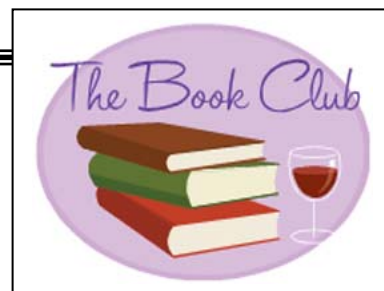


## FOXWOOD VILLAGE BOOK CLUB



Dear Neighbors!

Storm Sandy encroached into our retired leisure daily living and we found ourselves grateful to Pete and protection available and also had the realization that printed books on pages of paper were available in our homes. I enjoyed our new selection "Snow Flower and the Secret Fan". A story of two Chinese girls going through life bound by friendship and hardship centuries ago. Our BonBon Book selection was also an ode to friendship among women. It tells the story of a reading group in a suburban neighborhood in Minnesota starting in the sixties all the way into the nineties with all social and political upheavals. The novel's women laughed a lot and we did too. They also enjoyed food and we also spoil each other with homemade deserts. We enjoy ourselves while learning from the novels read and each others' opinion and life experience. We are travelling the world without leaving Foxwood. We are having a good time. Join us if you please.

We welcome you. Ilse Kaminski

Diane:

I had very mixed feelings reading "Angela's Ashes" by Frank McCourt. On the one hand I felt very sad for the conditions that Frank and his siblings grew up with and on the other hand was happy to see Mr. McCourt survive and prosper in spite of all the adversity.

"Angry Housewives Eating BonBons" by Lorna Ludvik was a departure from the usual selections in our book club. It mainly dealt with long term friendships and bonds forged in the space of 30 years by women who decided to form a book club. I found it highly enjoyable as we all seem to need the support and comfort friendship brings and the longer it lasts the better.

Our little book club is a good example of a diverse group of people that I feel has come to enjoy each other's company, sharing different points of view and a few laughs in our discussion groups. All this came about as a result of reading some really great books.

Lyn:

I started to read "Angela's Ashes" reluctantly, thinking I had read it in the past. I did reread it. Hard to believe all the agony people, and especially women, went through in Irish daily life. After some discussion, it was brought out that this is a memoir, not a biography. So, every page may not exactly be true, because how many of us remember every minute of the day, when we were three or four? In general, it wasn't one of my favorite books, but an insight into a life I never knew, and am very happy about that! On to China in our next book! We do get around!!

Betty:

Comments regarding "Angry Housewives Eating BonBons" I found the story line of this novel jaded. Or maybe it's me and I am jaded.

Mary:

If you want to know what misery and hardships are, do read Angela's Ashes BUT it also shows that the human spirit can survive through determination and fortitude. As for "The Angry Housewives", it shows that through the camaraderie the women had and true friendships, life can go on despite disappointments and pain and yes, we can also laugh.

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