

12:06:20 From Shawntaye : I just realized this is the best time for me to wear the fancy heels I buy but never wear

12:06:20 From Shawna : Hello from Ludington, MI

12:06:25 From Ginger Horton : Don't forget to change your chat to All Panelists & Attendees/Everyone and put your questions in the Q & A feature!

12:06:26 From Karyn from FL & NC : Are we doing this next week too. I want more book tour

12:06:26 From Nancy Willard : woah, I was on panelists!!

12:06:39 From Becky To All Panelists : this is so awesome.

12:06:40 From Mary : Yeah! This is so fun!

12:06:42 From maureen eaton : hello from Florida

12:06:45 From Pauline Belfiore : Hello, from the new granny grey Pauli!

12:06:49 From Janean : As we've all learned, math is hard

12:06:50 From Susan in TX : Nancy, you would make a good panelist :)

12:06:51 From Simona A : hi from Firenze, Italy!

12:06:55 From eliza_barger : Hi from NC!

12:06:57 From Kate Hanks : Hello from Bountiful, Utah- the sun is shining, so much better than last week's snow!

12:06:59 From Melissa M : hello from MN

12:07:02 From Donna Hetchler : Hi from Boise

12:07:02 From Rachel : So happy to be here! :-)

12:07:07 From Tiffany ONeal : Hi from Charleston, SC!

12:07:12 From Becky To All Panelists : hi Ginger.

12:07:15 From anne : hello from Bordeaux (France)

12:07:16 From Nancy Willard To All Panelists : ooh what a pretty shirt, Ginger!

12:07:17 From Mary Schnorr : Hi from Charlottesville, VA

12:07:17 From Ginger Horton : More about the Book Club here: <https://members.modernmrsdarcy.com>

12:07:18 From Carol Q To All Panelists : Hi from Dublin, CA. 68 and am amazed that my roots don't grow in grey. My daughter is complaining about grey hair.

12:07:21 From Janelle Carlson : Everyone wants to hear from you Nancy! As a panelist

12:07:22 From Shayne Johnson : Hi Simona - from Italy. I hope to visit Italy in 2021!!

12:07:52 From Karyn from FL & NC : We all have an Anne crush

12:07:56 From Simona A : oh yes please come to Italy and help our collapsed tourism :(

12:07:59 From Janelle Carlson : Yes, sunshine Kate Hanks! I'm in Layton

12:08:02 From Diane Geoffrion To All Panelists : hi everybody, from Québec

12:08:05 From Nancy Willard To All Panelists : yea, right, Janean!

12:08:20 From Lynda DeWidt Critchfield : yes Karyn!!

12:08:28 From Jenny : @Simona, we'll be back! When we're allowed to! Italy is amazing!

12:08:28 From Ginger Horton : <https://libro.fm/audiobooks/>

9780310358220-on-the-bright-side/?cmp=mmd18

12:08:30 From Janet : sunshine in Oak Park too. 😊

12:08:32 From debra To All Panelists : I also listened to the audio version and loved it!!!

12:08:42 From Shayne Johnson : Yes - going to spend all of whats left of my \$ visiting all the places!!

12:08:44 From Simona A : and I'll come to USA soon!! love road trips in USA!

12:08:50 From Carol Q To All Panelists : Love audiobooks by the author, but might need a translator for the accent.

12:08:53 From Chelle : we love when authors read their audiobooks

12:09:00 From Kimberly Locke : In your next book I'm hoping for a map of Texas showing College Station & San Antonio & your ranch

12:09:10 From JuliaPR : Anne, you don't sound like you are from Kentucky!

12:09:12 From Melissa Wentzel Horan : I love listening to Southern accents - so soothing

12:09:15 From diane : Hi from NY

12:09:17 From Janelle Carlson : Hey Janet - sunshine in Chicagoland!!

12:09:21 From maureen eaton : I had the honor of being on both of your book launch teams!

12:09:24 From Laura Miller : So fun to be with "y'all" !!!!

12:09:29 From Simona A : what does "yoller" mean ? thanks for helping I m Italian

12:09:29 From Lauren To All Panelists : Also a "Y'aller" here from Austin, TX! :)

12:09:35 From Chelle : I'm in the Southwest now, still a y'all - er

12:09:37 From Jenny : I was born and bred in NC! So I am not the best to judge if Anne sounds Southern!

12:09:46 From Sena Spofford : "Y'all-er"

12:09:46 From jennyflorence : where is she from?

12:09:51 From kimberley To All Panelists : @melanie isn't "nobody is cuter than you" about friendship too? I loved it and gave it to several friends. thank you!

12:09:56 From Simona A : ohhh thanks!!!

12:09:57 From Sena Spofford : You all = y'all

12:09:58 From Simona A : ♥

12:09:58 From Sheryl Esau : I listened to an author from a different organization yesterday and sure nice to be on one where we can hear everyone well. Thanks for your good planning and microphones!

12:09:58 From Jenny : Of course that's a contraction!

12:10:00 From Shannan : It is.

12:10:02 From Roxanne To All Panelists : Hi Y'all from Texas.

12:10:10 From Janelle Carlson : Poor Simona!!

12:10:20 From Simona A : ahaha no no it's perfectly clear now thanks!!

12:10:27 From Janelle Carlson : Lol!

12:10:37 From kimberley To All Panelists : but what is the difference if on the bright side and nobody's cuter

12:10:42 From Becky : I love the accent and ya'll!

12:10:47 From Karyn from FL & NC : If you were Jamaican you would say

"Wopum"

12:10:58 From Michele Chambers : I'm in Texas and say Y'all all the time.

12:10:59 From Karyn from FL & NC : Which means what is happening.

12:11:09 From Teri : Did we decide that we here in this bibliophilic zoom room are going to be known as Zoomies?

12:11:14 From Jenny : I was once on an elevator in New York. All I said was the floor number and somebody whipped around and said, "Where in the South are you from?!"

12:11:16 From tracy : whoop!

12:11:20 From meg : whoop!!

12:11:22 From debracbenton : Whoop!

12:11:24 From Michele Chambers : Whoop!

12:11:25 From Linda : whoop!

12:11:25 From Carol Q To All Panelists : Love those titles!

12:11:31 From Kimberly Locke : What's everybody's favorite? Mine is Antelope in the Living Room

12:11:33 From Morgan Derrick To All Panelists : whoop!

12:11:42 From debracbenton : What part of Texas?

12:11:42 From Mary Prather To All Panelists : never thought I could love an Aggie! 😊

12:11:47 From Michele Chambers : My daughter attends Texas A & M

12:11:50 From mossjen : She lives in San Antonio

12:11:51 From tracy : san Antonio!

12:11:54 From debra To All Panelists : I loved the audio version but wished I had the actual book to ear mark pages and underline so many wonderful passages.

12:11:57 From Kate Hanks : My son's an Aggie and my grands are growing up Texas

12:11:58 From debracbenton : Good daughter, Mossjen!

12:12:03 From Ginger Horton : Don't forget to change your chat To: All Panelists AND Attendees. If you have questions for Melanie, ask those in the Q & A feature.

12:12:03 From jessicakujawa To All Panelists : Church of the Small Things was a great read also!

12:12:10 From Roxanne To All Panelists : A & M grad here

12:12:24 From Becky : girl time is so important!

12:12:54 From Melissa Wentzel Horan : Yes! I love the family members I'm quarantining with, but I miss my girl friends so much!

12:12:56 From Mrs. Karen To All Panelists : Hi everybody!

12:13:21 From Lynda DeWidt Critchfield : me too Melanie

12:13:22 From Mrs. Karen : Oops. Forgot to change the setting. Hi everybody!

12:13:40 From Teri : HI Mrs KAREN!

12:13:40 From Home Grown Oates : I love Nobody's Cuter than You ! maybe my favorite

12:13:42 From Shayne Johnson : I moved 6 mon ago and really miss my friends and now I can't even visit them. Its hard.

12:13:54 From debracbenton : Yes, miss my GF and Yes, I have been burned and still hurting over it

12:13:54 From Roxanne : oops me too!

12:14:11 From Jennifer Erickson : I am an educator and I loved your words on female friendship. It resonated so deeply with me that I shared it with my students' parents. In the day of COVID, female friendship is a form of self-care. "One of the biggest things we can do to take care of ourselves is spend time with friends...I believe one of the most important things we need to pass down to the girls who are growing up after us is the beauty of female friendship and what it adds to our lives. We need to teach them that we need people who will listen to our stories and be there for us as we go through heartbreak and joy and figure out everything life throws our way. We all need loyal soldiers who will defend us and stand with us when times get hard and it feels like the world is against us... Our lives are forever changed for the better by the women God gives us to walk with through life, to be each other's greatest cheerleaders, encouragers, teachers, and tambourine players."

12:14:14 From Ginger Horton : That's the first book I read of Melanie's and I still think it might be the best title ever.

12:14:20 From Mrs. Karen : I met my kindred spirit best friend in high school and we've remained best friends all these years even though we've very rarely lived in the same town since our early twenties.

12:14:29 From Michele Chambers : So true, Friendships are so important.

12:15:09 From Janelle Carlson : Same for me Mrs Karen. It's very special. Aren't we lucky?

12:15:16 From debracbenton : Love my BFF who I met in 7th grade. So wondrous that we are still buds despite some patches being apart and less close. She is still my BFF

12:15:23 From Kimberly Locke : Melanie, did you read the Vulture article w/what Coach Taylor's speech would be for COVID-19?? Thought of you :)

12:15:23 From Mrs. Karen : Yes we are Janelle. :)

12:15:32 From Becky : what is hard is that deep friendships take time. it's a process of moving through layers to become soulmates.

12:15:41 From Ginger Horton : Don't forget to change your chat To: All Panelists AND Attendees. If you have questions for Melanie, ask those in the Q & A feature.

12:15:53 From Mary Prather : on the bright side we are not wearing the track suits she wrote about anymore!

12:16:17 From Melissa Wentzel Horan : How prophetic!

12:16:29 From RobinBarnett : Question! What are you binge watching right now? What should we be watching?

12:16:55 From debracbenton : Clearly the Universe knew we would need these books right now

12:17:07 From Janelle Carlson : Meant to be

12:17:21 From Roxanne : Name of her book again, please

12:17:22 From Lynda DeWidt Critchfield : The series Shetland @RobinBarnett

12:17:31 From Stefanie Annette Nordstrom : LOL

12:17:34 From Melissa Wentzel Horan : I would read that book, Melanie!

12:17:36 From Ginger Horton : On the Bright Side: <https://bookshop.org/a/1047/9780310349440>

12:17:46 From jessicakujawa To All Panelists : This is the book we all need right now

12:18:10 From Roxanne : thank you Ginger

12:18:17 From Mary Prather : it matters! your book brings joy!

12:18:27 From Melissa Threadingham : Melanie has a podcast called The Big Boo Cast with Sophie Hudson. It's fun and they talk about makeup and sports and TV and Texas.

12:18:39 From debracbenton : REmarkedly seems like there is less time to read as more tasks in home

12:18:44 From hopebooth : Melanie, how do you think this might affect college football? Or, (gasp) cheerleading at Navarro??

12:18:51 From Home Grown Oates : the Big Boo Cast if my favorite !!!!!

12:18:54 From Nancy Willard : my 5 closest girlfriends are from high school and college, over 50 years. they are how I am getting thru quarantine. they are not all in town, but we've always called, lunched or texted regularly. now there's a lot of FaceTime or Zoom.

12:19:09 From Becky : yes! we need your books and others that remind us who we are.

12:19:19 From Ginger Horton : Here's the links to Melanie Shankle on social media: Instagram:@melanieshankle / Facebook:melanieshankle / Twitter: @BigMama

12:19:23 From Home Grown Oates : Sophie and Melanie are hilarious together!

12:19:35 From Kimberly Locke : I adore their podcast

12:19:40 From Sena Spofford : Big Boo Cast podcast is THE BEST podcast. Funny and relatable and exactly the distraction I need.

12:19:40 From Carol W : Hi everyone from Greece!

12:19:44 From debracbenton : Might put this in Q section: Melanie, how do you think this might affect college football? Or, (gasp) cheerleading at Navarro??

12:19:49 From jessicakujawa To All Panelists : My favorite podcast, hands down!

12:19:55 From Jill Walton : LOVE the Big Boo Cast!

12:20:12 From Melissa H To All Panelists : The Big Boo Cast and WSIRN are my two favorite podcasts!

12:20:17 From Alex Pierce To All Panelists : yes! love the big boo cast! and love both of their writing!

12:20:43 From Kate Hanks : Hello to Carol in Greece! Welcome!

12:20:46 From Lynda DeWidt Critchfield : 9 here too!

12:20:48 From Home Grown Oates : i'm a Nine through and through!

12:20:48 From Janelle Carlson : Hi Carol! Your home is #1 on my travel to do list!!

12:20:50 From Ginger Horton : Don't forget to change your chat To: All Panelists AND Attendees. If you have a question for Melanie, share those in the Q & A feature.

12:20:54 From Laura Miller : I was TOTALLY just about to ask what her enneagram type was :) I love 9's, I'm a seven.

12:21:01 From Shayne Johnson : I am a 9 and am always looking for

bright side. I can't even read the news...

12:21:08 From Brittany Rider To All Panelists : Melanie, we love you in Athens, GA! Would Caroline look at UGA? :)

12:21:18 From Nancy Willard : carol....Are you all sheltering at home in Greece

12:21:30 From Cyndi Moskal : I have definitely loved having family dinners every night

12:21:40 From Teri : Comedian Anita Renfroe once said that humor is an act of hospitality.

12:22:08 From Lauren To All Panelists : I'm an enneagram 1 but my brother and parents are all 9s. We're fairly peaceful ;)

12:22:09 From Stefanie Annette Nordstrom : that's so funny

12:22:14 From Janelle Carlson : The jokes going back & forth with friends have been off the charts! :)

12:22:15 From Ginger Horton : That's what my husband and I are bingeing right now... he's never seen it.

12:22:17 From debracbenton : OMG, my son has watched The Office all seasons, 7x

12:22:18 From Jenny : Someone tried humor about corona on our Next Door group. It did not go well! I am loving the memes.

12:22:19 From Jennifer Erickson : I struggle with IHS: Inappropriate Humor Syndrome, too!

12:22:22 From Melissa Wentzel Horan : Teri, I love that quote! <3

12:22:23 From Carol W To All Panelists : Greece has been on lockdown for two weeks. Will be for at least three more weeks. Very calm here.

12:22:24 From MrsDeHaan PNW : I'm a 9 too! Shayne Johnson, I have to have my husband do the research for me and tell me the news. I can't take it

12:22:34 From Shawntaye : I think I'll use my current Libro.fm credit for this book.

12:22:44 From debracbenton : Have ya'll seen John Krasinkis

12:22:49 From Ginger Horton : It's more painful to me this time around for some reason. Maybe it's that I know what's coming or maybe it's just a refreshingly different kind of pain than what we're going through right now.

12:22:51 From Jenna To All Panelists : yeah for inappropriate humor especially among Christian crowd. we need more humor in church people



12:22:52 From Janean : Introducing The Office to my child right now and it's saving us 😂

12:22:53 From Teri : Thanks, Melissa... :)

12:23:05 From Shawntaye : @Debracbenton yes!

12:23:09 From Shayne Johnson : I am also watching office rn, and Community!

12:23:10 From debracbenton : Oops, John Krasinki's new YouTube - Some Good News A must watch

12:23:12 From Ginger Horton : Audio book: <https://libro.fm/audiobooks/9780310358220-on-the-bright-side/?cmp=mmd18>

12:23:13 From Michele Chambers : I'm a 9 also and I'm glad that I'm not the only one who can't handle too much news.

12:23:17 From Becky : love that idea. about hospitality.
12:23:17 From Shelley Pendley : Melanie – are you, still, blogging?
12:23:19 From Teri : Yes – John Krasinske!
12:23:26 From Ginger Horton : The Twig in San Antonio. <https://www.thetwig.com> Signed copies available.
12:23:30 From Kelly Fast : Yes Some Good News is great!
12:23:32 From Shayne Johnson : Yay 9's – I thought something was wrong with me.
12:23:47 From David Kashangaki : I love these books that hit the spots where my life feels most need of growth– so attacking my tendency to overthink and finding ways to see the bright side of life is very timely. Thank you for sharing your books,
12:23:48 From Shayne Johnson : Yes – Some Good News is awesome!!
12:23:57 From Carol Q To All Panelists : ebooks are safe and fast.
12:24:03 From Nancy Willard : I love John Ks you tube with the original Hamilton cast vs Mary Poppins!
12:24:06 From jessicakujawa To All Panelists : I agree David!
12:24:07 From Ginger Horton : The Twig in San Antonio. <https://www.thetwig.com> Signed copies available.
12:24:10 From kimberley : I love the antelopebook so so funny
12:24:10 From Ginger Horton : Bookshop: <https://bookshop.org/a/1047/9780310349440>
12:24:18 From debracbenton : Yes, Nancy!
12:24:20 From Ginger Horton : Libro: <https://libro.fm/audiobooks/9780310358220-on-the-bright-side/?cmp=mmd18>
12:25:03 From JuliaPR : Yes, John K, Some Good News is very entertaining right now!
12:25:05 From Melissa Wentzel Horan : Thank you thank you, Anne, for providing these amazing talks for free
12:25:08 From Ginger Horton : Melanie's website: <https://thebigmamablog.com>
12:25:14 From Marla : For the Office fans – Have you seen Andy Greene's new book The Office? It's the untold and behind the scenes story
12:25:15 From W_BOU To All Panelists : Thanks, Ginger!
12:25:25 From Sena Spofford : YES! Books and mascara and parenting together... the real-ness. Why we love you, Melanie!
12:25:37 From Becky : I've spent more on books listening here and my local bookstore is still ordering.
12:25:37 From debracbenton : Thanks, Marla – might be great Christmas present for my son
12:25:47 From Kimberly Locke : and Jenna and Angela's new podcast Office Ladies :)
12:25:50 From Lindsay Okamoto : Yes, thank you, Anne, for providing these chats for free!
12:25:54 From Shayne Johnson : I saw that Office book – looks fun
12:26:01 From Kelly Fast : If you like podcasts The Office Ladies is Jenna Fisher and Angela Kinsey recapping episode by episode giving behind the scenes stuff. It's great.
12:26:18 From Jenny : @Kelly Fast, I have enjoyed that Podcast, too.

12:26:42 From Roxanne : oh yay! thanks Podcast
12:26:46 From debracbenton : @Kelly, that would be fun as we binge The Office to listen to about the episode that we just watched
12:26:55 From Shawntaye : I just started the last season!
12:27:14 From Shawntaye : Schitt's Creek is saving my life right now
12:27:16 From Kelly Fast : @debracbenton I've been re-watching the episodes as I listen, It's a lot of fun!
12:27:19 From Melissa Wentzel Horan : "laughter through tears is my favorite emotion"
12:27:39 From Meredith Hamner To All Panelists : Agreeeee! I LOVE Schitts Creek! :)
12:27:41 From meg : I need a good belly laugh.
12:27:54 From Shawntaye : I was hooked to the show around the second season. It took a minute
12:28:02 From debracbenton : Agree, Melissa. And tearing up with joy like when watching Some Good News, some of them are so touching and sweet
12:28:03 From Becky : the taste of my tears on my smile
12:28:24 From Linda : Big big fan of Schitts Creek!
12:28:27 From Elizabeth Kyser : S CREEK is what we all need right now.
12:28:29 From Teri : Melissa - yes! Both happy and sad tears plus laughter + life
12:28:40 From annie in austin : I'm resisting watching the last episode of Schitt's Creek because I don't want it to end!
12:28:45 From Shawntaye : Elizabeth, agree
12:28:53 From Tamara : i cant wait to binge SC when it comes onto netflix
12:28:54 From Tiffany ONeal : Melanie, what surprised you the most about this book?
12:29:07 From Denise Gordon : I've been drawn to Schitts Creek as well.....enjoying it. However are you saying it gets even better in season 2? I'm still in season 1.
12:29:08 From Kristin Glockhoff : I so appreciate people who can talk without "bad words". Thank you, Melanie!
12:29:08 From Shawntaye : It is on Netflix, Tamara
12:29:09 From Roxanne : difficult to hear Ann
12:29:12 From Teri : Becky - the tste of my tearas on my smile! Wow!
12:29:24 From Carol Q To All Panelists : Schitts Creek is spelled different than I thought. Oops don't have Netflix.
12:29:29 From Roxanne : thats etter
12:29:37 From Ginger Horton : If you have questions for Melanie, put those in the Q & A feature any time.
12:29:38 From Jennifer Erickson : Talk Harder! That would be a great title for your next book!
12:29:44 From Roxanne : much better
12:30:02 From Mary Prather : or they just left and now they are back!!
12:30:09 From Tamara : i want to wait for all seasons. i hate waitign for teh end
12:30:42 From debracbenton : Oh, no. It wasn't her dad, was it?
12:30:50 From Teri : Anne - "how to nurture your hopeful side" - so

good

12:31:05 From Jennifer Erickson : The principles remain the same even if our circumstances do not.

12:31:18 From Denise Gordon : It's still ongoing or is it a series that already ended? I'm still in season 1 of S. Creek. Shawntaye & Linda – It gets even better after season 1 or as it goes on??

12:31:20 From Christine Goldbar : Hi Debra, I believe it was her grandmother

12:31:25 From Lynda DeWidt Critchfield : even though my kids have been gone a looong time, I still occasionally still miss them being young at times ❤️

12:31:29 From debracbenton : This time is so hard when you are Senior in HS especially it seems. Missing out so much

12:31:59 From debracbenton : Oh, Lynda, I miss my 3 and 4 year old sons so much! They are 21 and 22 now

12:32:19 From Nancy : YES!

12:32:38 From Janelle Carlson : I feel so bad for teens. This has been a particularly strange circumstance for them at this time in their lives.

12:32:38 From Denise Gordon : Yes I miss their younger selves. :)

12:32:40 From Lynda DeWidt Critchfield : I understand Debra! mine are in their 40's 🤔🤔

12:32:44 From Shayne Johnson : Yes I tell my family “Don’t spend \$” then start shopping online!

12:32:55 From Teri : When my youngest was in her senior year I would wake up early in the morning and listen to her as she got ready for school. The shower was symphonic, opening and closing the shower door was an emotional event for me. Yikes!

12:33:08 From Ginger Horton : All the good deals tho, right, Shayne!??

12:33:27 From Lynda DeWidt Critchfield : I love that Teri!

12:33:31 From Becky : I think it’s a journey to find the strength within which flows outward and crates a lense to see the world.

12:33:35 From debracbenton : @Janelle, I wonder how it will effect them long term. More fear? More doubt? Or maybe more resiliency?

12:33:36 From Rachel : Melanie, I ordered Vit C serum because of your recommendation!!

12:33:38 From Sena Spofford : I have been able to get books delivered by Amazon, so I’m sure snail mucus would come too. Might take awhile, but would probably get to you before we can leave our houses!

12:33:40 From Carrie_B : I have spent \$400 in books from my indie bookstore in the past month. I tell myself it's to support them... but shopping is also comfort right now. And books I don't have to worry if it will fit.

12:33:41 From Shayne Johnson : Yes – my college senior is finishing her degree at home with us... So strange! No commencement – but on good side, she has a job that starts in August

12:33:43 From Jenny : What brightens your face? I missed that!

12:33:47 From Jenny : And I need it!

12:33:59 From W_BOU To All Panelists : vitamin C

12:34:06 From Ginger Horton : Haha, love that, Carrie!
12:34:06 From Lynda DeWidt Critchfield To All Panelists : yay...I love those products! so true!
12:34:06 From Mary Ann : I have a freshman in college who is not doing well with the online learning, and a HS junior who misses school and a nephew who is a HS senior. It stinks for all of them. :(
12:34:12 From Kelly Fast : @Jenny Vitamin C
12:34:20 From Jenny : Thanks @Kelly!
12:34:21 From MrsDeHaan PNW : I've been buying books too! All these book talks! Thanks Anne!
12:34:25 From Lynda DeWidt Critchfield : yay...I love those products! so true!
12:34:26 From Ginger Horton : That's a great point! Try the products I've been worried about NOW. :)
12:34:44 From Ginger Horton : Everything's bigger in Texas.
12:34:52 From Addie Yoder : Ginger - and keep us posted! I am doing this, too. We can swap wins
12:35:01 From Ginger Horton : Oh... maybe we should finally watch Friday Night Lights now.
12:35:06 From Teri : Yep, Mary Ann - sad for them.
12:35:07 From meg : I have both toddlers and teens. it's a party
12:35:14 From debracbenton : Shayne, I have a senior in college too. He had to leave his study abroad in Scotland and is finishing year at home. So strange. Their grad has not been decided yet as it isn't until june
12:35:19 From Ginger Horton : Yes ma'am.. Addie! I've been collecting everything Jamie Golden tells me to. Now is my moment.
12:35:23 From Lynda DeWidt Critchfield : Yikes meg! lol
12:35:25 From MrsDeHaan PNW : Bless you Meg! I have only toddlers,
12:35:28 From David Kashangaki : I too have been on a book buying and audiobook purchasing because of these programmes.
12:35:29 From Melissa Wentzel Horan : Bless you Meg!
12:35:31 From Roxanne : love love Friday Night Lights Big into football here
12:35:31 From Carol Q To All Panelists : My nails are a barometer of this quarantine. I have acrylic nails with gel and they started lifting. I spent hours yesterday trying to remove the acrylic since they are lifting and OUCH!!! Nothing works! Haven't seen my real nails in so many years.
12:35:38 From Janelle Carlson : @debracbenton hopefully more resilient, but it will probably depend on their family circumstances right now (?)
12:35:52 From debracbenton : Agree
12:36:01 From Jennifer Erickson : "The only place I really like to be is in the center of my couch." But then came COVID, the dirty, wet, smelly cat that leapt out of nowhere onto our global couch... "and none of us are immune to those moments, no matter our spiritual depth, socioeconomic status, or family situation...COVID-19 is like the universe is putting the world on time out to think about our actions. But God is a God of cleaning up messes, both the ones we make with our

own two hands and the ones that are the dirty, wet, smelly cats that get dropped into our lives.”

12:36:02 From Shayne Johnson : Debra –Ugh – having to leave a study abroad program, my heart goes out to him. Scotland is so amazing!

12:36:39 From Roxanne : Jenifer...amazing

12:36:45 From Mary Catherine Bailey : I got married 4 months ago and we are now home together. all of the time. We are also realizing when left to our own devices, he likes to go to sleep at 9:00 and wake up by 6:00 am. I prefer to stay awake till 2:00 am and wake up around 10:00. How do you and Perry deal with having very different sleep schedules?

12:36:55 From debracbenton : Agree, hopefully he can get back next year for his Masters. He was accepted so fingers crossed. My other son is scheduled to go to Japan in fall. I think my fingers are crossed that that one does not happen. Scares me more

12:37:12 From Kate Hanks : I have 2 college, 2 high school (one of them a senior) at home and they all have girlfriend/boyfriends–life is very hard on them right now– my heart breaks for them

12:37:54 From Shayne Johnson : Yeah its really hard on our high schoolers too!

12:37:55 From debracbenton : Mary Catherine, that seems ideal to me. That way, you each get alone time in the house with awake time together at certain spots

12:37:58 From Ginger Horton : I keep thinking of the kiddos missing their senior year, but yes! The mommas and daddies and friends and grandmommas and such might have it even harder. Those memories and photos lost.

12:38:03 From Lynda DeWidt Critchfield : oh yes, empathy and encouragement !

12:38:14 From Mary Prather : it is rare to find friends like this

12:38:18 From meg : oh yes!! I love that

12:38:41 From Carol Q To All Panelists : I find competition to be a big issue with “friends”.

12:38:42 From Kate Hanks : grace and kindness as the core of a friendship

12:38:49 From debracbenton : Love this idea and I strive for it myself. If I am honest, I don't always have that security and grace for others

12:38:51 From Ginger Horton : After this, I'm for sure calling my girlfriends to say love. :)

12:38:51 From annie in austin : Or if friendships become one-sided

12:39:03 From debra To All Panelists : I'm ordering Vitamin C serum right now. 😊

12:39:11 From Ginger Horton : Oh, same Debra. That too. :)

12:39:16 From Michele Chambers : My daughter was suppose to go to Namibia in May for a study abroad for 2 weeks. She has been taking the class this semester and then they were suppose to finish it in Namibia. Now the professors had to figure out how to give them credit for that part of the course etc.

12:39:29 From Marla : Reminds me of how difficult Romans 12:15 can be..

Rejoice with those who rejoice and mourn with those who mourn
12:39:29 From jennyflorence : another great book right now on this is called Friendish.
12:39:32 From readerreet@aol.com To All Panelists : I agree. woman need to support women!
12:39:34 From debracbenton : Thanks, Ginger. That makes me feel better as I see you as one the sweetest people!
12:39:46 From Lynda DeWidt Critchfield : Maria ❤️
12:39:48 From Roxanne : My heart broken for our Hgh School kids. Taught High School Kids.
12:39:50 From Mary Catherine Bailey : Debra, that is very true. These are the times that I can watch old Bachelor seasons on Netflix.
12:39:52 From Vanessa : that's a great question
12:40:06 From Melissa Wentzel Horan : That's so encouraging to hear, Melanie. Thank you!
12:40:15 From Carol Q To All Panelists : One of the best things about texting is to be able easily reach out. Much either than a phone call.
12:40:17 From debracbenton : Oh, Michele, so sorry. Such a great opportunity.
12:40:20 From Ginger Horton : I keep hoping that these sweet seniors have a great story to tell for the next ten years. Not the same as a graduation, but a small consolation prize.
12:40:24 From Laura Miller : My mom just had a lady connect 25 years later -they had daughters near the same age but then my mom moved away.
12:40:31 From Teri : Yes, Ginger - so true. Those who have had the joy of experiencing graduation, proms. awards ceremonies are grieving for our rgandkids who will never get to go through those moments.
12:40:35 From Carol Q To All Panelists : OOPS-easier than either.
12:40:49 From Michele Chambers : @debrabenton thank you.
12:40:51 From Marla : We can be jealous of those who succeed and can loving try to push our friends through difficult times of grief when we should sit with them in their grief
12:40:54 From annie in austin : My dad is 65 and he just got a handwritten letter from an old high school friend :)
12:40:55 From meg : Start a Marco Polo group!! that has revolutionized a few of my friendships.
12:40:59 From Ginger Horton : This is a great time to check in with folks because... you know at least one thing that's going on in their life. :)
12:40:59 From Roxanne : Yes Ginger.
12:41:17 From JuliaPR : My 88 YO father is using this time of quarantine to call old friends - like old marine friends he met 70 years ago! Also cousins that live out of state that he hasn't been in touch with for a long time. He is an extrovert, so being at home 24/7 is hard for him. These phone calls are keeping him going!
12:41:17 From Kate Hanks : my son and his wife are both in essential jobs, so my grands are in day care- I feel helpless to make their lives better-

12:41:20 From Michele Chambers : I have found that with this pandemic, I have been connecting with people I haven't in a long time.

12:41:23 From debracbenton : Love the idea to use this time to reconnect

12:41:35 From Becky : there's so much heart and soul here?

12:41:44 From Janelle Carlson : Oh Kate, that breaks my heart

12:41:58 From Becky : I meant here! not ?

12:42:12 From Christine Goldbar : My niece and nephew are both graduating from college in May, and we are going to make a mock graduation with a stage and everything!

12:42:25 From karen : I read it out loud to my husband and he thinks you are hysterical Melanie!!!

12:42:28 From Kimberly Locke : Yes, I ended up reading most of it to him

12:42:33 From Mary Catherine Bailey : These are such good points. I feel like I can learn so many things from women ahead of me in life. Your book about marriage has made me laugh and helped me so much.

12:42:36 From debracbenton : Love it Christine! I bet there are a lot of mock proms when this is over too

12:42:36 From Vanessa : I've read the Antelope in the Living Room. So. Funny.

12:43:10 From Kimberly Locke : I held up my Derma-E Vitamin C Serum and he said "Let me guess, \$15, right?"

12:43:23 From Roxanne : Hoping Proms in June

12:43:40 From Laura Miller : With lyrics! That's so interesting!

12:43:44 From Marla : Oh wow! That sounds so hard

12:43:50 From Marla : but interesting

12:43:55 From Sena Spofford : Kimberly. Ha!! I'm not the only one who adopted that tactic of Melanie's?

12:44:06 From brandipillow : I love that! I have to have sound or music in the background when I write too!

12:44:07 From Kate Hanks : what a great time to record memories, photos, and family history for all our posterity- especially our experience during these strange times- like our kids missing prom, or spring track etc- its one of those "when I have the time..." items on our "to do" list

12:44:18 From Mary Prather : loooove his music!

12:44:24 From Christine Goldbar : I have to have music when I work too, but no lyrics, but I totally get it!

12:44:40 From Ginger Horton : Love it too, Mary.

12:44:44 From Melissa Wentzel Horan : Thank God for Spotify!

12:45:01 From Becky : coffeehouse playlist! I love the idea.

12:45:47 From David Kashangaki : I am taking this time to read some of these books that I haven't been exposed and often my reaction to the moments when authors go to specifically feminine issues, I think that they are also things that men can learn from! I am so glad I have found all of you as authors.

12:46:01 From Mary Prather : this middle place is hard!

12:46:10 From Shawna : Yay, David! Good for you!

12:46:17 From Lynda DeWidt Critchfield : yay David! awesome!

12:46:20 From debracbenton : Awesome, David. Thank you
12:46:29 From Jill Hoke : We need empty nester books
12:46:30 From Kate Hanks : well done, David
12:46:39 From Shawn Hayden : From a new empty nester, that book is
NEEDED!
12:46:58 From debracbenton : Home style egg hunts
12:47:16 From Sonya Campbell : CHURCH IN PAJAMAS!!
12:47:17 From Susan in TX : My bright side of Easter at home is that
all of my kids will be here – they wouldn't have been home if they
hadn't come here to shelter in place
12:47:19 From debracbenton : Online churches are helping so much
12:47:27 From Mary Prather : missing our church family, though – the
hugs and the ceremony and the music
12:47:34 From Melissa Wentzel Horan : Amen!
12:47:37 From debracbenton : Zoom Easter with Mom
12:47:39 From jennyflorence To All Panelists : we get to get back
with what it's all about!
12:47:40 From Michele Chambers : I'm an empty nester this year. I
would enjoy an empty nester book although it has gone better than I
thought it would.
12:47:40 From Kimberly Locke : Our family is going to eat Sunday lunch
over skype
12:47:47 From Roxanne : Have been attending on line Mass. Light a
candle and participate.
12:48:01 From debracbenton : US too Roxanne
12:48:04 From Lynda DeWidt Critchfield : just the 2 of us this
year...going to call Marie Callendar for dinner [?]
12:48:07 From Ginger Horton : I'm trying to figure out what in the
world to have for lunch!! It's just two of us and I cannot bear not to
have a sort of home meal, but I am not making my typical feast. I am
dressing up though. Just this once.
12:48:21 From Ginger Horton : Love it, Lynda!
12:48:22 From readerreet@aol.com To All Panelists : I so appreciate
online church. for Palm Sunday I so appreciated it. I also have to say
coffee with mass is nice!
12:48:47 From Lynda DeWidt Critchfield : lol...we did wheat thins and
Gatorade communion 😂
12:48:59 From Ginger Horton : I keep saying whatever the first day we
get to go back TO church will FEEL like Easter, no matter what the
date on the calendar is.
12:48:59 From Shayne Johnson : This year we are like the disciples,
right after crucifixion, they were locked in, not sure what was going
to happen.
12:49:01 From Carol Q To All Panelists : I have always loved jigsaw
puzzles and when Anne wrote about it I bought about 8 of them plus
about another 8 I owned. Felt guilty at the time, but such a great
distraction now.
12:49:10 From Roxanne : oh love your communion
12:49:12 From Melissa Wentzel Horan : I'm dressing up, too, Ginger!
12:49:17 From Ginger Horton : Like that, Shayne!

12:49:24 From Ginger Horton : Yay, Melissa!
12:49:26 From debracbenton : hopefully we get the Holy Spirit to visit us and cleanse us of this illness
12:49:29 From Marla : Yes Shayne
12:49:36 From Shelley : I am in texas too, near austin
12:49:40 From Shawna : Shayne :)
12:49:52 From Michele Chambers : Very true Shayne
12:50:11 From Jennifer Erickson : Love Sunday Riley!
12:50:13 From readerreet@aol.com To All Panelists : it's also just the two of us. my extended family is hugs and our Easter is so special. What I've decided to do is make a special dinner and then deliver it to single friends.
12:50:26 From annie in austin : Sunday Riley Good Genes changed my skin (for the better!)
12:50:30 From Michele Chambers : Shelley, I'm north of Austin
12:50:40 From Shayne Johnson : I can't get over that this has all occurred during season of Lent!
12:50:44 From Shawn Hayden : Thank you!!!
12:50:57 From Cait Burgess : yay Anne :)
12:51:09 From Ginger Horton : I keep thinking that too, Shayne. Enforced Lent when I'm usually so crummy at deprivation.
12:51:13 From debracbenton : It does seem interesting, Shayne. We all gave up so much this year and were forced to go inward.
12:51:13 From Lauren To All Panelists : I love Bird by Bird! :)
12:51:13 From Darcie Naylor To All Panelists : Loved the book Bird by Bird!
12:51:23 From Janet : Yes Sephora! My daughter works there. such a great company!
12:51:37 From Denise Gordon : which book?
12:51:40 From Janet : Bird by Bird her
12:51:48 From Ginger Horton : Love hearing that, Janet! Oh, Sephora is the grown up happiest place on earth.
12:52:07 From Janet : Bird by Bird helped me write my dissertation!
12:52:13 From debracbenton : I am trying to do this for my blog, but the timing forces me to publish sooner than I want
12:52:29 From Janet : Thanks Ginger! Yes!
12:52:34 From carolmartinus To All Panelists : I am an empty nester & can honestly say I am living my best life now
12:52:53 From Ginger Horton : Everything is copy, according to Nora Ephron.
12:53:06 From Janelle Carlson : Love and miss Nora!
12:53:14 From Mary Prather : the target cashier and your dogs! loved that in the book.
12:53:21 From Shayne Johnson : Yes Bird by Bird. Also I am reading "If You Want to Write" by B Ueland, written in 1930s. Fun and super great writing advice
12:53:31 From Denise Gordon : yes I love Nora Elton books!
12:53:58 From Denise Gordon : Ephron lol silly autocorrect
12:54:12 From Kate Hanks : My church is holding a worldwide fast on Good Friday to plead for relief from this global pandemic that it may

be controlled, caregivers protected, the economy strengthened, and life normalized. Fasting combined with prayer of course.

12:54:47 From Mary : I love Christy and Julie!

12:54:53 From Michele Chambers : I love the Catherine Marshall books. I love Christy!

12:54:54 From Janelle Carlson : Kelly Corrigan! I just read The Middle Place last weekend.

12:54:56 From Janet : Yes Nora Ephron!

12:55:06 From Sena Spofford : Bossypants. SO GOOD!

12:55:11 From Shelley : tina fey :)

12:55:14 From Cait Burgess : I love Catherine Marshall

12:55:22 From Chelle : bossypants on audible is so good!

12:55:27 From Melissa Wentzel Horan : Thank you Thank you

12:55:28 From Shelley : thank you so much lovely ladies

12:55:28 From Kimberly Locke : This was a delight

12:55:34 From Michele Chambers : Thank you so much!

12:55:35 From meg : you are lovely!

12:55:35 From Chelle : Thank you so very much!

12:55:37 From Carrie_B : Thank you!

12:55:38 From Katie Allen To All Panelists : Thank you so much!!

12:55:39 From Mary : Thank you, this was so fun!

12:55:40 From Janelle Carlson : Thank you very much Melanie!

12:55:40 From Vanessa : This was so wonderful!

12:55:42 From Stephanie Marson : Thank You

12:55:42 From JuliaPR : Thank you!

12:55:43 From Mary Schnorr : Thank you so much! Wonderful

12:55:43 From Rebecca : Y'all are the best :)

12:55:45 From Teri : Thank you!

12:55:46 From Carole Cornell : THanks!

12:55:47 From Cait Burgess : too short:(. so good thank you

12:55:55 From readerreet@aol.com To All Panelists : thanks so much ch, Anne. I love this.

12:55:56 From Jill Hoke : She was so great!

12:55:57 From Karla To All Panelists : that went too fast

12:56:00 From Lynda DeWidt Critchfield : I was sad this morning and this was so cheery! Lifted my mood!

12:56:04 From Shawn Hayden : Very inspiring! Thank you!

12:56:05 From Melissa Threadingham : Very fun! Thank you all!

12:56:05 From Janet : Thanks so much!

12:56:06 From Ginger Horton : The Twig in San Antonio. <https://www.thetwig.com>Signed copies available.

12:56:07 From Chelle : Book tour is 'saving my life' right now!

12:56:12 From Rachel : Thank you for this interview!!!

12:56:16 From Lauren Bean : Thank you so much! This was such a treat for today!

12:56:20 From Ginger Horton : <https://modernmrsdarcy.com/stay-at-home-book-tour-replays/>

12:56:22 From Karla : thanks for taking notes

12:56:25 From Brittany Rider To All Panelists : Thank you!! Loved this!

12:56:26 From Debra LaTerza : Thank you!!
12:56:32 From Ginger Horton : Libro: <https://libro.fm/audiobooks/9780310358220-on-the-bright-side/?cmp=mmd18>
12:56:36 From Nidhi Srivastava : thanks!
12:56:36 From Shawna : Shoot. forgot to ask about the forward with jen hatmaker
12:56:43 From Ginger Horton : Bookshop: <https://bookshop.org/a/1047/9780310349440>
12:56:44 From Cait Burgess : I was in tears this morning, too and now happy :)
12:56:50 From debracbenton : Love that, Anne. Like justification for my spending!!
12:56:57 From Shawn Hayden : Definitely support indie bookstores!!!
12:57:00 From Cynthia Alvarado : I love Libro.FM!
12:57:13 From Lynda DeWidt Critchfield : @Cait I understand!
12:57:34 From Janelle Carlson : How do these go by so f-a-s-t ??? Every author has been fantastic!
12:57:35 From Shawn Hayden : Please come!!!
12:57:44 From Shelley : i hope u get to come to TX
12:57:54 From Ginger Horton : One more time with The Twig in San Antonio. <https://www.thetwig.com> Signed copies available.
12:57:56 From Michele Chambers : The river walk is wonderful.
12:57:56 From Shayne Johnson : Yes - this has been so fun. Love what Anne is doing always
12:58:05 From Ginger Horton : Bookshop: <https://bookshop.org/a/1047/9780310349440>
12:58:15 From Teri : I have never been able to attend a writer's seminar, but the last two weeks I feel as though I have gotten a smorgasbord of the best hints/tips/instructions from so many wonderful writers. Thank you!
12:58:17 From Rebecca Gordon : Have enjoyed this so much! Melanie was delightful! I hadn't heard of her before. :)
12:58:42 From JuliaPR : Loved another Stay At Home Book Tour author. Thanks Anne and Ginger!
12:58:52 From Ginger Horton : Here's that link one more time: <https://modernmrsdarcy.com/stay-at-home-book-tour-replays/>
12:58:56 From Laura Miller : All these talks have been so rich and encouraging. Thanks!
12:59:11 From Laura Miller : I'd Rather Be Reading is so comforting. love it.
12:59:12 From Sharalynne Pasztor : I loved your book Anne!
12:59:17 From Lynda DeWidt Critchfield : thank you so much Ginger and Anne ❤️this helps a lot ❤️
12:59:20 From Ginger Horton : All these deals: <https://modernmrsdarcy.com/great-ebook-deals/>
12:59:23 From Home Grown Oates : really enjoying the Stay at Home Book Tour! Thanks!
12:59:29 From readerreet@aol.com To All Panelists : I'd rather be reading is so good. it's fun to read and reread.
12:59:32 From Rebecca Gordon : This has been amazing!

12:59:32 From Michele Chambers : Your book is great and a great comfort read.

12:59:32 From Ginger Horton : Are fantastic deals lately: <https://modernmrsdarcy.com/great-ebook-deals/>

12:59:40 From Rebecca Gordon : Yay...afterparty

12:59:45 From debracbenton : So excited about Deanna!!

12:59:52 From Michelle Shaw To All Panelists : I'm so enjoying listening to authors I've never encountered before. I've already bought Code Name Helene and I'm drawing up a list of others I want to buy.

12:59:54 From debracbenton : Already finished her new book

12:59:59 From Jenn & Gareth : Thank you, Anne! Thank you, Ginger! Can't wait for tomorrow :)

13:00:00 From Jessica : Thanks for doing this! Also for the notes so we can focus on listening. Appreciate it!

13:00:07 From Shawna : Deanna's Curious Beginnings is a Kindle sale today

13:00:11 From Ginger Horton : Find the links and sign up for emails here: <https://modernmrsdarcy.com/stay-at-home-book-tour-replays/>

13:00:33 From Shelley : what was the name of that book?

13:00:35 From Chelle : I'd Rather Be Reading is .99 cents but is a net .85 cents with the .15 cents towards another ebook

13:00:39 From Ginger Horton : That's right, Shawna! Great deal on Deanna's book, a Susan Meissner, AND Anne's book on that deals page: <https://modernmrsdarcy.com/great-ebook-deals/>

13:00:46 From Mary Ann : I have only read the first two Veronica Speedwell books but loved them and can't wait until tomorrow night!

13:00:46 From debracbenton : Veronica is a great character and I am in love with S

13:00:47 From Melissa Threadingham : This is awesome to get exposed to so many new-to-me authors. These have been great!

13:01:01 From jennyflorence To All Panelists : yes Debra!

13:01:08 From Cait Burgess : what fun!

13:01:14 From debracbenton : They are hysterical

13:01:24 From debracbenton : Oops spell check

13:01:27 From Shawna : https://www.amazon.com/Curious-Beginning-Veronica-Speedwell-Mystery-ebook/dp/B00SI0B5F8/ref=sr_1_6?crid=3FC44BZ8ZN0A3&dchild=1&keywords=deanna+raybourn+veronica+speedwell+mysteries&qid=1586365239&prefix=deana+ray%2Caps%2C210&sr=8-6

13:01:34 From ssthomas2 To All Panelists : So comforting to connect with other women across the world. We all wrestle with the same issues and joys!

13:01:35 From Chelle : whoops... .84 cents. I'm not a math person. it's a deal!

13:01:41 From debracbenton : Thought often dirty mouthed

13:01:49 From Carol Q To All Panelists : Will there be another Book Tour Week?

13:01:51 From Ginger Horton : If you want more of this author talk, including authors like Deanna, we do this all the time in the Modern Mrs. Darcy Book Club: <https://members.modernmrsdarcy.com>

13:02:00 From Cait Burgess : Was listening to your Strand live last night
13:02:12 From Ginger Horton : <https://modernmrsdarcy.com/230-episode/>
13:02:19 From Ginger Horton : Here's the pod at the Strand.
13:02:20 From Teri : Debra Benton, her-sterical, maybe?
13:02:24 From Jenny : How is Ginger so fast?!
13:02:25 From Janelle Carlson : I missed that!! Thanks for the link Ginger!
13:02:35 From Janelle Carlson : Ninja Ginger
13:02:41 From Karla To All Panelists : was thinking the same thing! go Ginger.
13:02:48 From Carol Q To All Panelists : I save the WSIRN podcasts. I savor them. So good!!!
13:02:55 From debracbenton : Yes, Teri!
13:03:00 From Jenny : Thank you!!
13:03:01 From Vanessa : Love tons of tabs!!! You are a superhero. :-)
13:03:02 From Michele Chambers : Thank you.
13:03:03 From Lindsay Okamoto : Thank you!!
13:03:03 From Susan in TX : Thanks, ladies!
13:03:05 From Teri : Oooh! Ninja Ginger! Yes!
13:03:06 From Home Grown Oates : Love you Anne and all that you do for the Bookish Community! ive been listening to you for so many years
13:03:06 From Ginger G : thank you!!