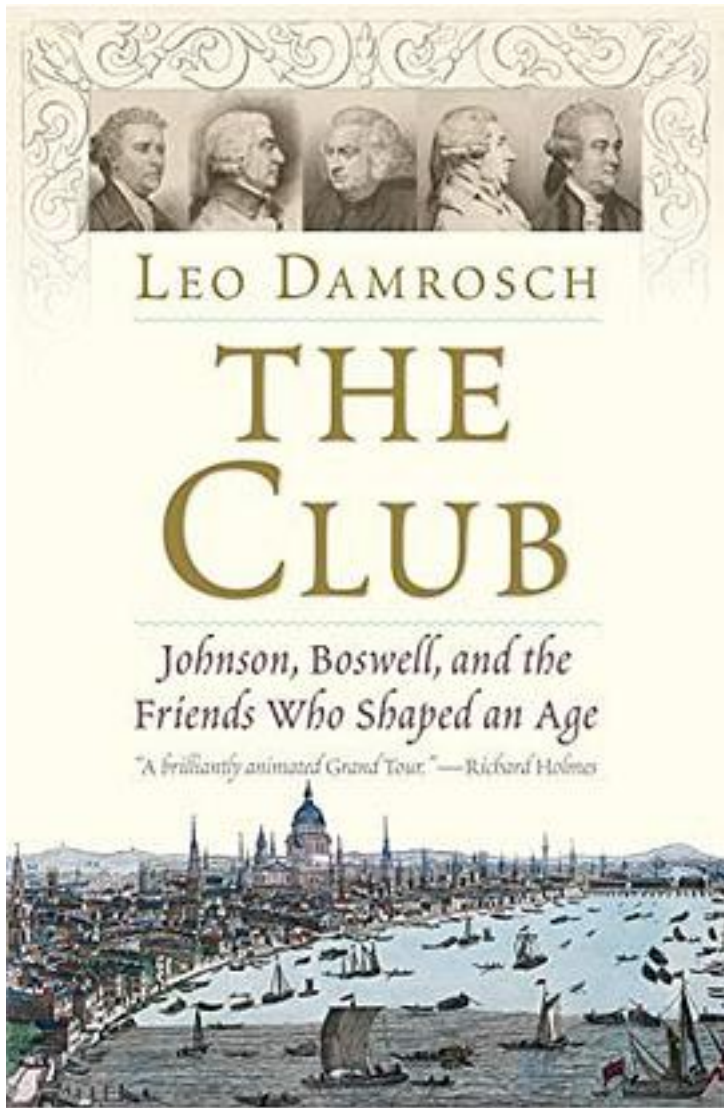


# The Club



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Prize-winning biographer Leo Damrosch tells the story of "the Club," a group of extraordinary writers, artists, and thinkers who gathered weekly at a London tavern

In 1763, the painter Joshua Reynolds proposed to his friend Samuel Johnson that they invite a few friends to join them every Friday at the Turk's Head Tavern in London to dine, drink, and talk until midnight. Eventually the group came to include among its members Edmund Burke, Adam Smith, Edward Gibbon, and James Boswell. It was known simply as "the Club."

In this captivating book, Leo Damrosch brings alive a brilliant, competitive, and eccentric cast of characters. With the friendship of the "odd couple" Samuel Johnson and James Boswell at the heart of his narrative, Damrosch conjures up the precarious, exciting, and often brutal world of late eighteenth-century Britain. This is the story of an extraordinary group of people whose ideas helped to shape their age, and our own.

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## 评论

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的前传，其实就是约翰逊博士，和约翰逊博士跟班、传记作者Boswell的合传，再兼及俱乐部几个最有名的成员。Boswell决定了这本书八卦的性质，适合睡前和飞机上的阅读。但Leo

Damrosch温和的气质不太适合八卦，比起Menand的《形而上学俱乐部》缺少煽情点，文笔也缺点那种改变或者定义一个时代的蓬勃之气。

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年底美剧电影一大堆，花了近三个星期才读完。书名应该改为<俱乐部的几位成员>才是，The Club这个书名起大了，想必作者也很清楚，只是The Club看起来更高大上，更吸人眼球。全书没有把俱乐部作为一个整体来写，没有记录俱乐部的活动，没有说明俱乐部在历史上的地位和作用，只是简要记录了几位主要成员的生平，其中以Samuel Johnson和James Boswell两人为主，有不少私生活轶事。如果想要了解这两个人的话，值得一看。如果看过《The Life of Samuel Johnson》那么这书可能意义不大，因为它简直就是《The Life of Samuel Johnson》的长篇书评。文笔不错，条理清晰，文字简练优美，严谨中不乏幽默，查了一下，作者是美国人，这样的文笔很难得了。四星。

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Damrosch's book is a cleverly interwoven story of Edmund Burke, David Garrick, Adam Smith, Edward Gibbon, Joshua Reynolds and some of their friends On occasion a book can serve as a monument. That's happily the case with The Club, by Leo Damrosch, the dist...

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