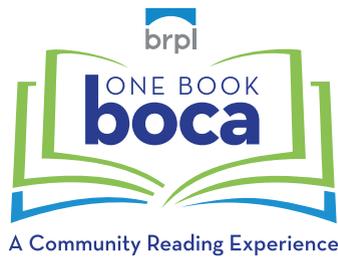


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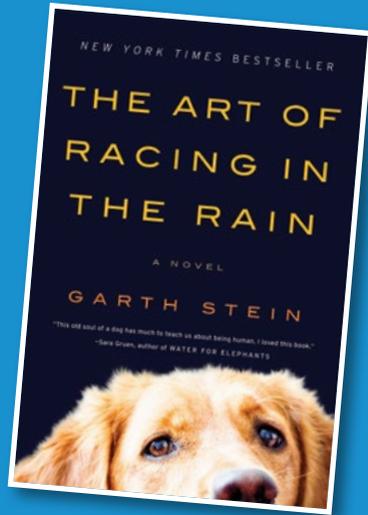
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QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

Discussion Guide written by HarperCollins Publishers

“The perfect book for anyone who knows that some of our best friends walk beside us on four legs; that compassion isn’t only for humans; and that the relationship between two souls... meant for each other never really comes to an end.”

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This year’s **One Book Boca** title is *The Art of Racing in the Rain* by Garth Stein. Library staff chose this heart-wrenching yet deeply funny *New York Times* bestseller for its focus on love, family, loyalty and hope. It is a beautifully crafted and captivating look at the wonders and absurdities of human nature as seen from the unique perspective of a dog’s point of view. The entire family can share this reading experience since there is a young reader edition as well as a children’s picture book adaptation. #OneBookBoca

1. Some readers of the novel have observed that viewing the world through a dog’s eyes makes for a greater appreciation of being human. Why do you think this is?
2. Enzo’s observations throughout the novel provide insight into his worldview. For example:
 - “The visible becomes inevitable.”
 - “Understanding the truth is simple. Allowing oneself to experience it is often terrifically difficult.”
 - “No race has ever been won in the first corner; many races have been lost there.”

How does Enzo’s philosophy apply to real life?

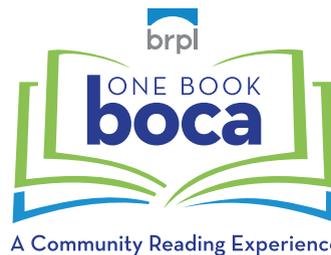
3. Can you imagine the novel being told from Denny’s point of view? How would it make the story different?
4. Do you find yourself looking at your own dog differently after reading this novel?
5. In the book, we get glimpses into the mindset and mentality of a racecar driver. What parallels can you think of between the art of racing and the art of living?

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