

"Bad News"

MUTUAL BOOK CLUB

The Game

Members of the club in good standing may, at their leisure, compel ("assign") one another to read a book of their choosing, provided that the book meets the requirements established by the rules, and produce a book report for the pleasure of the assigning member. A member may only assign a book after they have completed reading a book that has been assigned to them, and submitted a satisfactory book report to the assignor (and the club at large) for review. Members may only be assigned one book at a time.

Rules

1. Members in good standing can force one another ("assign"), and must themselves consent to be forced, to read a book (limits apply) of the assigning member's choosing and produce a short (defined below) book report for the amusement of the club. Assignment must take place in person, and the conversation must begin with the assigning member saying the phrase "Bad news."
2. Plagiarism is prohibited. Note: forcing your offspring, random dorks on the internet, friends, family, etc. to write the book report for you is plagiarism.
3. Books must be fiction, must not be more than 300 pages in length, and must not be in an unreasonably small font. "Unreasonable" and "fiction" are in the judgement of the person being assigned the book.
4. It must be possible to purchase the book on Amazon.
5. Books to be read must be provided by the member "assigning" the book to the member being "assigned."
6. Book reports must follow the outline provided by "How to Write a Book Report." (<https://kids.usa.gov/articles/book-report/index.shtml>)
7. Books cannot be obscene. Obscene is in the judgement of the person being "assigned" the book. Don't be "that guy (or girl)."
8. If the book is really so bad that the assigned member feels they can't finish it, the member must appeal the assignment to the member who "assigned" it to them. Appeals must be presented with a homemade baked good meeting the stated requirements of the assigning member. The nominal value of the baked good may not exceed \$15.
9. Oral presentations may be accepted in lieu of a written book report at

the discretion of the assigning member. Presentations must follow the "10/20/30 rule." If a presentation does not meet these requirements, the assigning member is not required to consider it acceptable in fulfilling these requirements. If the presentation is *really* bad, the assigning member (and any other members who might be present) may demand restitution in the form of a baked good as described in section 8.

10. All rights to any works produced in conjunction with club activities are retained by the members of the club in common.

11. Book reports must be completed in a timely manor. A "timely manor" is defined as three months or the discretion of the assigning member, whichever is longer.

Joining and Foundation

- To join, you must read a book assigned by a member in good standing and produce a satisfactory book report.

- Charter members shall assign one another, by a method to be agreed upon by simple consensus of the charter members, the first book for each to read, and who shall review each member's first book report. Any method is acceptable as long as it guarantees that: a member cannot choose their own book, the book will meet the requirements of the charter, and the book report will be reviewed by another charter member.

- The club will be considered founded once all charter members have read their assigned books, and provided an acceptable book report for review.

Zombies

A member who fails to adhere to any of the rules shall be considered "in bad standing" and may be referred to as a "zombie." Zombie members may not participate in any club activities. To return to good standing, a "Zombie" member must satisfy any outstanding commitments they may have to good standing members under the rules. Once all outstanding commitments are satisfied, the "Zombie" member must secure a good standing member as a sponsor, and provide them with a baked good as described in rule 8.

Quitting

The mutual book club is "for life." There is no formal method to "quit" the organization. The only way out is to become a member in bad standing (a "zombie") due to dereliction of your responsibilities to the club. In this event, you suck, but whatever. Quitter.

Disolution

In the event that there are ever less than two members in good standing, the "Bad News" Mutual Book Club will be immediately and permanently dissolved.

Amendments

Amendments to these bylaws may be made by consensus of the club's members in "good standing."