Morsels of the Mind Book Group

Date: November 20, 2003

Book Title: The Devil in the White City

Hostess: Sandy Oato

Cracker Jack

Food Served: Spicy Spoon Size Shreddie Snacks, (Shredded Wheat)
Chocolate Armpit Hairs, (Aunt Jemima) Fruited Oatmeal Crisp + Chicago-Style Pizza

Book Synopsis: This narrative nonfiction of The Chicago World's Fair or World Columbian Exposition of 1893 (nicknamed "The White City") focuses primarily on two men: its architect, Daniel H. Burnham, and Henry H. Homes, a sadistic serial killer who lured young women attending the fair.

Review: Everyone found this book to be fascinating, especially all the recognizable names and products connected with the fair!

Highlights of Discussion: Nancy McQuate brought very interesting materials from the library archives to share and Sandy showed a short video on Chicago during this era. We enjoyed the pictures of the World Columbian Exposition of 1893. All were aghast at the horror committed by Holmes.

Attendance: All 12 were present!

Suggestions/Business: 34 children's books were contributed for Santa Claus Girls or Toys for Tots. Sandy will deliver them.

Christmas Party at Shogun Japanese Restaurant Thursday, December 4, 2003. Arrive between 5:30-6:00 P.M.

There was discussion about a trip to Chicago again but planning a time when everyone is available is a problem. We also need someone to organize it.

Next Morsels meeting at Nancy Schellenberg's to discuss Aging With Grace.