

**Morning Book Club Meeting Minutes
January 25, 2023**

February Meeting: Wednesday, February 22nd, 2023 location TBD
Dody has offered to bring snacks

Upcoming Library Events:

Raising Readers
Toddler Tales
Saturday Program
Technology Lessons – Group lessons to start in April
Cookbook Book Club

Other Events:

Soup night at trinity 5-6;30 at Trinity United Church \$10.00 this Friday

Book Club Discussion:

Books access
Book recommendations
Location
Contact

Upcoming Books:

February: *I let you go* by Clare MacIntosh
March: *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks
April: Ruth Ware
May: *The Witch Elm* by Tana French
June: *A Town Called Solace* by Mary Lawson, link to podcast, tentatively June 21st

*I will look into book club at the Callander, Scotland book club

January Book Reviews:

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

Discussion:

9.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● I really enjoyed it, I liked that it was a short book.● I enjoyed reading the author's postscript at the end about her life and the mother's story, the trip with her children and then the struggles once they arrived● I liked the writing style and the brevity
8.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● I liked the book● We remember the stories about when the boat people came and reading about it you understand the struggles● I also liked the brevity and the prose flowed beautifully● The issue that stood out was the bullying that the author had to put up with, it speaks to me as a former teacher,
8.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● I also enjoyed the way the book was written● The perspective of a 10 year old, leaving her home and coming to America,

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● I could feel her emotion, the prose lead to an understanding of those emotions ● Understanding her culture ● I really enjoyed it, easy to read, enjoyed the style ● I really empathized with the authors story, and how different society was at that time and differ ●
9.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● I really liked this story, it brought back memories of when a Vietimese family came to our church in the 1970's and the stories they shared about their trip to Canada ● I was also struck by the bullying, I have a granddaughter who ● I really liked the style ● It makes us feel lucky to have what we have
9.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● I loved it ● I was impressed with how she could get into the head space of a child without being patronizing, she gave the kid power and voice ● I wasn't surprised by the things that went down with the kids and how the siblings took care of each other
9.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● It's not a book I would have picked up, I'm so glad that I did read it, I just loved it ● The writing was sophisticated, in it's simplicity it was complex ● It was an important read and I did learn something ● It made me wonder if I have that kind of courage
9.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● I too loved it, I read it and then went back and re-read it ● I liked the story of New Year, and that Scotland has the same superstition of a tall dark and handsome
8.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● I enjoyed the book ● It was nice to have a short book and it was very interested in their experience and traditions ● It must be hard enough to come from a different country, but being unable to speak the language would be very difficult

Recommendations

**A Year in Provence, very enjoyable*

**Louise Penny's World of Curiosities*

**All this and heaven too by Rachel Field*