



FOXWOOD VILLAGE BOOK CLUB

Dear Neighbors:

Rain or shine, cold or hot we dig into our books. We take them apart in our very interesting discussions; we even found time to host a delightful summer lunch with delicious finger food prepared with exquisite ingredients and love by our members.

Discussing the book "The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society" was a teachable moment. The style used by the authors to have the characters write letters among each other was inspiring. The next book was the novel "Da Vinci Code", a 10 year old bestseller that made Dan Brown very rich and proved that "a conspiracy Thriller " is the purest kind of bestseller. We had a very interesting moderator who stated in the beginning "this is fiction" and went on to lay out meticulously the historical facts on which the invented conspiracies and characters were built. Since reading the book the first time and being older and wiser helped by the moderator's guidance we enjoyed the discussion and had an interesting give and take.

Angela:

The only thing I can say about the Guernsey Literary Society is "delightful"! It made me laugh, it made me cry. The letter style of writing made me feel like I was involved with the characters personally.

And again I learned about a part of the world I knew nothing about. Read it, you will really enjoy it!

I didn't think I would like reading the Da Vinci Code again but I was wrong. And since I was moderating it, I delved into it so much that I enjoyed it again. I read it from a totally different perspective this time.

But for those who have not read it yet...if you do, just remember it is a novel. You have to just take from it what you personally want. And remember...don't believe everything your read.

Betty:

Take some facts. Mix in a little fancy; add some folly and you come up with a formula for a good suspense story. Dan Brown has the gift of putting together these ingredients to write a wonderful novel.

Diane:

"The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society" was a truly remarkable book concerning the German occupation of Guernsey in the Channel Islands between England and France during WWII. These were incredibly staunch characters who made the best of their circumstances and formed lasting bonds. I highly recommend it as it is generally very uplifting and it offers incite into a little known area of the UK.

The Da Vinci Code was a work of fiction that almost makes you believe that it could have been non-fiction. Dan Brown is a skillful writer who knows how to weave a mystery with twists and turns that keep you wanting more. I wasn't sure I'd like it but it did hold my interest as it dealt with some age old questions that challenge our beliefs, but in the end it is a work of fiction.

Thanks Ilse!!

In a good book the best is between the lines.

Swedish Proverb