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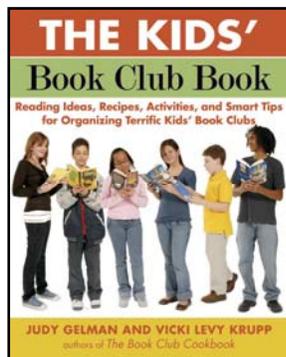
MOM HAS A BOOK GROUP. NOW HER KIDS DO TOO!

THE KIDS' BOOK CLUB BOOK

READING IDEAS, RECIPES, ACTIVITIES, AND SMART TIPS FOR ORGANIZING
TERRIFIC KIDS' BOOK CLUBS

By Judy Gelman and Vicki Levy Krupp

Authors of *The Book Club Cookbook*



Authors Judy Gelman and Vicki Levy Krupp breathed new life into the traditional book club by combining delightful reads with delicious food in their incredibly popular guide for reading groups: *The Book Club Cookbook*. Now, in response to requests from parents, teachers, librarians and community leaders, the authors have written a similar guide to creating fun and educational book clubs for kids and teens.

In **THE KIDS' BOOK CLUB BOOK: Reading Ideas, Recipes, Activities, and Smart Tips for Organizing Terrific Kids' Book Clubs** (Tarcher/Penguin / on sale May 10, 2007 / \$16.95) authors Gelman and Krupp bring together good literature and creative activities to make reading fun for young people. Based on surveys representing five hundred youth book clubs across the country, and interviews with parents, educators, librarians and kids themselves who have launched successful book clubs, this invaluable guide features recipes and activities for fifty of the most popular children's book club picks in the country, as well as insights from bestselling children's book authors, including Christopher Paolini, Lois Lowry, Jerry Spinelli, Kate DiCamillo, and many others.

This accessible, complete, and easy-to-use reference includes:

- **Getting Started:** Ideas and advice for creating a successful book club, including how to choose the right books, run dynamic discussions, and energize book club meetings

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- **Top Titles:** The top fifty favorite book club reads for children ages 8 to 18, based on surveys and interviews with children's book clubs around the country. *The Kids' Book Club Book* profiles each of these titles in-depth and includes numerous suggestions for creating a dynamic book club meeting around each title.
- **Author Scoop:** Biographical information and anecdotes about the author, often in the author's own words, for each of the fifty featured titles.
- **Book Bites:** Tasty recipes — from the Dump Punch and egg salad sandwiches featured in Kate DiCamillo's *Because of Winn-Dixie* to Turkish Delight, the confection that bewitched Edmund in *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* — for dishes that relate to the book's plot, theme, setting or characters. Authors of the featured books contributed many of the recipes and ideas for foods to pair with their books.
- **Activities:** From denim locker pockets with *The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants* to soap carvings like the ones left in the knothole of a tree in *To Kill a Mockingbird*, *The Kids' Book Club Book* is loaded with lively activities relevant to each suggested book. Activities include games, puzzles, art projects, science experiments, suggestions for guest speakers and volunteer projects, and more. Many activities were contributed by book clubs or the children's book authors themselves.
- **Talk About It:** Terrific topics for discussion for each featured children's book, based on interviews with book clubs around the country.

THE KIDS' BOOK CLUB BOOK is a must-have for all young readers, as well as for the adults who want to encourage and support them.

ABOUT THE AUTHORS: **Judy Gelman** and **Vicki Levy Krupp** are book enthusiasts, cooks, and friends who came together to co-author *The Book Club Cookbook: Recipes and Food for Thought from Your Book Club's Favorite Books and Authors* (Tarcher, 2004), featuring recipes and discussion ideas for adult book clubs. They were motivated to write *The Book Club Book for Kids* after librarians, parents, and teachers who attended their talks asked for a similar book for the growing number of youth book clubs across the country. During their eighteen months of research and writing on this trend, they were inspired by the enthusiasm and ideas of youth book club members, and the insights of notable children's authors whom they contacted. The authors live with their families in the Boston area.

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