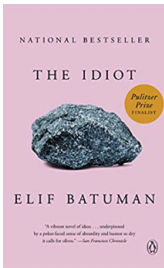


## Brown Clubs

# Plan a “First Readings” Event

Reflect as a community and participate in a long-standing Brown tradition.



First Readings is a shared intellectual endeavor for Brown’s first-year and transfer students. Students collectively read an assigned book over the summer and submit response papers at the start of the school year. The chosen work for 2019 is Elif Batuman’s *The Idiot*.

## First, choose the type of event you’d like to host:

- a) **Community Reading** – Read the book as a community and host a book club-style gathering to discuss it.
- b) **Guided Reading** – Use discussion questions, media, and book reviews to lead a productive meeting.

## Then, take action!

1. **Invite alumni** to purchase the book on Amazon.com.
2. **Encourage alumni** to refer to the First Readings resources for a better understanding of the material.
3. **Plan and execute** an event using Brown Alumni Association Program Funding. (See pages 24-25 of the Club Leader Toolkit pdf.)
4. If you receive funding for this event, please **use the Brown Alumni Association** logo to help promote it.
5. **Share** event details, experiences and opinions with other clubs via the Club Leaders Facebook group.

## After the event, try to keep the discussion going!

Create a blog or Facebook Group to keep track of members and insightful comments.