

Lillie M. Evans Library District Book Club

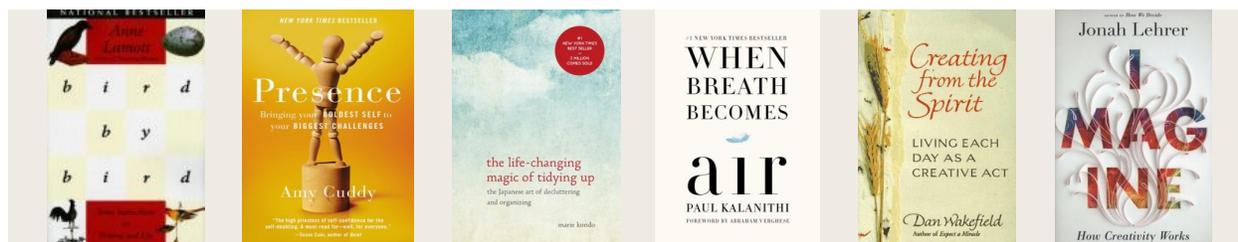
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Biography:



Elizabeth Gilbert was born in Connecticut and grew up on a small family Christmas tree farm. She attended New York University. After college, she spent several years traveling around the country collecting experiences to transform into fiction. These explorations eventually formed the basis of her first book – a short story collection called PILGRIMS, which was a finalist for the PEN/Hemingway award. During the early years in New York, she also worked as a journalist for such publications as Spin, GQ and The New York Times Magazine. She was a three-time finalist for The National Magazine Award, and an article she wrote in GQ about her experiences bartending on the Lower East Side eventually became the basis for the movie COYOTE UGLY. In 2000, Elizabeth published her first novel, STERN MEN but she is best known for her 2006 memoir EAT PRAY LOVE, which chronicled her journey alone around the world, looking for solace after a difficult divorce. In 2010, EAT PRAY LOVE was made into a film starring Julia Roberts. (Adapted from elizabethgilbert.com)

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Discussion Questions:

1. What did you like about the book? What did you not like?
2. Did you find the book easy to read? Did you like the essay format?
3. Which part of the book or concept in the book called out the most to you? Was there a concept you disagreed with?
4. Have you had an idea for a creative work and found that you lacked the courage to complete it? What do you think that fear stems from? What are you really afraid of?
5. How do you personally face fear?
6. Have you ever been confronted with your own “notion of scarcity?” How did you combat that?
7. How do you deal with negativity when it comes to your art and your life?
8. What are your current creative goals? (Questions adapted from: <http://thisbeautifuldayblog.com/book-club-big-magic-discussion-questions/#>)