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Book lovers rejoice! THE BOOK CLUB is back.

This year THE BOOK CLUB celebrates its 10th anniversary with lots of new surprises in store.

Returning in its original home on Tuesday nights at 10pm, **THE BOOK CLUB** will roll out as a weekly show for twelve weeks from Tuesday, May 24 at 10pm. **THE BOOK CLUB** will also return for its annual hour-long special in December.

Jennifer Byrne will once again be joined by fellow book lovers and long time club members Marieke Hardy and Jason Steger but this year welcomes a rotation of regular club favourites including Michael Williams, Michael Robotham, Adam Liaw, Virginia Gay, Ben Law, Toni Jordan, and Omar Musa. We are also pleased to introduce author and blogger Rosie Waterland as the newest member of **THE BOOK CLUB**.

In addition to heated debate on the year's latest releases, audiences will be treated to breaking literary news, must-read classics, **THE BOOK CLUB's** best moments from the vault, guest favourites and publishing trends.

The first **BOOK CLUB** of the season includes special guest, award-winning author Jeanette Winterson, who along with Virginia Gay, Marieke Hardy and Jason Steger, will discuss Australian author Dominic Smith's historical fiction *The Last Painting of Sara de Vos*, before heading off to the wild and desolate moors of Emily Brontë's gothic masterpiece *Wuthering Heights*.

On Tuesday, May 31 **THE BOOK CLUB** presents *Books That Changed My Life* featuring a panel of Sydney Writers' Festival international guests; best-selling author Paula Hawkins (*Girl On A Train*), British poet and musician Kate Tempest (*The Bricks That Built The Houses*), Man Booker Prize winner Marlon James (*A Brief History of Seven Killings*), and American memoirist Vivian Gornick (*the Odd Woman and the City*).

Complementing **THE BOOK CLUB**, the ABC Arts Channel on iview launches **BOOKISH** on Tuesday, May 3. **BOOKISH** is a fun weekly program exploring all aspects of books, writing, reading and publishing hosted by ABC Arts newcomer, comedian and writer Jennifer Wong.

To get book lovers of all ages in the mood, *Jennifer Byrne Presents: Andy Griffiths* – an intimate interview with Australia's best-selling author and kid's book sensation, airs on Tuesday, May 17 at 10pm on ABC and iview.

THE BOOK CLUB is produced by ABC TV. Series Producer: Marie Davies. Executive Producer: Jo Chichester. Head ABC TV Arts: Mandy Chang.

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