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Authors Larissa Brown and Martin John Brown present an inspiring look at centuries of people knitting together, and why knitters find the interaction so meaningful and worthwhile. Along the way, they offer 20 projects especially suited for different types of knitalongs. The Barn Raising Quilt and the Traveling Scarf, for instance, call on individual knitters to collaborate on a single project; while the Pinwheel Blanket and the Meathead Hat encourage a community of knitters to improvise on the same pattern to come up with a variety of results. Also included is essential information about finding, joining, and starting knitalongs.

Hundreds of knitters participated in the knitalongs hosted by the authors as part of their research, and this book will inspire thousands more to get involved in the knitalong movement. The only book that celebrates this tradition of community and purpose, *Knitalong* is sure to have a powerful impact.

## Knitalong: Celebrating the Tradition of Knitting Together Details

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# From Reader Review Knitalong: Celebrating the Tradition of Knitting Together for online ebook

## shirley says

Came for the Meathead hat pattern. Enjoyable read.

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## Michelle Walker says

This book offers some very unique patterns & design ideas, which I find very refreshing. It totally sparks your creativity, and makes you want to reach out and knit with/and for others. I was one of the lucky ones that was able to partake in the knitalong for the book (barn raising quilt, and meathead hat). It was so much fun partaking in this virtual knitalong! I also love that it takes recycling, refashioning, and reknitting into consideration.

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## Shannon says

This book is truly lovely. Knitalong celebrates the joy of knitting together and sharing one's love for the craft. As a knitter, I am always so pleased to find out when others knit. It's like a not-so-secret society. Although the act of knitting is singular, it lends itself to building a community. It's why thousands of people have come together and joined online communities, such as ravelry. And it's this sense of community that Larissa Brown focuses on in her book Knitalong.

Knitalong is a collection of stories, resources, and even patterns. It explains how to find knitting groups both in the flesh and on-line. I found Larissa Brown's stories engaging, interesting, and inspiring. I especially liked the chapter on historical knitalongs. Knitting together is such a beautiful concept and this book inspired me to start a knitting group at my workplace.

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## Meg says

thoroughly enjoyed this book and looking forward to knitting a couple patterns from it. a very easy and sweet read. the layout of the book is very well executed. i had a great time skimming over the pages multiple times. it's fun to come across comments and pictures of bloggers i read.

definitely a good addition to a knitter's library.

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## Larissa Brown says

I wrote this, so no stars or reviews. It was one of my favorite things to write! And the majority of it was

written by my husband and co-author Martin John Brown, so I can say that all his pieces are great. I can also say that the photography by Michael Crouser is gorgeous, and the hundred+ amateur photos from knitters around the world are amazing.

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## **Laura says**

A fun book of celebrating community through knitting. Nice patterns too!

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## **WifeMomKnitter says**

From the book synopsis:

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When this book came up for swapping on the Goodread's swap, I snapped it up quick.

This book to me is very reminiscent of the Mason-Dixon Knitting books with a bit of "chatting" about the different ways we knitters come together to knit with each other.

So far, I've been part of a Traveling Scarf and am currently working on the Barn Raising Quilt. I've got my eye on a few more patterns and can definitely see myself knitting up more projects from this book.

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## **Desiree' says**

I found this book at my local library. This book is an important book for those interested in organizing an online or meetup knit-a-long (KAL). I found the information as well as the patterns interesting; the patterns themselves offer a knitter history of how successful KAL's are. I like how the author organized the information and introduced other established knitter's through exploring their KAL's and how to establish

your own successful KAL. A valuable resource for knitter's.

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### **Dana says**

Lovely, inspiring book about knitalongs - groups of people all knitting the same pattern at the same time or just knitting together. The book discusses the history of knitalongs, wartime knitting, and internet based knitalongs and has several knitting patterns. There is knitting for others, for charity, for art, in cafes knitting blogs, as a part of challenges and more. I enjoyed the book, but to me, the patterns seemed rather difficult. I am trying the sock pattern and will see how I do with it. I received this book free to review from Netgalley.

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### **Liza says**

A sweet little collection of knitting patterns, history, mini-essays and lots and lots of photographs. This charming little book attracted me with its design and kept me interested with its range of projects.

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### **Brandy says**

I have never participated in a Knitalong, not even online, and this is something that I wish was different. I am a novice knitter at best. I've learned much of what I know by reading books. I did take a class at a community center once a long while ago but that was just one day and there are so many stitches in knitting. Reading *Knitalong: Celebrating the Tradition of Knitting Together*, has inspired me to try to remedy this situation. This book provides a wonderful history of knitting (which it seems was nearly always done as a knitalong through history). It is packed with lovely photos, both of the patterns in the book and historic photos of people knitting. It features several simple patterns which are written so that you won't need to think too much about the pattern while you are in your group. One of the points I found most helpful was a list of knitting cafés, a new concept to me but also a very appealing one. The book is well researched and provides both references and wonderful details on where to look for additional information for a given knitting topic. This would make a great gift for a friend who knits, or for an inspired individual to start their own knitting circle. I hope to join my local knitting club very soon! Oh, I received my copy of this book from netgalley.com, however these opinions are my own and uninfluenced by author or publisher. I after reading the galley, I would absolutely buy a copy of this book for myself.

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### **Kelly says**

I really loved reading all the history & personal stories of past knitalong experiences. I originally bought this book to help me organize a craftalong with some friends, but I found the entire book wonderful. Everything in this book gave me some great ideas for when I start my craftalong, but I do wish there was a bit more on organizing one. With only 3 pages on that particular subject, it was a tad bit disappointing.

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**Danielle says**

The historical tidbits about knitalongs were fun to read, and the additional resources listed at the end of each section were great jump-off points for digging deeper into the different subjects. The only reason I can't give this one a higher rating is because the patterns weren't that impressive. They were okay, but not great.

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**Heather McCoy says**

Wow I love this book--amazing patterns as well as great social commentary.

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**Sara says**

I also bought this book on sale, and thought it would be a good resource to get our knitting guild to organize a knit-along of some kind. We're kind of a well established group that just sits and knots once a month. Wish we could be a bit more, ahem, dynamic or something! It just may not be in the cards....

I;m not sure if this book is what I thought it was. It doesn't have much new content to me. Maybe if I didn't read so many blogs and ravelry and stuff, then I wouldn't know all this already. Still a good resource. Not any patterns that I tagged.

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