

JODY HEDLUND'S BOOK CLUB COLLECTION

He has been pleased in loving kindness to draw us to himself, and to be found by us when we sought him not.
~John Newton



Dear Book Club Reader,

Why should you choose to read *Newton and Polly* for your book group?

Here are what two other authors had to say about that:

“Amazing Grace, indeed! *Newton and Polly* is one of the most powerful love stories I have ever read, wrenching the heart and waking the soul. If you read one book this year, this should be it.”

—Julie Lessman, award-winning author of *The Daughters of Boston*

“Jody Hedlund’s historical detail is immaculate, and her storytelling will bring you to tears. Newton’s conversion was truly remarkable, sparking a legacy that has impacted millions of lives. *Newton and Polly* invites readers into that powerful experience.”

—Sigmund Brouwer, award-winning author of *Thief of Glory*

If your group would like to be drawn into more than just a *story* but into a *powerful experience*, then I invite you to read *Newton and Polly*. While reading the book during my last edit, I even found myself moved to tears (which rarely happens!). I pray that it will do the same for each reader in your group.

In the process of learning more about the writer of *Amazing Grace*, the most famous hymn of all times, you’ll also learn more about the woman behind this song. Without Polly Catlett, Newton may never have had the incentive to leave the slave trade and begin his voyage back to England, thus experiencing his “saving grace” moment. She was instrumental in Newton’s life, and I’m excited for the chance to bring this little-known woman to life.

To make your group’s discussion time more enjoyable, I’ve made available several options as part of my book group package (available on my [website](#)):

- A Spotify playlist of various contemporary renditions of Amazing Grace that you can listen to while your book group is meeting
- Printable discussion questions
- A fun background quiz that group members can take before or after your discussion
- A sheet of additional information that will enrich your knowledge of Newton and Polly
- Printable John Newton quotes that are incredibly inspirational

I hope that you will enjoy reading *Newton and Polly* with your book group. As always, don't hesitate to contact me at: jodyhedlund@hotmail.com.

Many Blessings,

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