Book Club Basics



1. Frequency & Timing

- Most common: Once a month (allows enough time to read the book)
- Alternatives: Every 6-8 weeks, or every two weeks for shorter books
- Length of meeting: Usually 1.5-2 hours
- Venue: Someone's home, a library, café, or online (Zoom, etc.)

2. Standard Meeting Flow

- a) Welcome & Catch-Up (10-15 min) Casual chatting, snacks/drinks, and social connection before starting.
- b) Book Discussion (60-90 min)
 - 1) Opening thoughts: Everyone shares quick impressions.
 - 2) Guided discussion: The facilitator (or rotating leader) uses prepared questions about Celtic heritage, characters, themes, and writing style.
 - 3) Deeper dive: Explore historical, cultural, or personal connections to the book.
 - 4) Quotables: Share favorite passages or lines.
 - 5) Differing opinions: Encourage respectful debate.
- c) Book Ratings (5-10 min) Each member gives the book a rating (e.g., 1-5 stars) with a short explanation.
- d) Next Book Selection (10-15 min) Rotate who chooses, vote from a shortlist, or pull from a pre-set list.
- e) Wrap-Up & Social Time (10-15 min) Catch up, share recommendations for other books, movies, or upcoming events.

3. Between Meetings

- Members read the chosen book.
- Optional: Share thoughts in a group chat, post articles/interviews related to the book, or note discussion questions.
- Sometimes the host sends out background info on the author or topic before the meeting.