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# GROUP MEETING

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## Contemporary Religious Literature Conversation Group

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**ABSTRACT** The Contemporary Religious Literature Conversation Group provides a space during the annual conference to discuss books and other resources that the group finds interesting and meaningful. It's a good place to find the next book on your reading list.

A small group met on Friday morning to discuss what they have been reading throughout the year.

The group discussed Nancy Pearl's "Rule of 50,"<sup>1</sup> which basically says, read fifty pages of a book and then if you don't like it go ahead and move on to the next book. We decided that it is okay to put down a book if you don't like it.

We had a good time chatting about what we'd been reading and watching. Here's the list.

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## ENDNOTES

- 1 “Nancy Pearl’s Rule of 50,” *Globe & Mail* (Toronto, Canada), <https://www.theglobeandmail.com/arts/books-and-media/nancy-pearls-rule-of-50-for-dropping-a-bad-book/article565170/>.