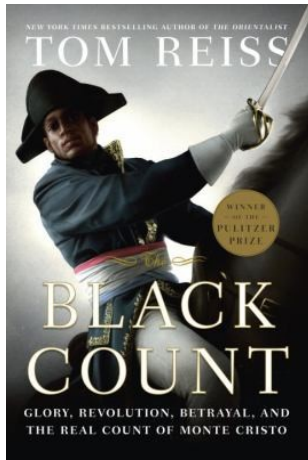


# Lillie M. Evans Library District Book Club

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## Biography:



Tom Reiss was born and raised in New York before moving to Texas where his father worked as an Air Force neurosurgeon. His next family move was to Massachusetts, and he spent the rest of his childhood and adolescence in New England. He graduated from Harvard in 1987. Reiss returned to Texas to study creative writing at the University of Houston and then traveled to Germany in order to begin researching his family history. His maternal grandparents died in Auschwitz, but his mother survived as a hidden child in France during World War II. Reiss co-wrote the English version of *Führer-Ex: Memoirs of a Former Neo-Nazi*, published in 1996. His third book, *The Black Count* won the 2013 *Pulitzer Prize for Biography* among other awards and honors. *The Black Count* is being adapted into a film.

## Similar Books:



## Discussion Questions:

1. What made you want to read this book? Did it live up to your expectations? How was the book structured? Did it make sense in the telling of this biography?
2. Talk about the author's use of language/writing style. Was the language appropriate? Did it stand in the way of your appreciation of the story, or enhance your enjoyment of the book? Was there a rhythm to the author's style, or anything else that might be considered unique about it?
3. Was the author fairly descriptive? Was the author clear about what he was trying to say, or were you confused by some of what you read? How did this affect your reading of the book?
4. Compare this book to other books we have read with this group. Is it similar to any of them? Did you like it more or less than other books you've read? What do you think will be your lasting impression of the book?
5. Finally, what else struck you about the book as good or bad? What did you like or dislike about it that we haven't discussed already? Were you glad you read this book? Would you recommend it to a friend? Did this book make you want to read more work by this author?