

**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 19th @ 6:00pm
- Holiday Hours Dec 27th-29th 12:00pm – 5:00pm, Saturday, December 30th 12:00pm – 4:00pm
- Book Delivery Service reminder
- Older Adult Advisory Group

Upcoming Books:

February 28th, 2024: Diamond Eye by Kate Quin
March 27th, 2024: Woman Watching by Marilyn Simonds
April 24th, 2024: The Sleeping Car Porter by Suzette Mayr
May 29th, 2024: Silence of Bonaventure Arrow by Rita Leganzki
June 29th, 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
Bittlemares 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">• I initially read this book because I felt that I needed to read some fantasy.• It wasn't my thing at all, but I read it anyway.• There were lots of bits of wisdom because the author likes to share his point of view "government jobs are boring".• 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.• I couldn't give it higher than 8 because it was a fantasy.
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• I don't have a lot to say.

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