

The Dubbya Dubbya

Words & Wine Club

Meetings of *The Dubbya Dubbya Club* ("DDC") are a social & cultural opportunity for those possessing more refined tastes: If you enjoy the best in food, wine, literature, and the company you keep, this is the book discussion group for you! In general, the DDC meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month (though October–December meetings are held on the *third* Wednesdays of those months to avoid holiday conflicts with Halloween, Thanksgiving, and year-end holidays of all faiths). The gathering begins at 6:30pm, and discussion of that month's reading selection commences around 7:00pm.

Meeting Location: Unless stated otherwise, the DDC will hold its 2006 meetings at the **D.O.C. Wine Bar, 2602 N. Clark, Chicago** (at Wrightwood) in the back room. There is street parking nearby; for CTA riders, the 22 Clark and 36 Broadway buses pass by.

2006 Reading & Discussion Schedule

Selections alternate between shorter works (usually under 300pp.) and longer ones (300+ pp.). The schedule is arranged to give the more ambitious reader a bit of a "break" in between longer books, while allowing the casual reader to pick and choose between selections and to apportion reading time accordingly. Most of the 2006 reading list selections were culled from TIME magazine's *The 100 Best Novels, 1923-present* (i.e., the years TIME has been in existence) and selected by active DDC members.

Shorter selections

- January 25** *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis (224pp.) Also see the movie before this meeting if you have a chance!
- March 22** *Portnoy's Complaint** by Philip Roth (304pp.)
- May 24** *The Moviegoer** by Walker Percy (256pp.)
- June 28** *Imagining Argentina* by Lawrence Thornton (240pp.) — an "optional" reading for what is traditionally a hiatus month for DDC. This meeting will be hosted/moderated by Nora Hipolito at Tango Sur, a B.Y.O.B. Argentinian restaurant at 3763 N. Southport Ave., Chicago.
- August 23** *The Sea* by John Banville (208pp.) — the 2005 Booker Prize winner
- October 18** *Neuromancer* by William Gibson. (271pp.)

Longer selections

- February 22** *Midnight's Children** by Salman Rushdie. (552pp) — named "Booker of Bookers", the best original, full-length, English language novel by a citizen of the UK Commonwealth of the Booker Prize's first quarter century (1968–1993)
- April 26** *Revolutionary Road* by Richard Yates (368pp.)
- July 26** *Gravity's Rainbow* by Thomas Pynchon (768pp.)
- September 27** *The Corrections* by Jonathan Franzen (592pp.)
- November 15** *The Sound and The Fury** by William Faulkner. (336pp.)

* denotes selections named to the *Modern Library's 100 Best Novels List*

December 13 *Fifth Annual DDC Holiday Gathering* featuring food & drink, the secret book swap, and perhaps a holiday-themed reading (Location TBA)

Visit <http://www.DubbyaDubbya.com> for information on meetings, reading & discussion guides, archives, and relevant web links. Contact Dante at (312) 375-7886 or Dante@DubbyaDubbya.com for more information.

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Properly, we should read for power. Man reading should be man intensely alive. The book should be a ball of light in one's hand. Ezra Pound • A room without books is like a body without a soul. G.K. Chesterton • Be as careful of the books you read as of the company you keep; for your habits and character will be as much influenced by the former as by the latter. Paxton Hood • I've never known any trouble that an hour's reading didn't assuage. Charles de Secondat • An ordinary man can... surround himself with two thousand books... and thenceforward have at least one place in the world in which it is possible to be happy. Augustine Birrell • The pleasure of all reading is doubled when one lives with another who shares the same books. Katherine Mansfield • Just the knowledge that a good book is waiting one at the end of a long day makes that day happier. Kathleen Norris • In a very real sense, people who have read good literature have lived more than people who cannot or will not read. ... It is not true that we have only one life to live; if we can read, we can live as many more lives and as many kinds of lives as we wish. S.I. Hayakawa • The man who does not read good books has no advantage over the man who can't read them. Mark Twain • If we encounter a man of rare intellect, we should ask him what books he reads. Ralph Waldo Emerson • The oldest books are still only just out to those who have not read them. Samuel Butler • Good friends, good books, and a sleepy conscience. This is the ideal life. Mark Twain • Reading is a discount ticket to everywhere. Reading is more treasure in books than in all the pirates' loot on Treasure Island... and best of all, you can enjoy these riches every day of your life. Walt Disney.