

# Shine the Light on Domestic Violence

## Attention Book Clubs

Are you meeting in October? Participate in Domestic Violence Awareness Month and “Shine the Light on Domestic Violence” by expanding your knowledge and talking about the issue. Book club members can wear purple (the awareness color) to the meeting. You can even serve purple food and drinks. Get creative! A suggested book list, including fiction, autobiographies and non-fiction, follows. For a reliable source of domestic violence information, visit [our website](#) before or during the meeting and see our victim handbook, “[Finding Safety & Support.](#)”

### Want to take it to the next level?

- Consider collecting money from each member and donating it to your local domestic violence program. For a list of programs: <http://www.nyscadv.org/local-domestic-violence-programs/>
- Other suggestions for getting involved: [http://www.opdv.ny.gov/difference/donate\\_volunteer.html](http://www.opdv.ny.gov/difference/donate_volunteer.html)
- Be prepared to share the NYS Domestic and Sexual Violence Hotline: 1-800-942-6906.

### Book List

Black and Blue: A Novel, by Anna Quindlen

The Color Purple, by Alice Walker

Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Cafe: A Novel, by Fannie Flagg

Secrets of Eden: A Novel, by Chris Bohjalian

Vinegar Hill (P.S.), by A. Manette Ansay

Crazy Love, by Leslie Morgan Steiner

A Natural Woman, by Carole King

The Woman Who Walked Into Doors, by Roddy Doyle

Torn From the Inside Out, by Josephine Thompson

The Burning Bed, by Faith McNulty

I Closed My Eyes: Revelations of a Battered Woman, by Michele Weldon

I, Tina, by Tina Turner

The Gift of Fear, by Gavin De Becker

Why Does He Do That?: Inside the Minds of Angry and Controlling Men, by Lundy Bancroft

Next Time She'll Be Dead: Battering and How to Stop It, by Ann Jones

The Stalking of Kristin: A Father Investigates the Murder of his Daughter, by George Lardner

If you take a photo of your book club, send it to the NYS Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence at: [opdvpurple@opdv.ny.gov](mailto:opdvpurple@opdv.ny.gov) and we'll put it on our Facebook page.



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