

# FOXWOOD VILLAGE BOOK CLUB



Hi Everyone,

Well one good thing came out of the snow and ice this winter and that was we had plenty of time to snuggle up with a good book. Our delayed Christmas Luncheon was a huge success by all accounts. Our February offering was *The Bluest Eye* by Toni Morrison. I (Diane) felt it was a beautifully written novel about the black experience in the 1940s. The choice for March is *Sag Harbor* by Colson Whitehead about a young black man who summers in Sag Harbor every year.

Here are some comments about our recent reads:

**Paula wrote:**

Sag Harbor... Love the book, but it was sad and to think that we will never be able to understand what they have gone through. I truly believe that we will never be able to relate to their lives, culture is much to do with this, and I think the African-American thinks the same.

**Betty wrote:**

*Amagansett* by Mark Mills. I enjoyed the novel. I was not intrigued with the mystery, although I was very much by the character Conrad Labarde. Also I learned a lot about fishing.

*Sag Harbor*. Morrison's prose has a wonderful tempo, but this was one of the saddest novels I have read. There was really no other way for Pecola to cope but madness. All the other characters are also coping in ways that were odd, mundane, lowly, and evil. All are survivors in a cruel world.

**Mary wrote:**

What a perfect way to spend those snowy, cold winter evenings or perhaps days. When you find the time, to transport yourself into someone else, some place else and realize what the characters feel and what they will do. This is particularly true in both *Amagansett* and *The Bluest Eye*.

**Lyn wrote:**

When I suggested *The Bluest Eye* to the book club, I was remembering it from when I read it years ago. After reading it again now, I had doubts about how many readers would like it, as I tend to always pick books that are "not too Happy". Luckily, many of our group liked it. The story is about a young black girl, living in the south some years ago, and the unhappy life she lives. I feel it was a very thoughtful presentation of a life we don't know, and find hard to fathom. The author, Toni Morrison, gives each character's reasoning why they are doing something. While it is tough to read about beatings, verbal and sexual abuse, it is a look into another world, and makes us feel we are there with the characters. We feel sympathy, shock, and so many other emotions as we read. If you like a different story, with a lot of character study, give it a try. The writing is beautiful.

We love our Book Club. We've read and dissected some fantastic books along with some great camaraderie. Please consider joining us, all are welcome. We meet the 3rd Thursday of every month 1pm to socialize and 2pm to discuss our current read.

Diane & Kate