

Date: March 16, 2000

Book Title: The Book Club by Mary Alice Monroe

Hostess: Linda Ryan

Food served: cheese & spinach quiche, bagel chips & dips, shrimp, tomatoes, mozzarella & onion rings, appetizer, cheesecake with cherries and brownies

Book Synopsis: "The Book Club" is an interesting relationship drama that prescribes a big dosage of friendship in order to fully live one's life.

Review: We all enjoyed the book although we thought that most of the characters (except for Ere) were not fully developed or had brief appearances, especially Midge & Abby.

Highlights of Discussion: Ere lost her husband right at the beginning yet quickly (and unbelievably!) met a wonderful Professor she fell in love with. A simple book but a quick, enjoyable read. Received bookplate from Mary Alice Monroe.

Attendance: Mary, Anne^H, Nancy McQuate, Nancy Dawson, Anne S, Nancy Schellenberg, Ginny, Sally, Linda, Laura

Absent: Sandy, Nancy B

Suggestions/Business

Next meeting April 13 at Nancy McQuate's.

Chose the following books for the next few months:

April 13 - Mama Day - Gloria Naylor (Nancy's)

May 18 - Evaluating Ernie - Ernie Codell (Laura's)

June - The Soloist - Mark Salzman

July - Under a Wing - Reeve Lindbergh