

Bangladeshi book clubs you should follow

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While the non-bookworms will find it boring to point out the flaws of Rupi Kaur's poetry and relish JK Rowling's works, book-nerds can now share their thoughts and crack humour with a group of like-minded individuals instead of suffocating themselves with their own opinions. From getting the perfect book recommendations to showing off one's occasional book hauls, listed below are some of the growing Bangladeshi book clubs that have made Facebook a better place for bookworms.

1. LITMOSPHERE

Home to around 4,000 members, Litmosphere tops the list of Bangladeshi-based Facebook book clubs. From sharing opinions on books, getting book recommendations, cracking book-related humours, sharing snaps of book hauls, Litmosphere is always bustling with avid readers sharing their thoughts, reviews, blogs, suggestions, book related jokes, and queries every now and then. And trust me when I say this, I have made quite a lot of amazing friends from this group who can relate to my reading chronicles. Litmosphere is an interactive platform for readers of every genre where Rupi Kaur fans and critics co-exist. That is to say, everyone can share their opinions here without getting into a brawl, which makes this a healthy community of book-nerds that helps people get motivated to read and



socialize in the process.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/663215707168078/>

2. BOOK CLUB BANGLADESH

A community of around 1800 members, Book Club Bangladesh is a growing online platform that helps the readers of every genre interact. With a motto quoting, "Read, review, recommend" Book Club Bangladesh has become successful in creating a healthy environment for all the bookworms out there. From picking a book of the month to having book related discussions, this group never ceases to help the readers get motivated to busy

themselves with books and caffeine. Also, the monthly Readathons are something a book lover should not miss out.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1494630190827682/>

3. BOOKSTAGRAM BD

Having drawn the attention of almost 1000 members, Bookstagram BD is a visual trip for the book-nerds out there who are fond of aesthetic photos. It is a friendly community of people who read and take bookstagramming as seriously. Many Bangladeshi readers have indulged themselves quite seriously in creating bookstagrams while being motivated by

the mind calming photos shared by passionate bookstagrammers and readers in this group. Bookstagram BD welcomes the concept of opening bookish Instagram profiles and encourages other like-minded individuals to do the same.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/370804976602672/>

4. BOOKAHOLICS BD

With more than 1500 members, Bookaholics BD thrives on serving the common purposes of the readers getting recommendations of books and bookshops, giving suggestions, holding light-hearted discussions, sharing reviews and opinions, etc.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1659268877456671/>

I'm pretty sure my passion for reading wouldn't have kept glowing as much as it is now if it weren't for the online book clubs that I'm a part of and the readers whom I've befriended from the clubs. Whether it's about getting your opinion heard, being able to relate yourself to bookish humour, keeping your love for books alive, or meeting agreeing people, you should join the mentioned book clubs if you are a bookworm in blood.

While debating, Shah Tazrian Ashrafi tries to be as magnificent as the titanic with his logic, but little does he know that his logics are mega icebergs. Shed light on the truth at facebook.com/shahtazrianashrafi

Myths about minimalist art

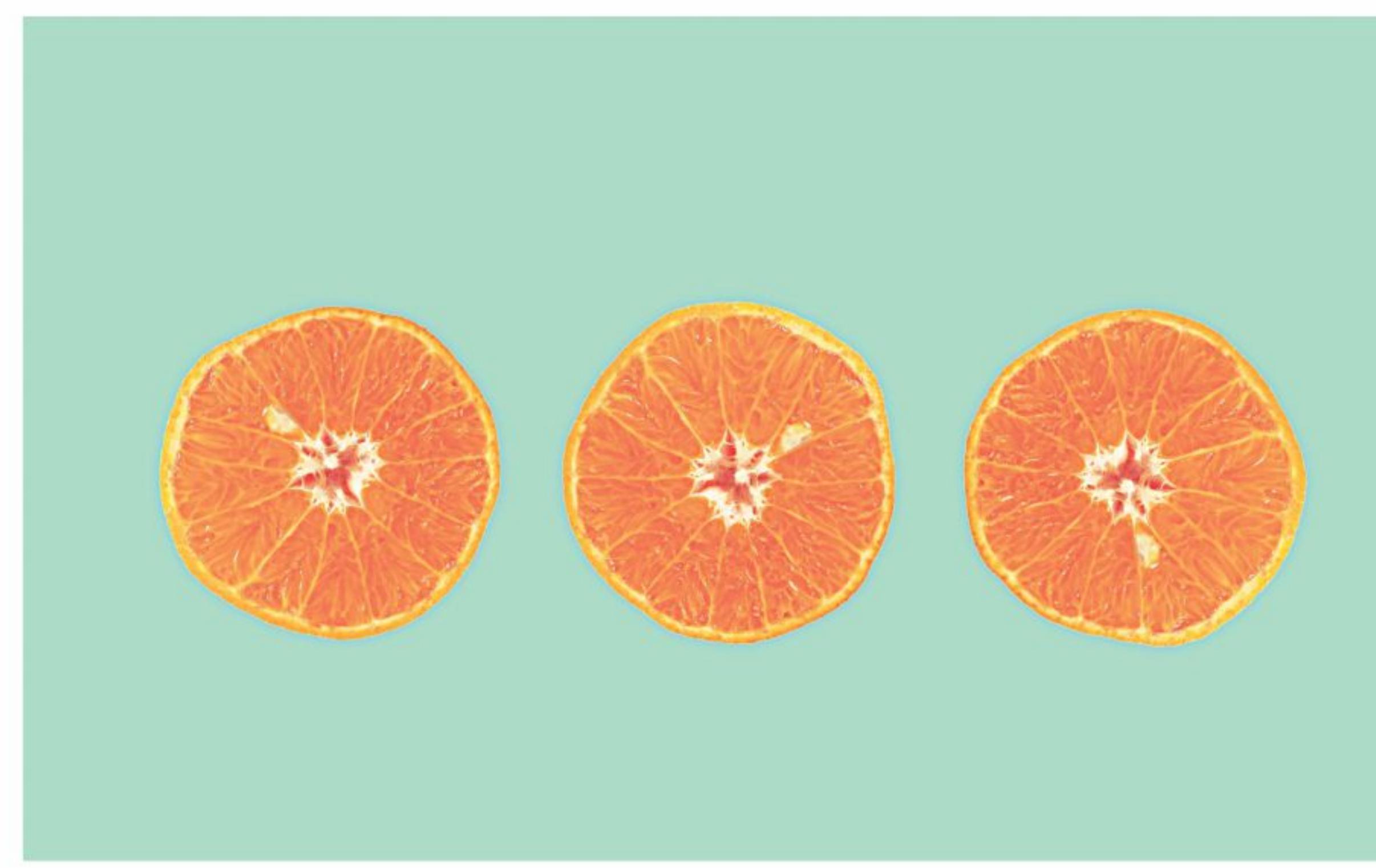
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Art is the subject of many memes as it is. When you add the adjective "minimalistic" to it, the internet kids can go ballistic. To some it's a sarcastic yet loving exaggeration of actual facts about this art form, to others it is deemed as an insult to art. The latter sentiment has brought about a lot of misconceptions about what minimalism actually means. Before getting into some popular myths about minimalist art, here's a brief history on this popular and relative new form of art.

Minimalist art follows the motto "what you see is what you see". Its journey began in the early 1960's, with the core idea of art should not refer to anything other than itself. The minimalist artist is meant to be objective, unexpressive. It was art for the sake of art. The intention is to give the viewer a solely visual response, and eliminate that troublesome gimmick of finding the "inner meaning". It's basically the hipster in the population of artistic genres. So then, it shouldn't be hard to see why we'll have an abundance of myths about this right? Here's some:

1. ARTISTS WHO ARE LAZY DO MINIMALISM

Art for starters is not about doing anything so intricate and so ostentatious that people go "whoa" every time they see it. It was and always will be about self-expression. Any form of art has always reflected the society and economy as well as the fashion of the time it exists in. Minimalistic art represents the modern lifestyle and a counter perspective to art making you feel things. It still takes technical knowledge and a lot of conceptual skills to come up with something original and intriguing.



2. IT IS EASIER TO UNDERSTAND SO IT IS EASIER TO SELL

If you think you can paint a blue square in a piece of canvas and it will sell for a million dollars, there is a very small chance it could actually happen. If you can feel moved by an image, enough so it instigate emotions that are individual to you, why not a blue square in a blank canvas? But the truth is, you need a lot of knowledge on the psychology behind stimuli of colours or textures or shapes to come up with a concept that could potentially move a lot of people.

3. ONLY RICH PEOPLE LIKE MINIMALISM

A term we often associate rich people with is "pretentious". But that is the exact establishment that the minimalist tries to defy through his work. It even reflects in the concept of minimalist living. But it can't be denied that people pay a lot of money to buy this kind of artworks and there could be a very simple logic to that. It is usually easy on the eyes, which means it's calming. In the fast paced life of the average urban citizen, it shouldn't be surprising to find people opting for art that doesn't require a lot of thought to enjoy.

This should at least get you thinking about how much you CAN hate minimalism. Unless you want to be the rebel that defies the idea of defying extravagance. In that case, you're probably about to start an art movement too.