

Discussion: The Color of Love by Maara B Gad
Reviewed on Sunday January 29, 2023

The statements below are a sampling of the many messages that traveled to and fro the email Inbox following the book review last Sunday. There's plenty to discuss. If you were unable to attend and would like more detail about the discussion, please email me at emagruder20@gmail.com.

Edith M.

Judy, your preparation and leadership hit exactly the right buttons in exactly the right order. With so many juicy topics, we could easily have gone off the rails! You kept us straight and focused. And the followup list of books serves for even more interesting reading.

Edith, thanks for all the coordination, input and your patience. Somehow, you are holding us and WL together! It ain't easy.

Susan Z.

I want to thank Susan for hosting so graciously and serving much delicious food!

Thanks, everyone, for helping us have an excellent discussion, hear personal stories, and enjoy a lovely afternoon.

If you have any ideas for **a book for next year**, please feel free to let someone from Women's League Sisterhood know.

Someone asked for the titles of the books I brought to show you.

There are even more that I did not bring. I also learned more about Jews of Color in all fields, including rappers, singers, rabbis, cantors, and so much more.

Thanks again for making today a wonderful event! Happy Reading!

- Always an Olivia, A Remarkable Family History by Carolivia Herron (historical fiction picture book)
- Kosher Soul by Michael W. Twitty (He also wrote The Cooking Gene)
- The Last Black Unicorn by Tiffany Haddish
- Black, White and Jewish by Rebecca Walker
- *Julius Lester*, author of many books; I brought John Henry today. In 1982 Lester converted to Judaism. He has said that his conversion journey began when he was seven and learned that his maternal great-grandfather, Adolph Altschul, was a Jewish immigrant from Germany, who married a freed slave. He adopted the Hebrew name Yaakov Daniel ben Avraham v'Sarah.
- *Walter Mosley*, author of many books, who says he identifies as African American and Jewish.

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Books I did not bring include:

- Jokes My Father Never Told Me by Rain Pryor
- Sophie Katz mysteries by Kyra Davis
- Lovesong: Becoming a Jew by Julius Lester
- Soul to Soul: A Black Russian Jewish Woman's Search for Her Roots by Yelena Khanga with Susan Jacoby
- Small Island by Andrea Levy

Judy S.