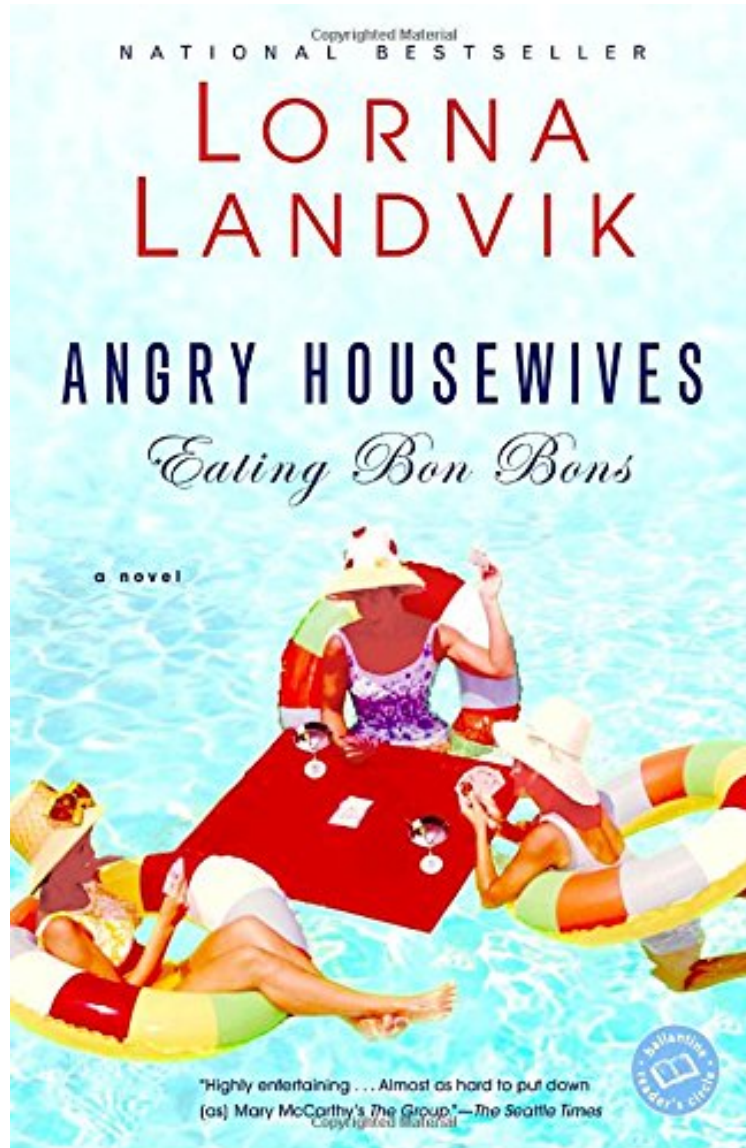


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**Lorna Landvik : Angry Housewives Eating Bon Bons (Ballantine Reader's Circle)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Angry Housewives Eating Bon Bons (Ballantine Reader's Circle):

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. GAL PALS AND MOREBy josephine briggsThis book begins in 1968, ends in 1998, a period of thirty years. Characters grow up, grow old. Five ladies living in a cul de sac on Freesia

Court become close and life long friends even through differences in opinion and child raising. All love books, love reading, love good desserts, love entertaining. Each month one lady chooses the book to be read and discussed and hosts the meeting. There is plenty of talk and eating going on. Husbands and children knew not to disturb the group except in cases of emergency. The ladies are entirely different. Audrey is a big girl, five ten, and from a wealthy family. Slip is tiny, barely five feet, barely one hundred pounds, red curly hair which she hates and is very outspoken. Beautiful Merit is a Lutheran pastor's daughter, strictly raised in a small Iowa town, quiet and shy. Keri, the oldest at forty, the others are in their twenties, is a widow, no children. Faith is new to Minnesota. She is from Texas and Arkansas, unused to harsh winters. Years go by, two divorces, one divorcee remarries. There are thirteen children in the group. Keri has no children, loves kids, is a favorite among nieces and nephews. Along comes a baby who needs a mom and she's all Keri's to her joy. Merit has her fourth daughter when she is in her early forties. Spoiled and loved is this child with three older sisters. Time goes by, the ladies grow older, the children grow up, leave home. One daughter, due to all these readers with their books, becomes a writer, other sons and daughters make their moms grandmothers. Audrey finds a good friend, a gay man, Grant. He becomes a club member, likes to read and entertain, is a wonderful cook, a good housekeeper, and a wonderful friend to the group. Characters grow old, characters die, the coming generation takes over. So goes life and living.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great for book clubs. By Collene Irvin Follow the joys and heartbreaks of five friends in Minnesota and their wacky bookclub called Angry Housewives Eating Bon Bons. There is Faith the organized one who is hiding a secret; Audrey the voluptuous one whose life changes the most; Widowed Kari who thinks life is pretty much over until shes thrown a curve; Merit, the pretty one who lives with an abusive husband and Slip who is always supporting a cause. The book spans over three decades and gives you a nostalgic look at the 70s, 80s and 90s. Theres over thirty-four books mentioned and I have read only two. Now I have a new reading list to add to my already long to-be-read list. The author does an excellent job of characterization as each of her characters grow. Which woman do I see myself in? I actually saw a little bit of myself in all the women, but I have to say Merit is the one I most identify with because of the abusive relationship she experienced. The book probably appeals more to the 50+ group. Id like to see a sequel: Angry Housewives Eating Bon Bons: The Golden Years. This edition included questions and answers to the author and a reading group guide.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. AHEBBBy Kindle Customer Reading this book has Inlightened my prospective of friendship, seeing the different live style of these woman and how they bonded with each other, the heartache they have been through with each others family, how close they bonded when anyone is in need of help. Now living in those times women did a lot of things you would not be too mindful of now you would not even dream to be smoking or drinking for that matter while pregnant and they did it back then without any morals about it. But over all I enjoyed reading the book and my book club wants to follow the Angry Housewives way of reading and how they do different ways and style of different theme.

The women of Freesia Court are convinced that there is nothing good coffee, delectable desserts, and a strong shoulder cant fix. Laughter is the glue that holds them together the foundation of a book group they call AHEB (Angry Housewives Eating Bon Bons), an unofficial club that becomes much more. It becomes a lifeline. Holding on through forty eventful years, theres Faith, a lonely mother of twins who harbors a terrible secret that has condemned her to living a lie; big, beautiful Audrey, the resident sex queen who knows that with good posture and an attitude you can get away with anything; Merit, the shy doctors wife with the face of an angel and the private hell of an abusive husband; Kari, a wise woman with a wonderful laugh who knows the greatest gifts appear after lifes fiercest storms; and finally, Slip, a tiny spitfire of a woman who isnt afraid to look trouble straight in the eye. This stalwart group of friends depicts a special slice of American life, of stay-at-home days and new careers, of children and grandchildren, of bold beginnings and second chances, in which the power of forgiveness, understanding, and the perfectly timed giggle fit is the CPR that mends broken hearts and shattered dreams.

From Publishers Weekly Five friends live through three decades of marriages, child raising, neighborhood parties, bad husbands and good brownies-and Landvik (Patty Jane's House of Curl) doesn't miss a single cliché as she chronicles their lives in this pleasant but wholly familiar novel of female bonding. When Faith Owens's husband is transferred from Texas to the "stupid godforsaken frozen tundra" of Freesia Court, Minn., in 1968, her life looks like it's going to be one dull, snowy slog-until the power goes out one evening and a group of what appear to be madwomen start a snowball fight in her backyard. These dervishes turn out to be her neighbors: antiwar activist Slip; sexpot Audrey; painfully shy Merit; and widow Kari. They become fast friends and decide to escape their humdrum routine by starting the Freesia Court Book Club, later given the eponymous name by one of their disgruntled husbands. As the years pass, Audrey and Merit get divorced, Kari adopts her niece's illegitimate baby, all five of the women find work outside their homes and they even smoke a joint together. Their personal dramas are regularly punctuated by reflections on political milestones ("First Martin Luther King, Jr., then Bobby Kennedy. As if we didn't have enough to worry about with this stupid war..."). While some scenes are touching and genuinely funny, readers of Fannie Flagg, Rita Mae Brown, Rebecca Wells and many imitators will feel that they've seen this before. Copyright 2003 Reed Business Information,

Inc. From Library Journal At the heart of this new work from the popular Landvik (Welcome to the Great Mysterious) is the Freesia Court Book Club, whose five women members go through a lot together. Copyright 2002 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Booklist Landvik makes her contribution to the female-friends-sharing-life's-ups-and-downs genre with this saga of suburban Minneapolis housewives who form a book discussion group and found a friendship that spans 30 years. So dysfunctional and dramatic are their lives, so witty and wise are these women, Landvik could just as easily have titled the book Divine Secrets of the Uffda Sisterhood. Thrown together by a harsh winter storm, the women band together to weather the emotional upheavals such long-lasting friendships are bound to encounter. There's fearful Faith, burdened by a secret past; meek Merit, whose marriage harbors secrets literally too painful to reveal; audacious Audrey, whose sexual appetites are far from secret; sassy Slip, protesting social injustices great and small; and kindhearted Kari, a widow longing for someone to end her loneliness. While the group's book selections often mirror what's happening in their lives or the world around them, Landvik's ladies endure the best and worst of times together (and recommend some great reads along the way). Carol Haggas Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved