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Includes end of chapter questions that are perfect for personal or group study. Even though there's no perfect answer to what makes for the great book club fit, here are a few additional tips that could help you choose that next memorable title: Length matters. 392What Does the Word 'Salvation' Mean? One of my book clubs has that "anything goes" motto and more often than not I just don't even start whatever is supposed to be read that month. 359Quenching, Extinguishing, and Ricochetting Faith 362Corporate Faith in the Local Church 365Does Your Shield Have Cracks? 415Meditation and Confession 418How To Hear From God 422When Jesus Needed a Sword 425A Sure-Fire Guarantee! 430Chapter 16 The Lance of Prayer and Supplication 435Various Kinds of Lances 436Various Kinds of Prayer 439How Often Should We Pray? If you're a readers' collective who dig political memoirs, don't branch out into romantic literature and vice versa. I have the suspicion that the fact that Tartt's contemporary mystery is 771 pages long didn't help my case. If your book club doesn't have a theme though, find it. 395A Transformed Mind 396Chapter 15 The Sword of the Spirit 403The Swords of the Roman Soldier 404What Is a Rhema? If your book club is themed or devoted to one genre or subject, stick to it. This means you must be ready to combat the enemy using spiritual weapons of war. 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In this book, Rick answers the hard questions about the often-misunderstood subject of spiritual warfare. The more participants a book club has, the more difficult it is to choose a novel that'll appeal to and satisfy everyone involved. "We think the best book club books are the ones you keep thinking about long after you've turned the last page — the ones that make you ask every friend and family member, 'Have you read...?' just so you can talk about it," say the folks at the online bookstore AbeBooks. Photo Courtesy: Maica/iStock I couldn't agree more with that. Small group of people having a book club meeting. Doing it when there's a whole group of people involved is an impossible task. Scripture warns that Christians will have to stand and fight in spiritual battles waged against them by unseen forces. Does your life feel like a battle? If you're open to anything — fiction, non-fiction, science books, essays, thrillers, best-sellers — you risk alienating part of the membership. 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Recent releases make for fewer surprises and a better understanding of the current cultural sensibilities. 337Chapter 13 The Shield of Faith 343The Shield of Faith 346How To Care for Your Shield of Faith 349What Does 'Above All' Mean? Even though the openness of the group allowed me to enjoy Simone de Beauvoir's feminist manifesto The Second Sex or Octavia E. The power of a book club is to socialize and gather around a table — or Zoom meeting or a patch of grass in the park, in COVID times. Are you winning, losing, standing your ground or in full retreat?