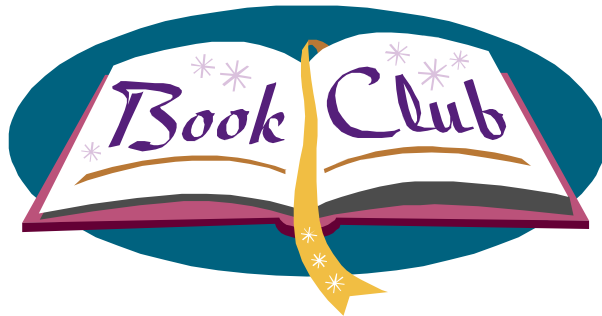


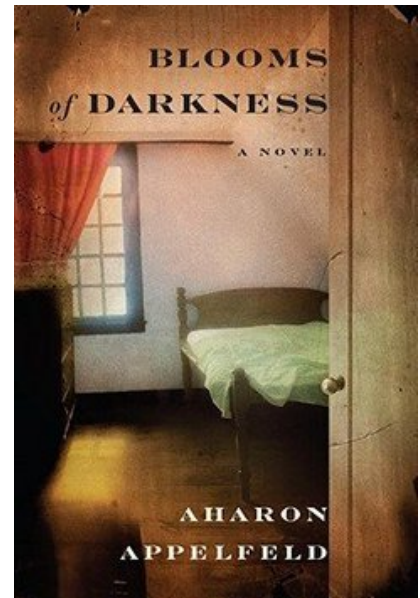
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[Blooms of darkness](#) by Aharon Appelfeld

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Award-winning and internationally acclaimed Israeli novelist Aharon Appelfeld writes of eleven-year-old Hugo who is brought by his mother to the local brothel, where one of the prostitutes, Mariana has agreed to hide him. Mariana is a bitterly unhappy woman who hates what she has done to her life. When she's not mired in self-loathing, Mariana is fiercely protective of the bewildered, painfully polite young Hugo. Hugo, in turn becomes protective of Mariana, trying to make her laugh when she is depressed, and doing what he could to soothe her physical and mental agony. The arrival of the Russian army sends the prostitutes fleeing and Mariana is arrested as a Nazi collaborator.

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