



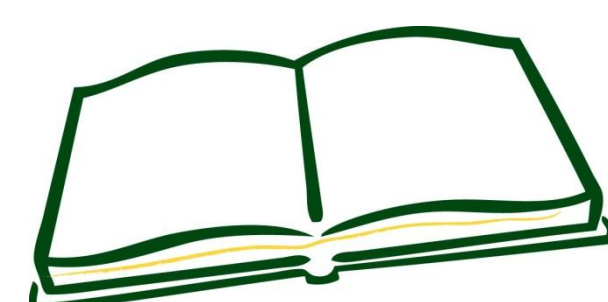
Reading Outside the Walls: Rasmussen College Reaches Out to a System-wide Book Discussion



Introduction

The Rasmussen College Library System is comprised of 18 campuses across five states and a large national online campus. In Fall 2009, an online and campus book discussion was initiated to provide an opportunity for students, faculty, and staff to share in a college-wide discussion of Sherman Alexie's *The Absolutely True Story of a Part-time Indian*. Various tie-in events, activities, and displays were held at each campus, including the three Florida campuses.

The Pasco County Campus is continuing this endeavor to foster reading and discussion through quarterly rotation book club kits. A "kit" was developed through purchase of 10 print copies and an eBook accessible through NetLibrary. Discussion materials were gathered and marketing materials, including a corresponding website, were created to complement the online discussion. The online component allows for all students and faculty, including those fully online and/or unable to come to a physical campus, a means of participating in the college community.



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Marketing

The book club was marketed through flyers, kiosk slides, word-of-mouth, classroom announcements, and our Student Portal. Students were given information on how to participate in the online discussion as well as information to access the eBook.



Like to Read?

Join the Book Club

During the Winter quarter we will be discussing Jodi Picoult's *Keeping Faith*

Keeping Faith is about a little girl who, in the wake of a family crisis, develops an imaginary friend who turns out to be God. And female. In this chapter, Faith and her mother Mariah realize that their lives are about to change: a curfew takes up residence on the front lawn to uphold Faith as the new Messiah, and a Winniebaggo arrives bearing the infamous Ian Fletcher, an atheist with a television quip, who's come to prove that Faith is a hoax. But then she works a miracle...

- Read the eBook through NetLibrary at:
 - Go to <http://portal.rasmussen.edu>
 - Click "Library Resources" link
 - Click "Books/Catalog" link
 - Select NetLibrary
 - Search for Picoult
 - Click View this eBook

Check out a copy at the Pasco County Campus library. Bring your Student ID. More information and videos available at: <http://www.jodipicoult.com>



Date: March 1, 2010 Time: 5:15pm

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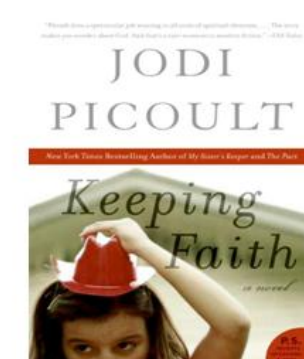
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RasmussenCollegeReads-Online Discussion

RasmussenCollegeReads

Welcome to Rasmussen College Reads, an online book discussion group for Rasmussen College students, faculty and staff. We launched our group with a title for Native American Heritage Month. Now in Winter quarter we are expanding to more titles including Jodi Picoult's *Keeping Faith* for Women's History Month.

Group website: <http://rasmussen.libguides.com/content.php?pid=97578>

Recent members: AmandaBelanger, MelanieTh, jenee09, ladygwendlyn, jinks, dawn_gray, Miranda_Levorsson, donno, kirkOlson, kmseyed, kristenerson, nasomhurst, LIBforreaders, ladyr, HeatherC, dwardleed, Suzanne_Schriever, LadyMandi, Chandral1, ODea, dennisLEW, Jdram00, CynthiaR, BethL, michellebarker, menglar, susantra1, HilaryW, wiscojudy, slightlyborkers

Tags: women's history (1), college bookgroup (1)

Created: Oct 29, 2009 by BethMarieGooding

Topics	messages	Last message
Picoult- Religion topics	4	ladygwendlyn, Today 3:29pm
Picoult- The Ending	9	jinks, Today 8:02am
Picoult- Motherhood/Family	1	HilaryW, Yesterday 10:11am
Picoult- Faith's "Quest"	9	HilaryW, Friday 10:54am
Picoult- First Impressions?	9	HilaryW, Friday 10:48am
I'd like to introduce myself =)	2	HilaryW, March 1
Winter Quarter Book- Jodi Picoult's Keeping Faith	4	HilaryW, March 1
I'd like to introduce myself =)	1	MelanieTh, February 28
Picoult- Meeting at Pasco	1	HilaryW, February 12
Suggestions for next book?	3	Chandral1, December 2009
who's Teat?	1	Chandral1, December 2009

Through the online discussion, students have a forum to communicate regardless of their location. We have fully online students participating along with students from the campus. Also allows for freedom to participate in a campus event without having to come to the campus. Time constraints, because of students' outside commitments, has limited our residential participation.

Resources, Diversity, & Book Selection

In addition to the discussion, a companion website was created to provide students additional information about the book, author, and topical themes raised in the book. The campus librarians look to select books in keeping with the college's diversity initiatives. Picoult's book, for example, addresses themes of religion.

Book Discussion- Jodi Picoult's *Keeping Faith*

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Information about the book

- Synopsis of the book
- A conversation with Jodi about *Keeping Faith*
- Read an excerpt.

Comments (0)

About the Author

- About Jodi Picoult

Comments (0)

Want to read more by Jodi?

Her latest book, *House Rules*, comes out in March!

- Books by Jodi Picoult

Comments (0)

Read-alikes

Chris Bohjalian, Jacquelyn Mitchard, LuAnne Rice, Ann Hood, and Sue Miller

Comments (0)

Interviews & Photos

<http://video.stv.tv/centerentertainment-celebrity-chat-20091205-jodie-picoult/>

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Video

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