

## Book Club

How do YOU choose what to read?

Do you go for an author you already know and love? How unimaginative!

Do you look at the picture on the cover? This often bears no relation to the subject matter.

Do you read the blurb on the back? This is notoriously misleading: the publishers are not going to include any negative comments, are they?

What about the title? Well, that often gives no clue at all.

Over the last few months we have read:

Pyramid by Henning Mankell (No, not about Egyptian archaeology)

Room by Emma Donoghue (No, actually not a home-decorating guide)

Child 44 by Tim Rob Smith (No, certainly not a manual for school teachers)

and, most recently, Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistlestop Cafe by Fannie Flagg (No, not a cook book for disappointed gardeners)

So we are often surprised, but it is always good to encounter the unexpected : it broadens our knowledge and saves us from getting in a rut . Some books we enjoy, some not. One person's favourite may be thoroughly disliked by others, but the discussion is always fun and it can change our assumptions, maybe demolish prejudices, certainly inform.

So read on...,and on....and on.