

## Morning Book Club Meeting Minutes February 28th, 2024

**Location:** Callander Bay Heritage Museum and Alex Dufresne Art Gallery

### Community Updates:

- Museum new art show opening this Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

### Upcoming Library Events:

- March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 – Coffee Club at the Library – first one will be Lynne from Lynne’s Urban Roots

### Upcoming Books:

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 Leganski  
June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024: Dreadful Water by Thomas King – **Note updated date!**

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:

Janet Evanovich’s Stephanie Plum series  
Martin Walker’s Bruno, Chief of Police series

### February *The Diamond Eye* by Kate Quinn

Discussion:

8.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• I always like historical fiction, this one I thought was a different story from others that I have read.</li><li>• I liked that there was such a feminist story.</li><li>• I thought it was well written, I like Kate Quinn and have read a lot of other books by her.</li><li>• The parts that I thought were written best was the love story and the way that it unfolded.</li><li>• I liked the way protagonist carried herself.</li><li>• I liked the part of the story with Elenor Roosevelt.</li></ul>
9.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The biographical part was fascinating, the suspense and the love story was so well written.</li><li>• The part about the sniper in the United States was a little bit far fetched.</li><li>• The Russian love of country was an interesting theme in this book, especially in today’s context.</li></ul>
8.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• I really liked the book, I loved the structure with quotes from the journal and then what had really happened, and then interspersed with Elenor Roosevelt’s story was well done.</li><li>• The timing of this story was interesting, the book was written during COVID, and the book was released at a time when things were just starting to take place in the Ukraine.</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• After I finished the book, I thought about how Russian propaganda works I had a lot of questions about things like her official kill number and was it really true.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was good book and easy to read, I haven't finished it yet, I'm not going to rate it.</li> <li>• It felt timely reading this given the current situation in Ukraine.</li> <li>• It made me want to do some research into her story.</li> </ul>
8.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I found it fascinating that this book was based on a real story, then I found out that another book that the author wrote was about female German fighter pilots, I was absolutely flabbergasted, it was fascinating. All of her books feature strong women.</li> <li>• I thought some of the story was maybe added for length and found it a bit unnecessary.</li> <li>• I think I liked the Alice Network better, and the Huntress less.</li> </ul>
8.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is depressing that they put so much emphasis on the number of kills, but the fact that she killed each person individually and had to look at her kills on a more personal, when compared to the creator of the atom bomb was kind of interesting.</li> <li>• I'm enjoying the Huntress.</li> <li>• My uncle was shot in the knee in WWII, by a sniper and I've often wondered if it was intentional that the sniper missed him, I thought about that while I was reading this book.</li> </ul>
8.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I enjoyed this book, it only took me a about a week, which is quick for me these days.</li> <li>• I appreciated how the author explored the thought process of being a sniper, it was believable.</li> <li>• I also realized that my knowledge of Russian history is lacking and I would like to learn more.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I really liked this book, it moved quickly you felt like you empathized with this person</li> <li>• I liked her style and I liked her descriptions</li> <li>• I liked that she brought in Eleanor Roosevelt's story, but there were parts of the trip to the United States that kind of dragged</li> <li>• Recently read the book "Long Road" also about Russia experience in WWII, which I recommend</li> </ul>