



FOXWOOD VILLAGE BOOK CLUB

Dear Neighbors:

Summer in all its glory is here and we will enjoy our days outside. But we also will spend time with our books. We had a very animated discussion over Abraham Verghese's "Cutting for Stone". We all enjoyed the book and learned from it. It was written by a doctor and novelist born in Ethiopia to parents from India who went to medical school in India to come to the USA via the so called "cowpath". All of his personal experience and rise in the medical field in America combined with the politics in Ethiopia under the reign and overthrow of Haile Selassie are intertwined in this outstanding novel. Our choice for May, "The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society", the story of a Reading Group on the island of Guernsey part of the Channel Islands during WW II was an eye opener regarding life under the German occupation written in a light style but while dealing with heavy tough problems.

Lyn:

It took me a long time to get into "Cutting For Stone". After thinking about it for some time, I guess I did enjoy it. Having read "The Potato Peel Pie Society" for the second time, I would recommend it to everyone. What a delightful book. The first time a friend suggested it, I thought it must be silly, but, what wonderful characters, as well as a look back into history. I never knew the Germans made it to Guernsey. Learning how this little island of people survived, eating turnip soup for so long, and not hearing what was going on in the world, is incredible. We never know what someone else is going through. Truly a lovely book, some chuckles, and so much information into others lives. Read it!

Diane:

What an amazing novel Cutting for Stone was! Twin brothers both in the medical field who find out that the closeness they shared as children never leaves them as they are bonded together forever. I highly recommend reading this book as very informative medically and touching as relationships are explored and dissected.

Betty:

I was intrigued by how the author's characters' personalities interacted on each other to bring about their fates. Also the backdrop of Ethiopia added to the intrigue. Good Read.

Victoria:

I have always been an avid reader. I am also very interested in history, and different cultures. Our last 3 books for the book club have touched on a few of my favorite things. From the south during the Civil war, to the Channel Islands during WW11 and Africa, I have enjoyed and learned so much. "March" by Geraldine Brooks brought the Civil War to life and had the added inducement of using a character from a favorite book. As a young girl I would read "Little Women" by Louisa May Alcott over and over. To see the March girl's father brought to life and to understand what the war did to all Americans was a real pleasure. Abraham Varghese's book "Cutting For Stone" was so different from my life in its beginning. .Then as a nurse the settings became more familiar. It was truly a wonderful book to read. ." The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society" with its unique style (in letter form) introduced to me a WWII I never knew about. I must say if I had to choose a favorite I don't know if I could. The 3 books are all different and all very enjoyable as are our discussions.

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