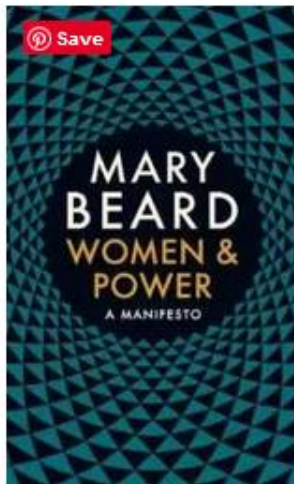


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This month we discussed [Women and Power](#) by [Mary Beard](#).

This book compiles two lectures given by Beard, one in 2014 and another in 2017. In these lectures she discusses various topics related to women and power, and how women have been excluded from public speaking and positions of power at different times in History.

We all need this kind of analysis, even if we think that everything has been done and said about the role of women in the structures of power. Beard doesn't offer any solutions, it just describes the situation as it is and she ventures some theories about how it could be, if we all worked on making equality

possible.

Women and Power is an engaging book and it clearly shows how far away we are from having a balanced distribution of power. Our book club had one of the best discussions we had for a long time, a lot of us had stories of unfairness to tell and had in some way experienced all the problems mentioned in the book. It was very satisfying to hear what our members had to say about their own experience as women in society, at work and in general. We all hoped that the new generation would be able to carry on working towards better conditions for all of us.

Mary Beard is a professor of Classics in Cambridge and she has done a great job as a communicator in her television shows *Rome* and *Civilizations*, making the classical world come alive for a lot of us.

You can find a good review of the book [here](#) and an intelligent interview to Mary Beard [here](#).

Ratings: Claudia 3.5, Di 3.5, Gail 3, Meg 3.5, Sandra 4 and Pauline 3.

We will meet next on the 13/05/19 at 6:30PM at [Preece House, 50 Nerang St Bischof Pioneer Park, Nerang \(next to 54 Nerang St. shops\)](#) to discuss [Milkman](#) by Anna Burns winner of The Man Booker Prize 2018.

Hope to see you all there and happy reading!

Other Books We Read

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Grace by Paul Lynch, 4

The Death of Murat Idrissi, by Tommy Wieringa, 3.5

The Freedom Artist by Ben Okri, 2.5

The Book That Matters Most by Ann Hood, 4

A Hundred Small Lessons by Ashley Hay, 3

How to Bake Pi by Eugenia Cheng, 3

On Doubt by Leigh Sales, 5

A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles, 5