

**Morning Book Club Meeting Minutes
February 22, 2023**

March Meeting: Wednesday, March 29th, 2023 at the Callander Bay Heritage Museum and Alex Dufresne Gallery

March Book: *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks

Upcoming Library Events:

Raising Readers

Toddler Tales

Saturday Program

Technology Lessons – Group lessons to start in April

Cookbook Book Club

Other Events:

The Symphony Concert is at St. Andrew's on Sunday

Upcoming Books:

March: *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks

April: Any book written by Ruth Ware

May: *The Witch Elm* by Tana French

June: *A Town Called Solace* by Mary Lawson, link to podcast, tentatively June 21st

Callander Scotland Book Club: Melissa reported that she has connected with the Callander Scotland library, and they are interested in some kind of a partnership. We are waiting to hear back from them.

January Book Reviews:

Book: *Inside Out & Back Again* by Thanhha Lai

Discussion:

7.5	<p>Comments sent by email:</p> <p>I enjoyed this book, a real page turner and I was completely gobsmacked by the plot twists. Is it great literature - no. Were there some disturbingly unlikely situations - yes. Like letting Jenna swan off to remote Wales on her own once it becomes clear that the psycho husband is after her. But it was a fun read even with all the grim events. I found the writing crisp and evocative in places although it did drag in some sections and the book could have been just as effective if it was shortened by some good editing.</p> <p>Someone can introduce me to that vet anytime 😊! Definitely in the too-good-to-be-true category.</p>
5.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• It was a page turner and so disturbing, I read it right to the end• The author is a master of the psychological thriller• I enjoyed the first part• I liked the way she wove the two stories together and the investigation was well written• The part of the abusive partner was well written and upsetting• I did not enjoy it, I was not enlightened

8.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I enjoyed it, it was a page turner • I was busy and had to stay up to finish. • It is a hard thing to read about. • I like reading about her walking through the sand and drawing pictures. • I liked the detectives and that the story included his story. • It was well written, but it could have been a bit shorter.
6.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I enjoyed Jenna's part of the story. • I did not like the detective's story and to be honest I didn't read his chapters after a while. By skipping the detective's part of the story I didn't feel like I missed a whole lot. • I was very surprised by the ending, I didn't see that part coming.
6.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I liked the first two parts. • I did not see part two coming, I was completely surprised • I did not like the third part, it was everything that I don't like • It became a bit formulaic and silly. • You don't find out about the relationship until the third part. • I would give her good marks for the beginning, however I didn't enjoy the end.
7.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I was questioning the story line with Ian, and I figured out the plot before I got to the ending and there was no surprise. • I read it on holiday, and it was a good holiday read.
8.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I thought it was a good psychological thriller. • It had more plot than you usually have in this genre. • It had character you were drawn into Jenna. • The settings were gorgeous. • I related to the book in different ways than most and I thought it was a pretty good book.
7.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A few contrived things happened, but I enjoyed the book for it's entertainment value. • It says a lot about battered women and what they put up with sometimes and don't say anything about it. • I thought the people were portrayed well. • I liked the vet.