

Reading The Culture Book Club

What could be better than sharing a good book with some of your closest friends? Join us for the launch of our Reading the Culture Book Club on September 10, 2022. Our inaugural book club includes members, staff, and The Lewis board, all gathered to share in the reading and discussion of *The Love Songs of W.E.B. Du Bois* by Honorée Fanonne Jeffers. The book club will host check-ins to share insights as we progress through the book. In November, we'll gather with a special guest speaker for a facilitated discussion. Individuals who purchase their books at The Lewis Museum Shop will receive a 15% discount on their book.

September 10, 2022

The Reading the Culture Book Club's initial meeting will launch on September 10th; our discussion on *The Love Songs of W.E.B. Du Bois* will cover what we hope to learn from the novel and hope to take away from its lessons.

✓ **PREP.** Get yourself [registered!](#) Purchase your book at the Museum Shop or through an independent bookseller. 🛒 **BRING.** Bring yourself, your book, snacks, a hot drink, and your thoughts. This will all be virtual so be prepared to get to know group members and have fun!

📖 **DO.** Read parts 1 and 2 of the book prior to the first meeting.

October 8, 2022

For our second RTC Book Club meeting, we'll discuss how Honorée Fanonne Jeffers uses history in the novel. We'll explore:

- How does Jeffers use history to shape the life of the protagonist?
- What do each of the "songs" signify in each part of the novel?
- What do we think about the parts of the novel presented without a "song" number?
- How does history act as a "song"?

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November 6, 2022

Make sure you don't miss the last discussion in our Reading the Culture Book Club series. For our third and final meeting, we're excited to have a guest speaker join us for a robust discussion and reflection of the entire novel.

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