

**This just in from Judith R Hendricks, the author of the recently released novel, *The Laws of Harmony* –the first download onto my Kindle 2!**

*“A couple of years ago on a gray and chilly Saturday morning, I was sitting in a coffee house next door to the Nashville, TN public library, having a triple espresso and waiting to meet my co-panelist at the Southern Festival of Books.*

*As earlier presentations ended, people began to stream in, fortifying themselves for the next round with coffee and muffins, and I noticed one group of women in particular. They pushed several of the little marble-topped tables together and pulled up chairs.*

*They got their lattes and settled in and I watched them talk, the way they leaned forward to look directly into someone’s face, their gestures, how they laughed with their eyes closed, scribbled little drawings to illustrate some point they wanted to make. They seemed to be having quite a spirited discussion. Then I noticed that they all had copies of the same book. They were a book club.*

*It occurs to me in retrospect that this is another reason to add to my list of why I love book clubs. They read, of course, which is great. But they don’t just sit quietly, one book after another.*

*They talk about books; they argue about them. They recommend the books they like to other people. They attend book festivals and they show up at signings. And in doing those things, they support the whole structure of writing and publishing. For that we can all be grateful.”*

In addition to ***The Laws of Harmony***, Judith R. Hendricks has written three previous book club favorites: ***The Baker’s Apprentice***, ***Isabel’s Daughter***, and ***Bread Alone***. If you’d like Judi to talk to you book group—or just learn more about her books, you can contact her at <http://www.judihendricks.com/hendricks-book-groups.htm>.

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