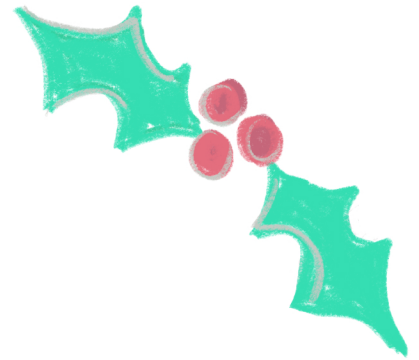


Book Club: A Redbird Christmas by Fannie Flagg



Opening Questions:

Has anyone watched Truth Be Told yet?

Favorite Christmas book?

Talk about the library card set

About the Author

Fannie Flagg

-most famous for movie Fried Green Tomatoes based on her book. She wrote the screenplay which was nominated for an academy award.

-my favorite Fannie Flagg book is the All Girls Filling Station Reunion. I also highly recommend I still dream about you.

-she is from Birmingham and Alabama is often a setting in her books

-fun facts, she started out in comedy, she was on the show Candid Camera and a few games shows like 10,000 pyramid and Hollywood Squares

-her actual name is Patricia Neal but her agent told her there was already an actress named Patricia Neal so she needed to change it. She picked Fannie because it sounded fun.

-She was in the Miss Alabama pageant 7 times, never won.

-She is dyslexic

-she is 75 years old and we had to reach out to her with an actual letter to see if she would join us tonight. We never heard back

About the book

Main Characters

Oswald- old man who is told he is dying

Patsy- little girl

Frances- old lady who adopts Patsy

Roy- store owner

Jack the redbird

Questions for About the book

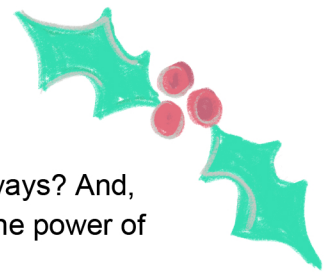
-Who are your favorites among the cast of characters (besides Jack, Oswald and Patsy) and why—Betty Kitchen, Roy Grimmitt, Frances Cleverdon, Claude Underwood, Mildred, Dottie ...? (Exclude Jack or Patsy; we'll get to them next.)

- Fannie Flagg seems to be having fun with names in this novel: not just Oswald's name, but also the name of Lost River. In what way do many of its residents fit the name of the town?

What have some of them lost...or missed out on...?

-How did you feel about the way they handled telling Patsy about Jack?





-Healing is a central motif in this novel. Who gets healed in this book—and in what ways? And, more importantly, what enables healing to occur? What is Flagg suggesting about the power of community?

-Do you find this book satisfying—is it what you hoped for? Is it too sweet, or saccharine, for your taste? Or is it just right—its sweetness cut by Fannie Flagg's wit? If you've read other works by Flagg, how does this one compare?

-What was your favorite part of the book?

Closing details

-ornament!!!!

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