



GIRL'S BOOK CLUB

# GETTING STARTED

## Notes

### WELCOME TO BTB FOR GIRLS!

#### *Why run a Girl's Book Club?*

My heart for women (and little women!) is to equip and release in the name of Jesus. Through this avenue of the BTB ministry, I desire to create a space that equips mothers to empower their daughters to lead a life-giving book club and cultivate a space where friendships blossom.

By supporting our daughters to lead their own book clubs, we equip them for so much more than just discussing books. Servant leadership, hospitality, baking, welcoming, creating an atmosphere, praying for one another, organisation, and being a good friend can all be learnt through leading and participating in book clubs!

We can be there to guide, support and help gently, but ultimately, we're preparing our daughters for a future of practical sacrificial living, pastoral care, hospitality and healthy friendships!



## WHAT DOES BTB PROVIDE?

### *Resources available for girls:*

'BTB For Girls' resources are aimed at girls aged 8-12 to confidently facilitate their own book clubs. You can download all of the following resources for FREE through the website ([blossomingthroughbooks.online](http://blossomingthroughbooks.online))

- Girl's Book Club Guides; quotes, genre, themes, character profiles, storyline summary and five discussion questions.
- Leader's Notes for the first meeting; the leader's notes are a step-by-step guide, assisting the leader in running their book club. The notes for the 'first meeting' include a 'getting to know you' introduction.
- Leader's Notes; the leader's notes are a step-by-step guide, assisting the leader in running their book club.
- Book Club Etiquette
- Book Club Journal (available to download for free when you subscribe)
- Getting Started Notes



## OUR BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

### *A reliable book list you can trust!*

All of the books recommended by Blossoming through Books are prayerfully selected to ensure only the best quality life-giving books are suggested. Our "BTB Girl's Book Club Guides" are lovingly made for books we have read as a family or used in our daughter's book clubs.

BTB for Girls offers a selection of classic children's literature, modern fiction, and biographies. Not all of our suggested books are written by Christian authors. Please look at the 'CONTENT' section on the book review page for any warnings about the book, which may help you choose the right books for your group.

## PLANNING AND ORGANISATION

### *Helping you discover the heart of a successful book club:*

You may like to sit down with your daughter and consider some of the following things:

- Where will your daughter's book club be held? Can you host in your home, or do you need to ask a friend to host while your daughter leads? Will you meet out at a park or café?
- How frequently will the book club meet? Monthly, every 2-3 months? At the end of the school term?
- Once you know how often the book club will meet, create a book schedule. Will the book list be created by your daughter alone, or will her book club friends have input? Sometimes, as 'this or that' option offered to group members is a happy medium. You can explore all of our book options at [blossomingthroughbooks.online](http://blossomingthroughbooks.online)
- Who will be invited to the book club? Much of the book club atmosphere is created by those who attend. You might like to consider whether the book club will be for your daughter's Christian friends only or any of her friends. Ensuring your daughter invites members who share her book club goals and happily abide by a book club etiquette can be invaluable in cultivating a life-giving atmosphere where healthy friendships can flourish.
- What skills would your daughter like help with before she starts? Can you do a lesson in hospitality (how to welcome people and encourage inclusion and sharing) or a baking lesson (perhaps she might like to prepare scones for her meeting)? Does she need help with the confidence to pray out loud or time to go through the discussion questions with you in advance?





## A PRAYER FOR YOUR DAUGHTER'S BOOK CLUB

"Let every breath we breathe be an opportunity to extend grace and love towards one another, just as our Heavenly Father so exuberantly pours His love into our hearts. Let our daughter's book clubs and friendships tangibly radiate heaven so that each girl she leads blossoms through the journey. Amen"

*As a result of your ministry, they will give glory to God. For your generosity to them and to all believers will prove that you are obedient to the good news of Christ. And they will pray for you with deep affection because of the overflowing grace God has given to you.*

*2 Corinthians 9:13-14*