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Academy Awards: And the Oscar Goes To...

Have fun celebrating your book group by giving them each an Academy Award. You could give Oscars for such categories as "Best Set" for a hostess who went above and beyond decorating her home for a themed meeting; "Best Costume" for that member who dressed head to toe as Sir William when you read *The Pillars of the Earth*; or "Best Special Effects" for the person who devised the best game to play as a meeting icebreaker. Get creative and ensure there's an award for everyone—even if you have to give one for "Best Foreign Film" to the member who's always traveling and misses the most meetings! Be sure to involve your group in nominating their peers—you may be surprised by how creative they all are.

This time of year, you should have no problem finding miniature Oscars or loving cups at your local party store. Use a label-maker to put each winner's name on her statuette. Provide boas for the gals to wear as they make their acceptance speeches—a red carpet would be a plus.

Not only will your members feel recognized, but also you'll all have fun hamming it up for the camera with your feather boas! "All right Mr. De Mille, I'm ready for my close-up..."

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