
A Thoughtful Invitation Around Man of Taste

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Wed, Apr 15, 2026 at 8:46 AM

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Dear Rob King,

I'm **Q Riaz from Inner Brilliance Circle**, a group of deeply engaged readers drawn to works that leave questions lingering.

Your **Man of Taste** sparked a nuanced discussion around how cultural boundaries, between art and obscenity, taste and transgression, are constructed, negotiated, and continually redefined.

We'd love to feature it in our **upcoming film and cultural history discussion**, particularly for how it uses Metzger's career to interrogate shifting standards of legitimacy and aesthetic value. What stayed with us most was the tension between refinement and provocation, how "taste" itself becomes a site of cultural power and contestation.

If this resonates, I would love to share a few brief details on how we structure the session; most authors find it both engaging and refreshingly low-pressure. If interested, simply reply with **"I'm interested."**

Warm Regards,

Q. Riaz

Organizer- Inner brilliance Circle Book Club

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Robert J. King <rk2704@columbia.edu>
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I'm interested.

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Dear Rob King,

Thank you again for your interest and we would love to have your book. We're truly delighted that you're open to engaging with our community, and we're excited about the opportunity to feature Man Of Taste, in our upcoming discussion for the month of May.

I'd love to share a bit more detail about how the feature would work, so you can see exactly what participation entails.

About Our Community

The Inner Brilliance Circle Book Club is a global Meetup community of over 2,700 active readers who enjoy thoughtful discussions across history, biography, resilience narratives, and cultural memory and more based on the desire of our readers. Our members join from the U.S., Europe, Australia, and beyond, bringing diverse perspectives and meaningful engagement to each event.

Meetup Group Link:

<https://www.meetup.com/inner-brilliance-circle/>

We host monthly asynchronous discussions, allowing members to read the featured book in advance and participate thoughtfully throughout the discussion period.

How Your Feature Would Work

Featured Title Spotlight

Your book *Man Of Taste*, be highlighted as a primary featured work for our May focused session, giving it dedicated visibility across our readership.

Reader Engagement & Guided Discussion

Members will explore the powerful themes in your book, perseverance, resilience, survival under historical adversity, and the human spirit, through curated discussion questions designed to encourage respectful and insightful dialogue.

Promotional Exposure

Your book will be promoted across our Meetup group and partner reader communities, providing visibility among readers already deeply interested in powerful historical narratives and true-life survival stories.

Author Highlight (Optional Participation)

You are warmly invited to share a short introduction or personal reflections with our members. Participation is entirely optional, your work will still be fully featured and actively discussed even if you prefer not to engage directly during the event.

Ongoing Visibility

Featured titles often continue generating engagement beyond the discussion period, including reader recommendations and reviews on platforms such as Amazon or Goodreads.

Proposed Discussion Date

We are proposing May for the discussion. This allows members sufficient time to acquire the book and begin reading in advance, ensuring strong participation when the discussion opens.

Benefits for Featured Authors

Exposure to an engaged international readership

Mass review on Goodreads or amazon from our active readers

Professionally designed promotional graphics and visual materials
Social sharing teasers and banner features
Coordinated reader engagement during the discussion period
Early awareness prior to official release
Long-term discoverability through our event archive

Featured Author Support

As an independent book club, we operate through a modest featured author support contribution. This helps cover:

- Coordination of reader engagement
- Promotional graphics and event materials
- Banner design and presentation videos
- Outreach across our community platforms

What We Would Need From You

- A clear author photo
- A short author bio
- Your preferred purchase link for Man Of Taste,

We would be honored to spotlight Man Of Taste, in our May discussion and begin promoting it to our members right away, building anticipation ahead of the event. We truly believe your book's message of strength and endurance will resonate deeply with our readers.

I look forward to hearing your thoughts and moving ahead together

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Dear Q:

Thanks so much. I'd like to move ahead with this. Obviously, though, I'm worried about AI scams, since there have been so many. Would you be able to share something to verify the group's reality - say, a screenshot from one of your Zoom book meetings? (Obviously you can blur the names out if you prefer.)

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Dear Rob,

Thank you for your thoughtful note, I completely understand your caution, and I appreciate you raising it.

I'm happy to share a bit more so you can get a clearer sense of our community. Here's our Meetup page, where you can see our past and upcoming discussions:

<https://www.meetup.com/inner-brilliance-circle/>

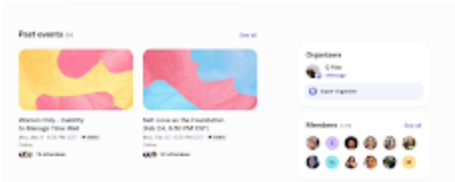
I've also attached a screenshot from one of our recent sessions for a quick snapshot of how we run things. We occasionally host live elements alongside our discussions, I'd be glad to share a short clip as well if that's helpful.

Please feel free to take a look, and I'm happy to answer any other questions that come up.

Warmly,
Q. Riaz

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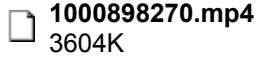
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