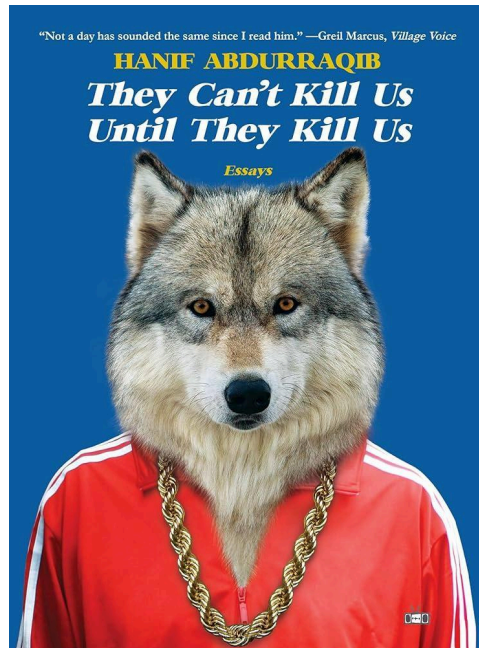


2025 Summer Online Book Club Meet-Ups



To encourage dialogue and connection around *They Can't Kill Us Until They Kill Us* before the official seminar-style discussion on campus during Orientation Week (led by faculty and staff from across the college), the Pomona [Center for Speaking, Writing, and the Image](#) (the CSWIM—Pomona's writing center) gathers together a team of Orientation Book Partners. These current students kick off the year's orientation book events with a series of casual book club meet-ups. Join to connect with current and incoming Pomona students, and get a sense of what academic discussion can look like in a college environment!

[Zoom link for the discussions is here.](#)

Here are the session dates with the essays students can expect to chat about:

- **Desire and Yearning: Sunday, July 27th, 12:00pm PST**
 - *Carly Rae Jepsen Loves You Back*
 - *The Weekend and The Future of Loveless Sex*
 - *Carly Rae Jepsen And The Kingdom Of Desire*
- **Performance and Spectacle: Friday, August 1st, 11:00am PST**
 - *A Night In Bruce Springsteen's America*
 - *The Night Prince Walked on Water*
 - *Ric Flair, Best Rapper Alive*
 - *Black Life On Film*
- **Grief and Love: Monday, August 4th, 5:00pm PST**
 - *There Is The Picture Of Michael Jackson Kissing Whitney Houston On The Cheek*
 - *Blood Summer, In Three Parts*
 - *On Future And Working Through What Hurts*

- Apocalypse and Alternative Futures: **Tuesday, August 12th, 7:00pm PST**
 - *I Wasn't Brought Here, I Was Born: Surviving Punk Rock Long Enough To Find Afropunk*
 - *Brief Notes On Staying // No One Is Making Their Best Work When They Want To Die*
 - *Searching For A New Kind Of Optimism*
 - *Surviving On Small Joys*