

**Morning Book Club Meeting Minutes  
December 13th, 2023**

**December Meeting:** Wednesday, December 13th, 2023 at the Callander Bay Heritage Museum and Alex Dufresne Art Gallery

**November Book:** *The House in the Cerulean Sea* by T. J. Klune

**January Meeting:** Wednesday, January 31st, 2023 at the Museum

**January Book:** Any Biography, Autobiography or Memoir

**Community Updates:**

- The Powassan United Church Basement Bookstore Tuesday 9:00am – 1:00pm and Saturday 9:00am – 1:00pm

**Upcoming Library Events:**

- Cookbook Club Cookie Exchange, Tuesday December 19<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm
- Holiday Hours Dec 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> 12:00pm – 5:00pm, Saturday, December 30<sup>th</sup> 12:00pm – 4:00pm
- Book Delivery Service reminder
- Older Adult Advisory Group

**Upcoming Books:**

February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024: Diamond Eye by Kate Quin  
March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024: Woman Watching by Marilyn Simonds  
April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024: The Sleeping Car Porter by Suzette Mayr  
May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024: Silence of Bonaventure Arrow by Rita Leganzki  
June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024: Dreadful Water by Thomas King

**Books we want to remember:**

*Covenant of Water* by Abraham Verghese – Can't pick this book until May 2024  
*Bittlemores* by Jann Arden – Can't pick this book until December 2024

**Other Books Mentioned:**

*Kit's Law* by Donna Morrissey

**December Book Reviews:**

**Book:** *The House in the Cerulean Sea* by T. J. Klune

**Discussion:**

8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• I initially read this book because I felt that I needed to read some fantasy.</li><li>• It wasn't my thing at all, but I read it anyway.</li><li>• There were lots of bits of wisdom because the author likes to share his point of view "government jobs are boring".</li><li>• There were three themes the idea of home, parenting and prejudice, and they resonated with me and were very relatable to many of the current world issues.</li><li>• I couldn't give it higher than 8 because it was a fantasy.</li></ul>
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• I don't have a lot to say.</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I read it as a fantasy, I enjoyed his writing.</li> <li>• I was enjoying it and I realized that it reminded me of Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children.</li> <li>• I realized that the part about the homosexual relationship made me uncomfortable. It was the first time that I had read a book, where this was so casual.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Didn't read it, I read his second book first, which was ok. I tried his first book, but couldn't get into it at the time.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I haven't read this book yet.</li> </ul>
8.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visual you could see it as a movie.</li> <li>• I enjoyed it.</li> </ul>
7.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I had trouble getting into it, once I got into it I did enjoy it.</li> <li>• I liked the characters and the way that it was written.</li> <li>• The story reminded me of my involvement with youth in the past.</li> <li>• I probably wouldn't read another one.</li> </ul>
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not all fantasy stories are young adult and some are very explicitly for adults, ex of the Handmaid's tale.</li> <li>• I didn't have expectations of a complex ideas or plot, but that allowed me to really enjoy it.</li> <li>• I liked his skill as a writer.</li> </ul>
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I found this book allegorical, it was preachy and clear where the story was going right from the start.</li> </ul>