



November 2014

Award Winning Book Club of 2014

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Have you ever wanted to talk about our monthly selection before the book club meeting?



Do you have a computer, laptop, or smart phone?

We are on Goodreads as well. That's right! You can chat about any and all our monthly selections right from the comfort of your home.

Go to Goodreads.com and create a profile. If you have a Facebook account you can use that instead.

At the top of the page click the **GROUP** button. Type in the search box **MOCHA GIRLS READ** then select **JOIN US!** It's that easy. Each month the book of the month will be announced and a folder created where you can go and chat with other Mocha Girls members.

And yes ...there is an app for that too!

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



## December 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 11/3/2014 to 11/9/2014. Then from 11/10/2014 to 11/16/2014 the polls will be open for voting. The book with most votes wins! The winner will be announced on 11/17/2014.

***Theme for December: "Holiday Fiction"***

***(Any fiction book centered around the holiday season.)***

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

## Mocha Girls Read Reviews



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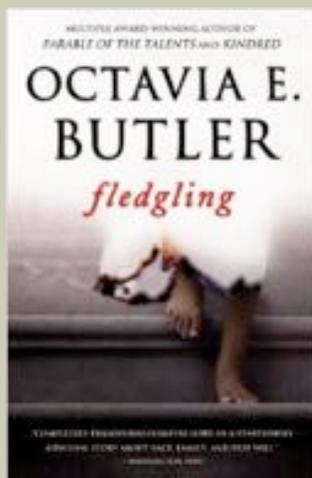
50th ANNIVERSARY EDITION  
VLADIMIR NABOKOV

**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).

**Mocha Girl Heather:** 5 out of 5 stars!

**Mocha Girl Classy:** I was expecting so much more from this book. I wish Ms. Butler would have delved more into Shori maturing as an Ina instead of the small things like the detailed descriptions of the food her Symbionts ate. I almost wished the book started with the trial. I needed more information about her life as a mature mating Ina that has to care for her Symbionts and children amongst some racist and envious Ina members.

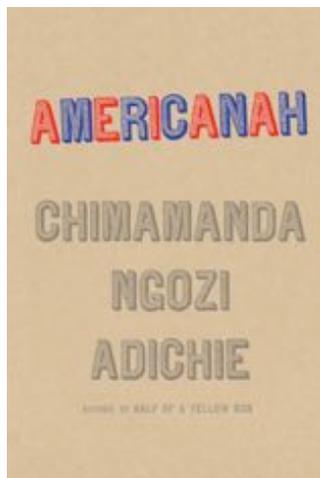


**Mocha Girl Brenda:** This is the first book I've read by Octavia Butler. I thought it was very well written. The only thing was, this book jacked with everything I ever learned or read about vampires.

**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](mailto:mochagirl@email.com)**

## November's Book of the Month

### *Americanah* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie



From the award-winning author of *Half of a Yellow Sun*, a dazzling new novel: a story of love and race centered around a young man and woman from Nigeria who face difficult choices and challenges in the countries they come to call home.

As teenagers in a Lagos secondary school, Ifemelu and Obinze fall in love. Their Nigeria is under military dictatorship, and

people are leaving the country if they can. Ifemelu—beautiful, self-assured—departs for America to study. She suffers defeats and triumphs, finds and loses relationships and friendships, all the while feeling the weight of something she never thought of back home: race. Obinze—the quiet, thoughtful son of a professor—had hoped to join her, but post-9/11 America will not let him in, and he plunges into a dangerous, undocumented life in London.

Years later, Obinze is a wealthy man in a newly democratic Nigeria, while Ifemelu has achieved success as a writer of an eye-opening blog about race in America. But when Ifemelu returns to Nigeria, and she and Obinze reignite their shared passion—for their homeland and for each other—they will face the toughest decisions of their lives.

Fearless, gripping, at once darkly funny and tender, spanning three continents and numerous lives, *Americanah* is a richly told story set in today's globalized world: Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie's most powerful and astonishing novel yet.

Have a Blessed  
Thanksgiving

