

# THE LADIES WHO...

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The Women of the new hot book club in Bristol. *The Ladies Who...* bring a new edge to the idea of the 'Book Club.' Top Left to Right: Lynette Evans and Alison Amy, Lynette Evans and Meagan Lopez, Sarah March and Jen Sadler. Bottom Left to Right: Libby Cottingham, Lynette Evans, Rachel Wyson, Meagan Lopez, Caroline Swan, Meagan Lopez and Libby Cottingham

## A Club for Sociable, Inquisitive Ladies Bristol, UK

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*The Ladies Who...* are a group of sociable, inquisitive ladies who bring the common book club to a new level. We take back the idea of "the ladies who lunch" from the housewives of yesteryear and bring our own sassy modern twist to it. We unite monthly to discuss the fabulous books we have read, and to engage in social activities relating to the book. At each gathering, a theme is chosen ranging from *Ladies Who... Volunteer* to *Ladies Who... Roll Sushi* to *Ladies Who... Luxuriate*, and everything in between. We dare to embark on activities we have never done before, have always wanted to do or, simply, that is fun and mixes well with discussions of our books.

Our group consists of professional women in their twenties and thirties from a variety of backgrounds (PR, TV/Film Casting, NHS Research, Nursing, etc.) and countries – England, Wales and the USA. We were initially united in Bristol for one reason – our boyfriends. In lieu of the fact that all of our boyfriends were friends, we found we actually enjoyed each other's company as well! One evening's discussion sipping wine and realising we needed an outlet that was completely rid of testosterone, led to the idea for our book club. The first get-together was aptly named *The Ladies Who... Read*. Every month new women are joining and our circle of female friends is growing (as well as our list of books).

We believe we are perfect for Glamour Magazine's book club feature because we not only read the book, we experience it – thus bringing a whole new sophistication and understanding to the term 'book review.' The organiser comes prepared with questions and loose agenda, while the host feeds and houses the other members (unless it requires another venue). Our gatherings are lively and interactive. There are usually games involved, and there is always lots of laughter. The Ladies Who... would love to review a book of Glamour's choosing and tick another activity off our bucket list.

Members: Lynette Evans, Rachel Wyson, Alison Amy, Caroline Swan, Libby Cottingham, Meagan Lopez, Jen Sadler, Sarah March, Kate Gover, Gemma Lloyd, Amy Dobson