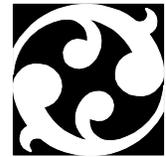


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## *STATE OF WONDER*

by Ann Patchett

*State of Wonder* is the tale of an epic journey. After an employee of a pharmaceutical company dies in the Amazon, a fellow researcher is sent to find out exactly what happened to him. She also has the duty of clarifying on the company's behalf exactly how much progress has been made on the drug being studied there.

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### CAMELOT'S COMMENTS on the BOOK

**Fair Warning by your Scribe: Comments are random and without order.**

- ◆ Not my favorite book.
- ◆ I had no connection with any of the characters.
- ◆ The story of the anaconda - extremely gratuitous.
- ◆ It was a terrible ending for Easter - he went back to the cannibal tribe.
- ◆ Author Patchett has a theme in all of her books - no phones - no communication.
- ◆ Dr. Swenson character had dimension - others were plodding.
- ◆ The author was sent by Gourmet Magazine to review a cruise.
- ◆ Lakashi tribe doesn't exist, but is named for Kashi, the author's favorite cereal.
- ◆ So many things that don't jibe.
- ◆ I liked her *Bel Canto*, but this one....
- ◆ Everyone was gnawing on trees.
- ◆ Patchett must have had some of those mushrooms in the Amazon.
- ◆ The book was preposterous - really strange.
- ◆ Abrupt ending, left us high and dry.

**(Scribe's note: If the above comments seem convoluted, maybe it was because our comments about the book reflect the meandering and tangled nature of the book.)**

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### MEETING NOTES

Our meeting was at Tim Latta's house. She was drafted as our hostess, even though she's not an official member of Camelot Book Club. She always seems to show up when she's needed, and we welcome her greatly.

Although the book selection was not our favorite, everyone had opinions about it, and it made for an interesting discussion. It was good to be at Camelot, as always.

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NEXT MEETING

When? Friday, July 20, 2012, 1:30 p.m.  
Where? At Suzanne Tuite's house  
Why? To have fun, and to discuss  
Each Reader's Selection

**Note: August 17<sup>th</sup> meeting will be hosted by Ann Seher to discuss  
*The Paris Wife: a novel***

A STORY FOR YOUR WEEK

A Sunday School teacher decided to have her young class memorize one of the most quoted passages in the Bible - Psalm 23. She gave the youngsters a month to learn the chapter. Little Rick was excited about the task - but he just couldn't remember the Psalm. After much practice, he could barely get past the first line. On the day that the kids were scheduled to recite Psalm 23 in front of the congregation, Ricky was so nervous. When it was his turn, he stepped up to the microphone and said proudly, "The Lord is my Shepherd, and that's all I need to know."

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