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As a member of **Mocha Girls Read** book club your opinion of our monthly selections matters. On the **Mocha Girls Read** website we have a section for just that. And we made it easy for you. Go to the **Book** tab and click **Reviews** and just tell us what you think by clicking one of the 3 choices. If you want to say more leave it in the comments section below.



Every month we will host a giveaway on the **Mocha Girls Read** site. You could win books, gift cards and other surprises. So check the site often because you only win if you enter.



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“We are a group of black women who love to read, want to read more and meet likeminded women.”



## April Nomination

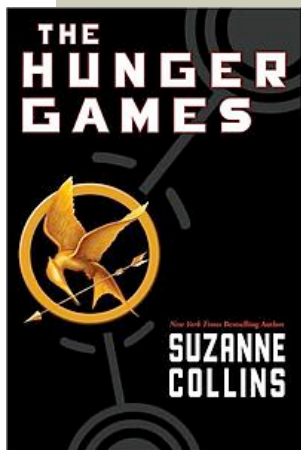
Each month **Mocha Girls Read** members select one book to nominate for the book of the month. To make the nomination process easier, we will give you a theme for the upcoming month. This way we can mix up the genre, authors, and themes. All you have to do is add your monthly book nomination to the site from 3/12/2012 to 3/18/2012. Then from 3/19/2012 to 3/25/2012 the polls will be open for voting. The book with most votes wins! The winner will be announced on 3/26/2012

**Theme for April: “Isn’t It Romantic!”**

**(Pre-1900 century Classic Romance novel)**

\*Remember one nomination and three votes per person.\*

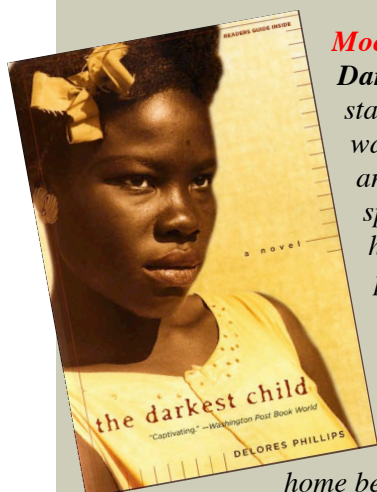
## Mocha Girls Read Reviews...



**Mocha Girl Rochelle's** review of *The Hunger Game*: *This book kept me on the edge of my seat, it kept me intrigued and anxious to get to the end and then there is the end, (don't want to spoil the end for those that have not finished, overall good book.*

**Mocha Girl ShantaDee's** review of *The Hunger Games*: *I was up @ 3am, on the edge of my seat just to get to the next part, and the next... now I'm done with this book, and gotta get the next book in the series!!!!*

**Mocha Girl Tanya's** review of *The Hunger Games*: *I loved this book – in fact, the entire series rocked!*



**Mocha Girl Tigg's** review of *The Darkest Child*: *I rarely give 5 stars in my reviews, but this book was definitely deserving of that and so much more!! Ms. Phillips spun a tragically beautiful story had me captivated from the first page, I was so angry when I had to put it down to go to work. It reminded me of my grandmother, she was from New Orleans and once told me that she ran away from*

*home because her mother tried to sell her off at the age of 13 to an older man for a cow. It's deplorable how young black women and girls were undervalued and treated back then. I never wanted it to end. I don't want to give too much away, but read this book.*

**Mocha Girl Tahmeka's** review of *The Darkest Child*: *I wanted to love this book but it never really came together for me. The characters had potential to be great but they weren't fleshed out. I think there were too many. Mattie, Harvey, the white lady that Tan worked for (I can't think of her name), Skeeter, Jeff,... the list goes on. So many people who weren't relevant to the story. I think that the secondary plot, the county in the beginning phases of integration, was too much. The main plot was intense enough. This book could have been perfection had the author spent more time with the characters. I don't feel like there was enough.*

## VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

As *Mocha Girls Read* grows so do our needs. If you would like to help out please email me at [mochagirl@email.com](mailto:mochagirl@email.com) if you are interested.

## March's Book Assata: An Autobiography

This black activist's memoir is like a freeze frame of the late 1960s and early 1970s. Though the polemical rhetoric is dated, the book is an otherwise compelling tale of the impact of white racism on a sensitive and powerful young black woman. Born Joanne Chesimard, she took an African name to confirm her commitment to black liberation, joined militant organizations, and was ultimately convicted of the murder of a New Jersey highway patrol officer in 1977. Her descriptions of life in prison and the vagaries of the court system are especially wrenching. Living now in Cuba as an escaped felon, she continues her utopian plea for revolution.

## F.A.Q

We get a lot of questions, so here are a few of them with the answers

**What is a Mocha Girl?** Basically, a black woman of any age.

**How do you pick books every month?** Each month there is a theme and all members are encouraged to go to the site and nominate a book within the theme.

Nominations are open for 7 days (usually the second week of the month). Then the voting starts. We vote on the books nominated by the members for 7 days. The one with the most votes wins!

**How much does it cost to be a member?** There is no cost at all. Only if a chapter chooses to attend an event, the cost of the event is up to you.

**What if I can't afford the book?** There are two options. Check the local library they might have a copy there. Let the organizer of the chapter know. You might be able to borrow a book from a member.

**What if I don't want to read the book of the month?** No worries. Skip it and join us on the next one. I would love to have you read it with us so that you might find a new author, genre or book you never thought you would like.

Email me your questions at [mochagirl@email.com](mailto:mochagirl@email.com)