

## Morsels of the Mind Book Group

**Date:** May 17, 2012

**Book Title:** Don't Let's Go to the Dogs Tonight by Alexandra Fuller

**Hostess:** Nancy Dausman

**Food Served:** beer cheese dip w/ pretzel crackers, beet dyed boiled eggs, Boboli crust w/spinach, tomatoes & parmesan cheese, veggies & dip, puppy chow, watermelon infused with Fr e, berry/cherry pie w/ Cool Whip.

**Book Synopsis:** The book is a memoir of the author's African childhood, and focuses on her family's troubled history. Three of Fuller's siblings died at early ages, each of tragic circumstances, and had a traumatic impact on her mother.

**Review:** This was not an enjoyable book for most of those present. The author's life was often portrayed in such contrast to our own lives, it was hard to imagine that some of the events actually took place, and that the author survived to become a successful writer. Does living in a dysfunctional family make it easier to write a memoir?

**Highlights of Discussion:** Most everyone found the book difficult to read because of the author's style of writing, jumping from one topic to another. However, the author used very expressive language which gave the reader insights into the sights, smells, tastes and sounds of all aspects of African life.

**Attendance:** Ginny, Anne H, Anne S, Sandy, Mary, Laura,  
Nancy S, Nancy McQ, Nancy D

**Suggestions/Business:**