

Book Club Discussion Ideas for Australian Reading Hour

Exploring how the stories we read and talk about help shape our sense of identity, belonging and understanding – as individuals and as a nation.

Q. What book title best sums up the story of your life?

Q. Introduce yourself by using a quote from a book or a book character – what would the quote be and why?

Q. Which book character did you most admire or maybe even want to be when you were growing up? And now?

Q. What book(s) got you hooked on reading... and why?

Q. What does reading mean to you? And how has this changed during your life?

Q. When was the last time a book distracted you from life? What happened, and what book were you reading?

Q. What is the one story that has stayed with you – that you think about often, or carry with you? And why?

Q. Tell us about a time when you've felt book characters (real or imagined) could be your friends...

Q. When deciding a course of action, do you ever think, what would *[character or author name]* do...?

Q. Tell us about a book that has broadened your perspective so much that you've changed how you live, or perhaps just changed how you think about an issue?

Q. How have books and/or writers contributed to your sense of what it means to live as an Australian today?

Q. Tell us about a book that you're not sure you will ever recover from reading... and explain why?

Q. Some people have a ritual for when they finish a book. How do you move on when you reach the end?

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