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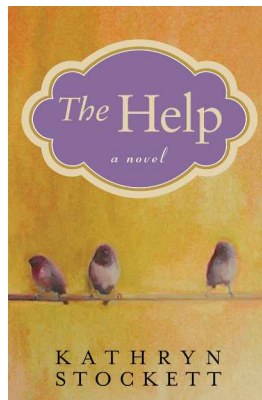
Alumni Book Club  
Book Discussion

Sunday, February 21, 2010 – 10 a.m.  
Libby and Joseph G. Shapiro Alumni House

*This month's selection is*

*The Help*

By Kathryn Stockett



The backstory is cringeworthy: A young, white first-time author — inspired by her own childhood relationship with her family maid in Jackson, Miss. — sets out to write a novel from the point of view of black maids in the midst of the civil rights era. Kathryn Stockett's debut novel, *The Help*, could have turned out goofily earnest or shamefully offensive. Instead, it's graceful and real, a compulsively readable story of three women who watch the Mississippi ground shifting beneath their feet as the words of men like Martin Luther King Jr. and Bob Dylan pervade their genteel town.

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