

***Something to Talk About! Books that Spark Discussion***  
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**SOCIAL ISSUES**

**Gwin, Minrose.** *The Queen of Palmyra* by Minrose Gwin. HarperPerennial, 2010. Fiction, GREAT GROUP READS

**Boyle, T.C.** *Tortilla Curtain*. Penguin, 1996. Fiction

**Simpson, Mona.** *My Hollywood*. Knopf, 2010. Fiction

**Pelecanos, George.** *The Turnaround*. Little, Brown, 2008. Fiction

**Thompson-Cannino, Jennifer, Ronald Cotton, with Erin Torneo.** *Picking Cotton: Our Memoir of Injustice and Redemption*. St. Martin's Press, 2009. Memoir

**FAMILY AND RELIGIOUS ISSUES**

**Taylor, Jackson.** *The Blue Orchard*. Simon & Schuster, 2010. Fiction

**Tamm, Jayanti.** *Cartwheels in a Sari*. Harmony Books, 2009. Memoir

**Lauren, Jillian.** *Some Girls: My Life in a Harem*. Plume, 2010. Memoir

**Hahn-Ber, Edith and Susan Dworkin.** *The Nazi Officer's Wife: How One Jewish Woman Survived the Holocaust*. Rob Weisbach/Wm. Morrow, 1999. Memoir

**WHO WE ARE**

**Boylan, Jennifer Finney.** *She's Not There: A Life in Two Genders*. Broadway Books, 2003. Memoir

**Jamison, Kay Redfield.** *An Unquiet Mind*. Knopf, 1995. Memoir

**Simon, Rachel.** *Riding the Bus with My Sister: A True Life Journey*. Houghton Mifflin, 2002. Memoir

**Bechdel, Alison.** *Fun Home: A Family Tragicomic*. Houghton Mifflin, 2006. Memoir

**POLITICAL ISSUES**

**Soli, Tatjana.** *The Lotus Eaters*. St. Martin's. 2010. Fiction. GREAT GROUP READS

**Pan, Philip P.** *Out of Mao's Shadow: the Struggle for the Soul of a New China*. Simon & Schuster, 2008. Nonfiction

**Kristof, Nicholas D. and Sheryl WuDunn.** *Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide*. Knopf, 2009. Nonfiction