

Morning Book Club Meeting Minutes October 30, 2024

Location: Library

Community Updates:

- Expressions of Gratitude Opening Reception
Saturday, September 28th, 2024 2:00pm – 4:00pm
Callander Bay Heritage Museum and Alex Dufresne Gallery
Display until November 2nd, 2024
- Petit Noel, November 23rd, 2025
- Callander Lights Up Christmas
Saturday, November 30, 2024

Upcoming Library Events:

- Coffee Club
Wednesday, October 2nd, 2024 1:30pm
Archaeological History of the Nipissing Region
- Halloween
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Upcoming Books:

Nov. 27th, 2024: *Lady Tan’s Circle of Women* by Lisa See (PC)
 Dec (TBD): *Shrines of Gaiety* by Kate Atkinson
 Jan. 29th, 2024: *Tom Lake* by Ann Patchett (LC)
 Feb. *Lessons in Chemistry* (DL)
 Mar. *Bittlemores* by Jann Arden (AM)
 Apr. *Nine Lives of Charlotte Taylor* by Sally Armstrong (MB)
 May (JB)

Book Suggestions:

Bittlemores by Jann Arden – Can’t pick this book until December 2024
The Marriage Portrait by Maggie O’Farrell

June: *Covenant of Water* by Abraham Verghese

Discussion:

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I haven’t read anything by Alice Munro • I’m interested in hearing what everyone has to say |
| 8.0 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Lives of Girls and Women</i> • I first read this book when it was published and it had an impression on me because it was so different from anything that I had read before. • The storey deals about so many themes that are important to a young person |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I didn’t get a chance to read a book for this month, but I remember reading Alice Munro and |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I was never a short story fan and have never read Alice Munro, but she is a Canadian icon and I have always felt that I should read one of her books. • I listened to and read a variety of stories from different books • Most of the stories were about women, she rarely wrote about men – because I was reading <i>Lady Tan's Circle of Women</i> at the same time and it definitely impacted how these books. |
| 10 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lying Under the Apple Tree and Runaway are my two go to books when I don't have anything. • Her stories always leave me with something to think about. • Her stories are short, but when I'm finished I feel like I've read a novel. |
| 5.0 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The View from Castle Rock</i> • The book is about Alice Munro researching her family history back to Scotland, which I was very interested in. • I started off really enjoying it, but I found her embellishments got to be too much and I wasn't able to finish it – I was disappointed |
| 8.0 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Lives of Girls and Women</i> • I had not read Alice Munro before • I related to the time that this book was written about • I really enjoyed the books |
| 8.0 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I read parts of two different books • I had never read short stories before, but I might start • One of the stories called <i>The Walker Brother's Cowboy</i>, and I related to it because I grew up in the area where it takes place. • Some of the words brought me back to my childhood • I liked that the dad was really good to his daughter, the story was about the relationships in the family • I wouldn't re-read the story, but I would read other stories |

Other Books Discussed: