

To all Mocha Girls near and far, we wish you a happy holiday season. Whether you celebrate Hanukkah, Christmas or Kwanzaa may your season celebrations be filled with joyous moments and sprinkled with a few great characters.

Mocha Girls Read

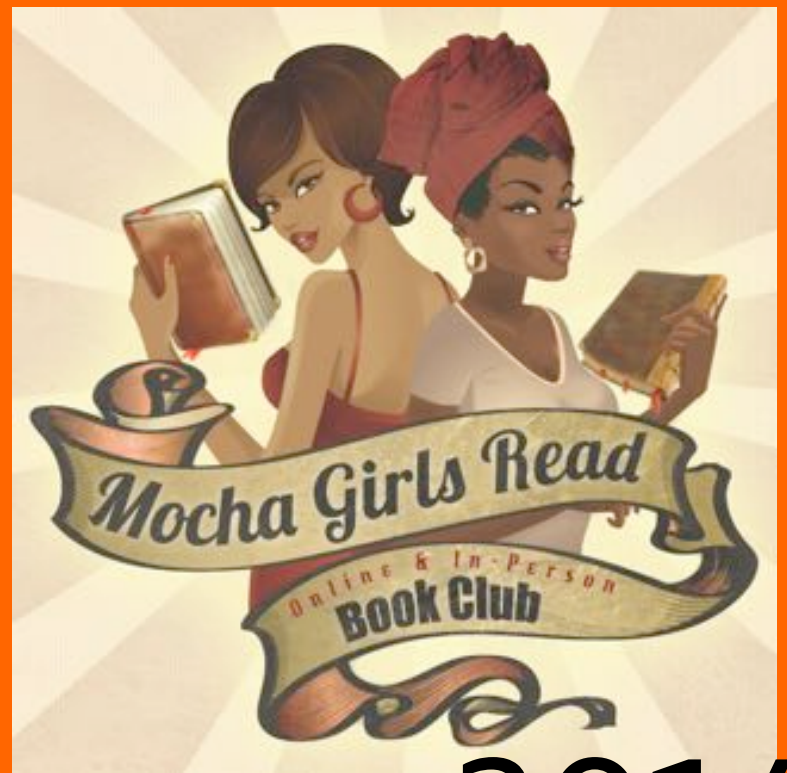
Mission Statement

Mocha Girls Read mission is to enhance Black women's personal reading experience by reading quality work written by a wide range of authors on various topics and across all genres.

Mocha Girls Read will support literary events in person and online

Mocha Girls Read will provide an open forum for black women to exchange ideas and opinions by fellowshipping with other Black women who love to read in person and online. As well as networking with other book clubs, book bloggers, publishers and literary organizations

Mocha Girls Read will sponsor hosted online and in person events to expose black women to literature.



2014

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"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 12/8/2014 to 12/14/2014. Then from 12/15/2014 to 12/21/2014 the polls will be open for voting. The book with most votes wins! The winner will be announced on 12/22/2014.

Theme for January: "Future Fiction"

(Books that take place in 2016 and beyond.)

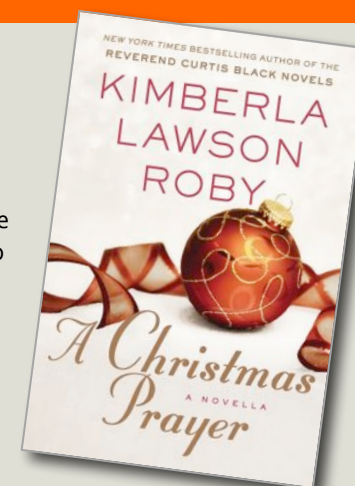
Remember one nomination and three votes per person.

December's Book of the Month

A Christmas Prayer

By Kimberla Lawson Roby

Alexis Fletcher hasn't had a merry Christmas in five years-not since her mother passed away. Every December she remembers the joy her mother brought to everyone during the holiday season and feels the pain of her absence, even more so now that she and her sister are barely speaking. More than anything, Alexis wishes her family could be whole again.



However, with her wedding fast approaching, Alexis might just be ready to make some holiday memories with a *new* family of her own. Alexis's fiancé, Chase Dupont, is everything she ever dreamed of. He's kind, handsome, fully supportive of Alexis's career, and the CEO of a large company. But outside forces threaten to derail this happy couple from ever reaching the altar.

As tensions rise, a dramatic event causes Alexis to question everything. Will fate give her what she needs to finally embrace the season that has brought her so much pain? Will Alexis get her wish for a happy holiday? Or will her Christmas prayer go unanswered?



Get a **Mocha Girls Read** t-shirt today and help support your book club. 100% of the proceeds go to pay for our website. There is no shipping cost when you purchase your book club t-shirt from your next book club meeting. Just \$25.00

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Our 2013 Reading List



January

Divergent by Veronica Roth

February

The House Girl by Tara Conklin

March

Wrapped in Rainbows by Valerie Boyd

April

The Moments, The Minutes, The Hours by Jill Scott

May

A Wanted Woman by Eric Jerome Dickey

June

The Husband's Secret by Liane Moriarty

July

Is Everyone Hanging Out Without Me? by Mindy Kaling

August

Me Before You by Jojo Moyes

September

Lolita by Vladimir Nabokov

October

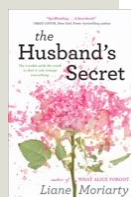
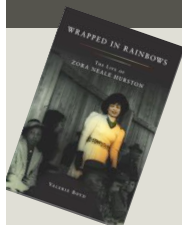
Fledgling by Octavia Butler

November

Americanah by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

December

A Christmas Prayer by Kimberla Lawson Roby



What is a **Mocha Girl** anyways?

Well, she is a woman of color who loves to read. She reads all kinds of books from 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** just loves a good story with a healthy dose of page turning excitement.

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Mocha Girls Read Reviews

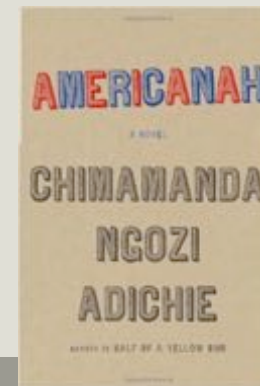


Mocha Girl Classy: I was expecting so much more from this book. I wish Ms. Butler would have delved more into Shori maturing as an Ina instead of the small things like the detailed descriptions of the food her Symbionts ate. I almost wished the book started with the trial. I needed more information about 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.

Mocha Girl LaShonda: Excellent. One of the best books I read. Now to purchase a copy of my own for my library.

Mocha Girl Angie: This book is definitely the most beautiful love story I have read in quite some time. Although it addresses so many other issues such as racism, culture, hair, to me this is all secondary to the bond between Ifem & The Zed.



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

Spreading the Love

From Mocha Girl Alysia (Founder/ Los Angeles Organizer)



I am so thrilled and overtop excited about the wonderful year Mocha Girls Read had this year. A new chapter. A book club of the year award. So many new faces. And of course some great books.

Thank you to each and every Mocha Girl for caring, sharing and joining in journey. None of this would be possible without **you**. We all have built the foundation of a great sisterhood. Thank you to Rochelle and Rosanne, Classy and Cynthia for taking the lead month in and out and for having such rockin' chapters.

Thank you to the publishers who effortlessly jump up to help us with monthly and yearly free books.

Thank you to all Goodread.com members who are holding it down online. **Thank you all** for a great year and I'm excited to see what 2015 has in store for us.

From Mocha Girl Cynthia (San Diego Organizer)

I am grateful to be associated with MGR, though I am the organizer of the San Diego Chapter I feel like I am a co-owner with all of its members.

We all own a little part of this amazing organization of beautiful women with a common theme "**the love of reading**". I can't believe we are approaching the end of our first year, thank you Mocha Girls SD for all of your book discussions in 2013. Secondly, Alysia thank you for all you do, for having the desire to have a chapter here...thank you for giving us so much of

you. You are an amazing woman! I love, love, love Mocha Girls Read, it's an inspiration on many levels. We are more than just a book club, we are sisters in books!!! I look forward to the upcoming year.



A BIG THANK YOU!!!

To all the publishing companies we cannot say thank you enough. Thank you for providing us free books for our Anniversary fabulous 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 this year.
Thank you!

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3rd Anniversary Titles

We Are Called To Rise by Laura McBride
Hidden Blessings by Kim Cash Tate
The Magician's Lie by Greer Macallister
The Misadventures of Awkward Black Girl by Issa Rae
Margarita Wednesdays by Deborah Rodriguez
Luckiest Girl Alive by Jessica Knoll
Citizen Creek by Lalita Tademy

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Thank You to All Our Supporters, Vendors & Friends



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



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



Thank you Pat and the staff for the great quality prints of our newsletters and yearbooks.

Thank you again for the title of **Book Club of the Year 2014**. What a way to start the year! Thank you for the 2015 nomination as well.



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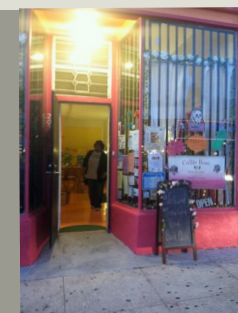
Los Angeles Chapter

Since: September 25, 2011 Mocha Girls: 625 Past Meetups: 101



Thank you **Callie Rose Literary Cafe** for welcoming us into your beautiful space for our meetings. Alisa, you have been a blessing to the Los Angeles chapter. 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.

–Mocha Girls Read Los Angeles Chapter



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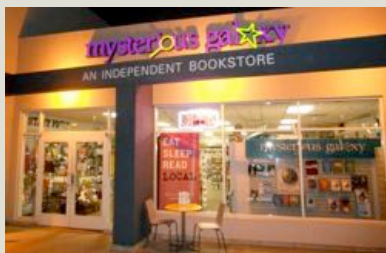
San Diego Chapter

Since: December 22, 2013 Mocha Girls: 95 Past Meetups: 23



Thank you **Mysterious Galaxy Bookstore** for giving us such a great area for our meetings. Thank you Mysterious Galaxy for allowing us to utilize your space, for a place where we come together each month to discuss our books. You are linked to us too. Thank you again and we look forward to a new year with you.

—Mocha Girls Read San Diego



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More F.A.Q.'s for you

What are your membership rules? We have just 4 rules. One. **Nominate** a book each month. Two. **Vote** for a book each month. Three. **Read** the book. Four. **Discuss** the book at a book club meeting or here on the site or at a meeting or on Goodreads.com.

What if I can't make it to a meeting? No worries. Just go to Goodreads.com and join the online discussion.

What if I can't afford the book of the month? There are a few solutions to this one. First, check your local library to see if they have a copy of the book. If they don't, let your chapter organizer know. They will provide a copy of the book for you on a temporary basis. Just like the library you will have to return it when you are finished. Or you might win a copy from one of our monthly giveaways.

Where are the meetings? Right now there are four in person meetings. Los Angeles, Ca., New Lenox, IL., Tempe, AZ., and now San Diego, CA. Go to the menu and click on "[Join Us!](#)". As far as online, there is also a [Goodreads](#) group and here on this website.

What if I want to start a chapter in my city? No problem. Just email me at our Chapter Manager **Mocha Girl Rochelle** rockyroach4@hotmail.com

If I didn't answer your question or you have a comment, please free to email me at mochagirl@email.com

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F.A.Q.

Here are a few questions most people have about *Mocha Girls Read*.

What are the fees? We charge you nothing at all to be a member. The only charge might be for an event fee and the event will dictate that cost.

What is the book club age limit? We have members of all ages. From 20 somethings to great grandmothers. We ask that members 18 years old and younger get monthly permission to attend events and meeting by a parent.

Are you currently taking members? The answer will always be **YES!** We never, ever close our membership.

Do I have to be Black to be a member? Nope. We welcome all women but we want and will keep our focus on the uplifting of Black women.

How are books selected? We have a very democratic selection process. Each month there will be a theme posted. On the 2nd week of each month, members will then nominate one book in the monthly theme category on the book club website. The nominations will stay open for 7 days. The following week we will all vote for three books on the list. The voting ballot will be open for 7 days as well. If there is a tie we will vote for the books in the tie during a 48 hour period of time. The one that wins will be the book of the month. Easy!

What kinds of books does the book club read? Everything! All genres, all races, all ages groups, any and **everything!**

What if I don't want to read the book of the month? No problem. Just skip the month and join us the following month. But I would love for you to read every book we select because you might find a new author, genre, or some information you might like. You'll never know if you don't try. The following two tabs change content below.

Spreading the Love

**From Mocha Girl Rochelle
(Tempe Organizer/ Chapter Manager)**



I would like to thank ALL of the MGR Tempe Chapter members for supporting (3) three years of reading and coming together to share our very own perspective. A special thank you to Changing Hands Book Store (Tempe) for allowing MGR Tempe Chapter to continue to utilize your space to have our book discussions. This has been another Amazing year for Mocha Girls Read as a whole and I am forever grateful for our Founder, Alysia for reaching in her soul and beginning a Journey of spreading love all over the universe. Reading stimulates the mind.



**From Mocha Girl Rosanne
(New Lenox Organizer)**

I would like to thank our Founder Alysia for giving me the opportunity to organize an amazing Chapter of Mocha Girls Read. Christiana, Classy, Jawanna and LaTanya: You are so appreciated. Thank you all of you for assisting me with the chapter and supporting Mocha Girls Read. Starbucks New Lenox: Thank you for allowing Mocha Girls Read New Lenox Chapter to host its monthly book discussions at your coffee shop. To all of the fabulous New Lenox Mocha Girls for great sisterhood bonding and wonderful book discussions. Thank you to the authors and publishers that donated books to Mocha Girls Read throughout the years. Keeping the pages turning.

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Tempe Chapter

Since: October 14, 2011 Mocha Girls: 258 Past Meetups: 77



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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: 52 Past Meetups: 38



Thank you so much **Starbucks** 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 as well as the samples! Thank you - *Mocha Girls Read New Lenox*

