



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New Lenox Chapter

Since: December 29, 2012 Mocha Girls: 36 Past Meetups: 16



Thank you so much **Paradise Smoothie** for giving our Mocha Girls Read chapter such a cozy space for our meetings. We love the environment you have created and share with us. Not to mention the staff and drinks are amazing! Thank you – *Mocha Girls Read New Lenox*



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We can not say thank you enough. Thank you to all the publishers for providing us free books for our Anniversary gift bags. Your response and eagerness to help overwhelmed us and we are deeply appreciative. We love all the titles you have provided for us. Thank you!

2nd Anniversary Titles

- Death of the Black Haired Girl by Robert Stone
- Happiness, Like Water by Chinelo Okparanta
- Americanah by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
- The Wolves of Midwinter: The Wolf Gift Chronicles by Anne Rice
- The Lowland by Jhumpa Lahiri
- Ade: A Love Story by Rebecca Walker

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Thank you Hailey for designing our perfect logo.
haleykeim.com



Thank you Ro for creating our amazing website.
MommyBlogDesigns.com



Thank you RJ for helping us fundraise with the t-shirts. They are a great fit.
suckafish.co



Can you believe we got a nomination for Book Club of the Year?! I am so shocked and thrilled. Thank you "The Angie Ovation" committee for even thinking of us. Thank you!
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Our 2013 Reading List



January: Parable of the Sower by Octavia E. Butler
February: Sugar by Bernice L. McFadden
March: My Beloved World by Sonia Sotomayor
April: Can You Keep A Secret? by Sophia Kinsella
May: The Madman's Daughter by Megan Shepherd
June: Gone Girl by Gillian Flynn



July: The Man in 3B by Carl Weber
August: A House Divided by Kimberla Lawson Roby
September: A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith
October: My Soul to Keep by Tananarive Due
November: 12 Years A Slave by Solomon Northup
December: Dashing Though the Snow by Mary and Carol Higgins Clark

What is a **Mocha Girl** anyways?

Well, she is a woman of color, who loves to read. She reads all kinds of books. Fiction, Non-fiction, Dystopain Novels, Chick Lit, you name it she has read it or is going to read it. A **Mocha Girl** does not limit herself to books by women only, or by authors from her race. A **Mocha Girl** loves a good story with a healthy dose of page turning excitement.

Giveaways

At every book club meeting **Mocha Girls Read** will be giving away a new book or ARC (Advance Reader Copy) to one (or two) lucky winners. **What's an ARC?** Basically, it's a book that has not been released to the public just yet. Yep! You get an early edition. **How do you win?** Come to a book club meeting. That's it!

Check our Facebook page to win a book too!



To all the Mocha Girls near and far we wish you a happy holiday. Whether you celebrate Hanukkah, Christmas or Kwanzaa may it be filled with joyous moments and fun characters!

VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

As **Mocha Girls Read** grows so do our needs. We are currently looking for:

Website Manager (with Wordpress Experience)

Event Planner for all chapters

If you would like to help out please email me at mochagirl@email.com if you are interested.

Mocha Girls Read Reviews



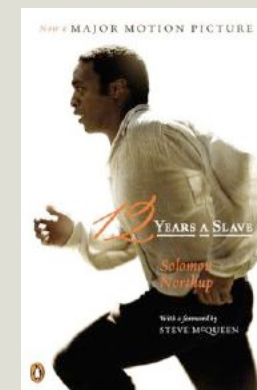
Mocha Girl Octavia: The plot is fresh and engaging and Ms. Due is a serious thought-provoking writer. It's a tale of a secret society of immortals and their influence on the lives of mere mortals. Ms. Due takes you into an unknown world that soon becomes what feels like your own.

Mocha Girl Connie: Not happy with this book. It did not hold my interest...some parts did but others dragged on.

Mocha Girl Wanda: Creepy in all the good ways. Eloquently written and twisted.

Mocha Girl Rebekkah: One of the most meticulous slave narratives I have ever read. I just hope the film does Solomon Northup's life justice.

Mocha Girl Urs: ...It was a good story to read, along with other tales of slavery to compare and see alternate views of how slaves from different backgrounds perceived and lived their experiences. It was also a good story to read if you want a story of realized hope. As of this writing, I have yet to see the movie. I do still plan to see the movie, though.



What did you think of the book of the month? We would love to hear your thoughts on the book of the month. Don't worry it doesn't have to be a full book report. Just a few sentences will do.

Let us know and we will add it to the newsletter. Send your reviews to mochagirl@email.com