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Dear Friend of the WNBA,

Despite the craziness of the world right now, I'm feeling very optimistic about this year. I'm turning thirty in April, and it feels refreshing and exciting to leave my twenties and enter a new decade.



I took some time this past weekend to set my 2020 goals and intentions, which include:

- **Read more books.** I'm currently reading [The Marriage Clock](#) by Zara Raheem, which I picked up at a WNBA Los Angeles chapter literary tea.
- **Start a book club.** Because being in one book club isn't enough. I am inspired by the way the [Action Book Club](#) of the Little Free Library, our [WNBA Second Century Prize winner](#), incorporates service projects into the club's mission.
- **Mentor young women.** One of the best gifts the WNBA has given me is connecting me with women who have served as my mentors — and friends — over the last decade, and I want to pass that energy onto the next generation of young leaders.

What are your goals this year? Hop over to our [Facebook](#) page and fill us in!

This year also marks my last few months as national president, and I'm looking forward to working hard to support our board, members, and community.

Wishing you all a happy New Year!

Sincerely,

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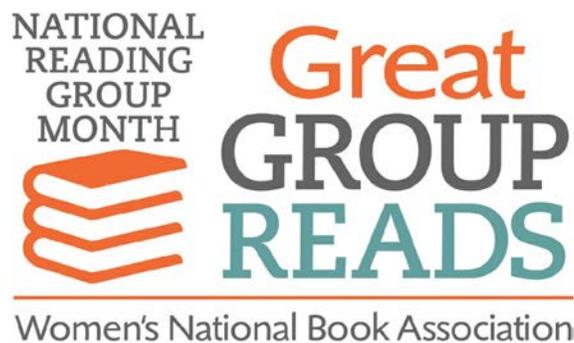
# Read Free Books for GGR

**By Kristen Knox (Charlotte)  
Manager, Great Group Reads**

With a new year, we're gearing up for another season of Great Group Reads, and we'd love to have you join us as a reader on the committee.

If you'd like to help shape our annual list and can commit to reading 20–25 or so (free) books submitted by publishers between March and July, this might be the perfect chance for you to volunteer for the WNBA.

If you want the chance to read some amazing books (often prior to their publication) that you might never have come across otherwise and to be a part of helping other readers find the perfect book or books to share with their book clubs, libraries, and reading friends, this might be perfect for you.



All current WNBA members in good standing are welcome.

For more detailed information on how to become a reader, please e-mail Kristen Knox at [kknox.natreadinggrpmonth@gmail.com](mailto:kknox.natreadinggrpmonth@gmail.com).

Check out the [2019 Great Group Reads list!](#)

## Member Benefit: List Your Blog on the Website

**By Julie L. Frey (Greater Philadelphia)**

Did you know that we have a page on our website dedicated solely to our members' blogs?

If you have a blog or your website has a blog, we want to know about it!

You can create a free listing, and we will post it on the [members' blog page](#) on the website. Your listing will get seen by anyone who visits that page of our website.



To have your blog listed, you must be a WNBA member, own the blog you are submitting, and update the blog regularly.

The blog may be a stand-alone blog or part of your website, but you cannot submit your website without an active blog.

If you would like your blog added to the page, please email the following information to me at [newsletter@wnba-books.org](mailto:newsletter@wnba-books.org).

Please include all of the below information:

- your name
- the title of the blog (if it has one)
- the URL
- a primary category (ex. books, writing, travel, lifestyle, photography, personal growth, professional development, cooking, parenting, general interest etc.)
- and a 1–2 sentence description of the blog (you can include the blog's focus or purpose, topics you write about, types of content that you write, details about who you are, and so forth)

I can't wait to read all of the amazing things are members are creating!

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