

A BLIND DATE BOOK CLUB BRINGS A LOVE STORY TO LIFE FOR A BOOKSTORE OWNER AND PUBLISHED AUTHOR DOWN ON HIS LUCK

ERIN KRAKOW AND ROBERT BUCKLEY STAR IN BLIND DATE BOOK CLUB A NEW, ORIGINAL MOVIE PREMIERING APRIL 6, ON HALLMARK CHANNEL

Part of the Network's Annual Spring into Love Programming Event

STUDIO CITY, CA – March 6, 2024 – A bookstore owner finds love and direction in life when she agrees to have a famous author's new novel reviewed by her book club when Erin Krakow (*When Calls the Heart, The Wedding Cottage*) and Robert Buckley (*Chesapeake Shores, The Christmas House 2: Deck Those Halls*) star in *Blind Date Book Club* a new, original movie premiering <u>Saturday, April 6 (8 p.m. ET/PT)</u>, on Hallmark Channel, as part of the network's annual *Spring into Love* programming event.

Meg Tompkins (Krakow) is torn between taking over her late mother's bookstore and pursuing another career. At the bookstore, she starts a successful "blind date book club." The idea is readers pick a book mysteriously wrapped in brown paper with only a few key descriptors on it; Meg then hosts interactive discussions where all the readers get to talk about Meg's book of choice. Meanwhile, book author Graham Sterling (Buckley) is given hard advice about his most recent manuscript. He hears an interview with Meg on the radio about her blind date book club and seeks her out to audition his new novel. Graham has been advised to avoid writing about a subject about which he knows nothing, which is also Meg's recommendation. But against her better judgment, she agrees to having Graham's book a part of the club. In spending time together, Meg and Graham begin to grow close, all while discovering each one's own true happiness.

Blind Date Book Club is from Book Club Productions, Inc. Kim Arnott and Ivan Hayden are executive producers. The movie is produced by Arnott. Peter Benson directed from a script by Nicole Baxter.

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