

October 2014

Award Winning Book Club of 2014

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Happy 3rd Anniversary

Mocha Girls! Can you believe we are 3 years long and strong? Since Mocha Girls Read book club started we have done some amazing things. NO really! We have! We are now in 4 cities with over 1,000 members meeting in person and online. We have won a book club of the year award. We have given away hundreds of new books. But there is one thing I am proud of the most. We are breaking down walls. As black women we somehow got the stereotype of being angry (all the time) and non-readers.

As Mocha Girls Read grows we see these labels are not true. We come together every month in fellowship and sisterhood to share our love of reading.

For some of us this club helps us get back to a childhood hobby we miss, for others it's to commune with like-minded bookworms. Regardless of the reason why we come together Mocha Girls Read is proof we are bigger and better than any stereotype the world can put on us!

Happy Anniversary Amazing Mocha Girls!

Mocha Girl Alysia –*Founder of Mocha Girls Read*

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



November Nomination

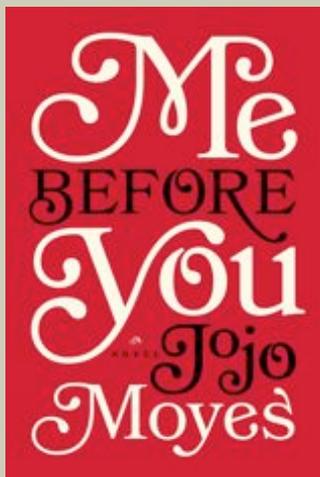
Each month *Mocha Girls Read* members select one book to nominate for the book of the month. To make the nomination process easier, we will give you a theme for the upcoming month. This way we can mix up the genre, authors, and themes. All you have to do is add your monthly book nomination to the site from 10/6/2014 to 10/12/2014. Then from 10/13/2014 to 10/19/2014 the polls will be open for voting. The book with most votes wins! The winner will be announced on 10/20/2014.

Theme for November: “2013/2014 Award Winner”

(Any book that has won a literary award in 2013 or 2014.)

****Remember one nomination and three votes per person.****

Mocha Girls Read Reviews

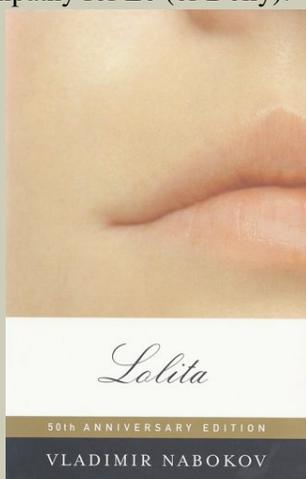


Mocha Girl Nicole: I can't say enough about how much I loved this book. Moyes does a beautiful and sensitive job detailing what goes into the care of quadriplegics, the mindsets of the caregiver and the cared for, and the dynamics between them and their families and friends.

Mocha Girl Alexis: 4 out of 5 stars!

Mocha Girl Patrice: Disclaimer: If you're interested in feeling every type of emotion please read this book! Happiness, sadness, anger, despair, conviction, hope, apprehension, and whatever other emotions you can think of. You have been warned!...There is really a lot that can be said about this book. I could probably go on and on about the parts that really had me captivated but we don't have all day here and I don't want to spoil more than I already have for future readers.

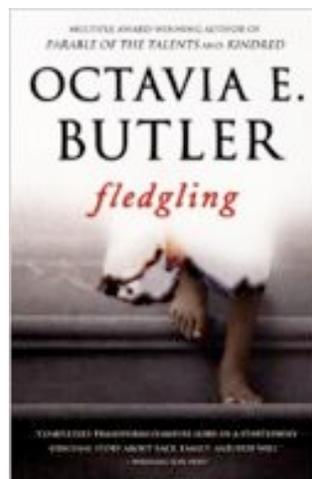
Mocha Girl Cheryl: Nabokov REALLY got into this character's head: the internal thoughts, the very descriptive prose, the details in the dialogue, the rhythmic wordplay. Clever writing. The story though. Aye ya ya. Not into the lewd Humbert as a character, didn't know what was up with the crazy Charlotte, but I had lots of empathy for Lo (or Dolly). Her character was sad, energetic, and spunky--a contrast with the dull, manipulative and narcissistic Humbert. Here was a girl, still managing to find snippets of her girlhood even though it had all been stolen from her. I did get some thrill from the climax, when Lo gets to have some power (albeit how small).



What did you think of the book of the month? Let us know and we will add it to the newsletter. Send your reviews to mochagirl@email.com

October's Book of the Month

Fledgling by Octavia Butler



Octavia E. Butler is one of the finest voices in fiction--period. . . . A master storyteller, Butler casts an unflinching eye on racism, sexism, poverty, and ignorance and lets the reader see the terror and beauty of human nature.- "The Washington Post Book World "Readers familiar with . . . "Parable of the Sower and "Bloodchild will recall that [Butler] never asks easy

questions or settles for easy answers."-Gerald Jonas in "The New York Times "Fledgling, Octavia Butler's first new novel in seven years, is the story of an apparently young, amnesiac girl whose alarmingly unhuman needs and abilities lead her to a startling conclusion: She is in fact a genetically modified, 53-year-old vampire. Forced to discover what she can about her stolen former life, she must at the same time learn who wanted-and still wants-to destroy her and those she cares for and how she can save herself. "Fledgling is a captivating novel that tests the limits of "otherness" and questions what it means to be truly human. Octavia E. Butler is the author of 11 novels, including "Kindred, "Dawn, and "Parable of the Sower. Recipient of a MacArthur Foundation "genius" grant, the Nebula Award, the Hugo Award, and numerous other literary awards, she has been acclaimed for her lean prose, strong protagonists, and social observations that range from the distant past to the far future.

