

BOOK CLUB OFFER OF FREE DVD BY BESTSELLING AUTHOR BARBARA DELINSKY

A DVD is offered free to any qualified book club or book group by bestselling author Barbara Delinsky. In featured interviews, Ms. Delinsky talks about the craft and business of writing, and her recent novels. The DVD is also offered to libraries and bookstores that sponsor book clubs or book groups.

June 1, 2005 – Bestselling author Barbara Delinsky is offering a free DVD titled *Barbara Delinsky Talks about Writing and Books* to any book group that plans to discuss one of her books. The American author has prepared the DVD interviews and supporting materials in response to the many requests for personal appearances that she must turn down each year. Book groups and book clubs, as well as libraries and bookstores sponsoring book clubs, can request the free DVD and reading group guides through the Book Groups page on the author's website. (<http://www.barbaradelinsky.com/library/groups/groups.htm>)

Book groups are surging in popularity among men and women who like to balance the solitude of reading with the fellowship of a group discussion. Preparing for a book group discussion often starts with research on the author, but many clever groups take it a step further and invite the writer to attend their meetings.

"I receive countless requests from book groups to speak about one of my novels in person," says New York Times Bestselling author Barbara Delinsky. "And what a great idea! I've been part of a book group myself for 18 years, and we're always searching for ways to stimulate our discussions. There's nothing better than hearing from the source – the author – during a meeting."

Unfortunately, Delinsky can't accept most invitations. "It breaks my heart each time I say no, but the fact is, I don't like to travel," Delinsky remarks. "It takes too much time away from my family, and of course I do have to find time to do what my readers want the most – to write." In fact, Delinsky has written more than 70 books during her career and has no plans to slow down.

"Finally, I had an epiphany. I used to joke that I'd love to clone myself so I could say yes to every book club. Then it hit me. What if I *could* clone myself? That's when the idea of a video for book groups was born."

The new DVD offers a collection of intimate interviews in which the author tells stories about her unexpected career as a novelist, shares insights into the business side of writing, and reveals secrets and anecdotes about each of her latest novels. The DVD is divided into short, 3- to 7-minute segments, so that book groups can watch as much or as little as they want, based on the content of each segment and the time constraints of their meeting.

The cost to book groups? Nothing at all. Delinsky will send the DVD along with a Book Group Discussion Manual free to any qualified book group in the U.S. and Canada that plans to discuss one of her novels. "This is my gift for understanding that I can't be there," Delinsky notes, "and my way of saying thank you for reading and discussing my books."

Bona fide book groups, as well as libraries and bookstores sponsoring book groups, can request a free DVD and Book Group Discussion Manual through the Book Groups page on the author's website (<http://www.barbaradelinsky.com/library/groups/groups.htm>). Applicants should be prepared with address and contact information for their group and specific information about their plans to discuss a Delinsky book.

Barbara Delinsky has written more than 70 books, including 16 New York Times bestsellers. Her latest novel, *Looking for Peyton Place*, will be published by Scribner on July 12th. A short biography of the author and a complete list of her titles is available for download as PDF.

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