

For Fun

Thank You for Calling the Book Club Helpline

WE CAN HELP YOU RESOLVE ALL YOUR BOOK CLUB EMERGENCIES. PLEASE SELECT FROM THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS.

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If you are the only one at the book club who read the book for the 10th meeting in a row, please press 1 for a no-judgment venting session.

If you started listening to the book on audio but really dislike the way the narrator is reading a character's voice, please press 2 to download a version spoken by Emma Thompson.

If it's Ellen's turn to choose the book and she wants to read *Fifty Shades of Grey* again to "look for more symbolism," please press 3 for some alternative titles.

If you were supposed to bring a tray of cookies shaped like tiny books but they currently look more like one big burned book, please press 4 for Pinterest fails.

For instructions on how to carve a wheel of Brie into an image of Cheryl Strayed hiking the Pacific Crest Trail, please press 5.

To find a book club with less complicated snack standards, please press 6.

If you always read the book but life got chaotic so you just need a really quick explanation of what happens at the very end just this one time you swear, please press 7.

For tips on how to steer back the conversation from Annie's latest life drama to the current book, please press 8.

If everyone hated the book you selected, please press 9 to be connected with some members of other book clubs who actually really liked it.

If you need a book selection that's not too political, too literary, or too mainstream, has enough "symbolism" to keep Ellen happy, and can easily be found at the library, please press #.

If you couldn't hear all the options because you are currently calling from a book club that is turning into more of a fight club, please press 0 to repeat the menu.