

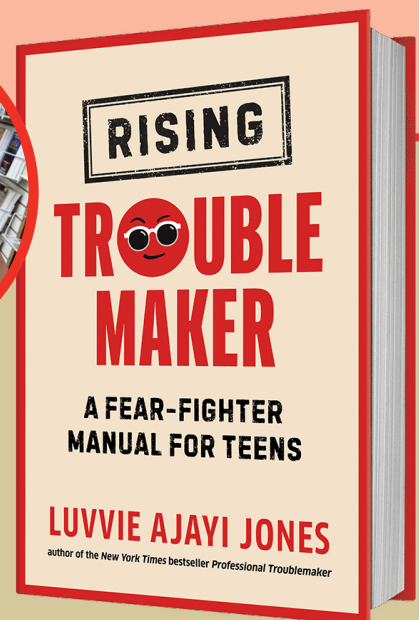
Why Join GWRL Book Club?

GSHNJ believes that reading has the power to transform lives. As girls navigate pivotal years of development, engaging in rich book discussions outside of a classroom setting can enhance critical thinking skills and build emotional intelligence that leads to a robust ecosystem of social well-being. Over the long term, literacy affects economic earnings, the ability to participate in civic engagement, and can influence health outcomes, yet studies show that children in New Jersey are falling behind when it comes to reading. Active support from trusted Community Organizations has been shown to narrow literacy gaps and as Girl Scouts, we are uniquely positioned to provide additional pathways toward narrowing systemic gaps. GWRL Book club meetings and events are structured to be fun and low pressure encouraging all reading levels while supporting key areas of wellness as highlighted in the New Jersey Girl Report. GWRL Book Club gives Girl Scouts greater opportunities to build foundations of emotional resiliency, create and sustain social connections and networks, and support academic readiness in a safe and nurturing environment.



Rising Troublemaker —GWRL Common Book

Each new membership year we set the tone for meaningful discussions around a Common book that is grounded in relevant themes from identity and resilience to social justice and innovation. The goal is to create a shared experience that builds connection, sparks conversation, and reflects on our shared values as Girl Scouts. Upon registration, a copy of the book can be picked up at one of our retail locations or distributed at one of our in-person meetings. If you register by September 30th, you'll earn a Rising Troublemaker fun patch which will be mailed or available for pick-up at one of our in-person meetings.



**Click [here](#) for
Rising Troublemaker
Readers Guide**

Book Club Community Agreement

By joining GWRL Book Club you agree to the following:

- Make your best possible attempt to read the book before each meeting.
- Acceptance of spoilers if you didn't finish the book.
- To practice active listening and respect different points of view.
- Commit to attend as many meetings as possible and arrive on time.

How to Participate

There are multiple ways to participate in our GWRL Book Club!

Council-Led Monthly Meetings

Once you are registered, you will be sent an invite to join our public [Rallyhood](#) group, where you will RSVP for monthly meetings. Monthly meetings will occur on the third Thursday of each month and will alternate between in-person and virtual. In-person meetings will be held at the Girl Scout Leadership Center, located @ 375 McCarter Highway, Newark, NJ and will begin at 6:30 pm and include pizza dinner! (You can always ask to join our in-person meetings virtually.) If we do not reach a minimum of 8 in-person RSVP's, then that month's meeting will be moved to an all-virtual format. Virtual meetings will begin @ 7 pm and a meeting link will be shared on the day of the meeting.

2026-2027 Meeting Dates and Times

October 15th 6:30-8:30 — IN PERSON

February 18th 6:30-8:30-IN PERSON

November 19th 7:00 –8:30—VIRTUAL

March 18th 7:00-8:30-VIRTUAL

December 17th 6:30-8:30—IN PERSON

April 15th 6:30-8:30—IN PERSON

January 21st 7:00—8:30—VIRTUAL

May 20th 6:30-8:30-IN PERSON

Self-Guided

If you can't regularly attend meetings or just want to read at your own pace, then we will send you a Book Review Journal to complete. Girl Scouts participating in the self-guided experience will need to read at least 5 books from the GWRL Book Club list and complete a journal page for each book. Submit your journal pages by May 31st, 2027 to be eligible to earn the GWRL Book Club Patch!

OPTIONAL

Earn leadership awards along the way by working towards your Silver Torch or Gold Torch Award or your Program Aide or Volunteer in Training Award through special GWRL Book Club Events!

Step 1: Review the following Action Plans

- **Cadette:** [Silver Torch Action Plan](#)
- **Senior & Ambassador:** [Gold Torch Action Plan](#)
- **Cadette: Program Aide:** [Program Aide Action Plan](#)
- **Senior & Ambassador:** [Volunteer in Training Action Plan](#)

Step 2: Decide which leadership path you want to pursue.

Step 3: Contact mdavis@gshnj.org and jbroomfield@gshnj.org for further guidance and support.