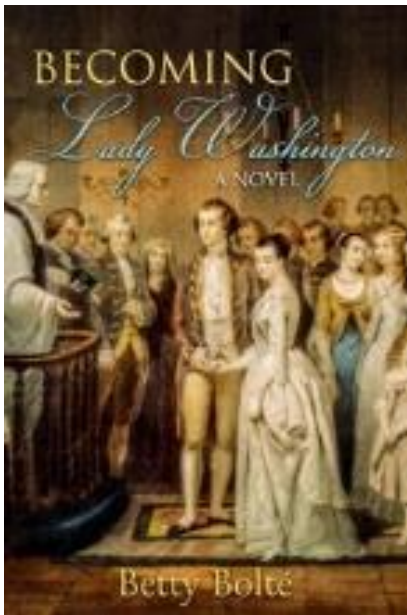




BOOK CLUB GUIDE



Becoming Lady Washington: A Novel



About the Book:

Martha ~~%~~Batsy+Custis manages an immense eighteenth-century plantation in the Virginia colony. But as a young widow she must balance her business with caring for her two young children. Her experience and education have sustained her thus far but when her life veers in an unexpected direction, she realizes she has much more to learn.

When Colonel George Washington takes an interest in her, she ~~ç~~ convinced he ~~d~~ be a loving husband and father for her children. But when trouble in the form of British oppression, taxes, and royal arrogance leads to revolt and revolution, George must choose between duty to country and Martha. Compelled to take matters into her own hands, Martha must decide whether to remain where she belongs or go with her husband ~~õ~~ no matter what the dangerous future may hold.

Discussion Questions:

1. What worldview did the author present?
2. Martha ~~ç~~ parents raised her to be a plantation mistress. What lessons did they teach her? What lessons did she learn on her own?
3. Did this story seem realistic?
4. Martha ~~ç~~ first husband, Daniel Custis, enabled her to grow and prosper. How? What did he provide for her?
5. Would the book make a good film? Who would you cast?
6. Describe how the main character changed over the course of the book.
7. Some people have wondered whether George and Martha loved each other. Did they? How do you know?
8. How did this book touch your life? Can you relate to it on any level?
9. How did George and Martha differ in their treatment of their enslaved people? Why do you think they had different approaches?
10. What ~~ç~~ your favorite quote or passage?