

Morsels for the Mind Book Group

Date: May 16, 2013

Book Title: Burn Down The Ground by Kambri Crews

Hostess: Julie Coup

Food Served: Lipton onion soup/sour cream dip with chips, cucumber slices and baby carrots, reggie Pizza Hut pizza, deviled eggs, Bear's Head Vermont cheddar cheese, popcorn, grapes, angel food cake layered with neapolitan ice cream & homemade chocolate sauce

Book Synopsis: Kambria Crews has penned a memoir of her erratic life as a CODA (child of deaf adults). She highlights the vagabond, ever-changing style of living - even to the extent of moving into a shed shared by her horse. Her upbringing by her deaf parents was at times nurturing yet often destructive. Kambri's father is serving a twenty year prison term as he attempted

Review: to violently kill a girlfriend (for example). We felt this narrative gave us perspective on the trials and tribulations of the deaf community, both positive and negative - Kambri was amazingly resilient throughout, now a productive, contributing member of society.

Highlights of Discussion:

Personal connections to the plight of personally known students, neighbors, and adults were intimately shared. Some of us felt that Kambri lost her focus as this is her story and at times we felt it reflected a more biographical essence of her father. All agreed we were glad we had read the book.

Attendance:

Julie Coup                      Anne Hill                      Nancy Scheblenberg  
Nancy Dausman              Nancy McQuate              Anne Starke

Suggestions/ Business:

As we approach June's meeting, we offered to help Nancy McQuate with the purchase of ingredients for the foods we'll be preparing to accompany the book discussion.