

Morsels For the Mind Book Group

Date: November 16, 2015

Book Title: Euphoria by Lily King

Hostess: Nancy Schellenberg

Food Served: Sydney Welsh Rarebit, Fig Sap, Nell's Dilly Beans, Claire's Prawns, Bett's caramels, "Fermented" Cherry Juice, Australian wines, Gin, Whiskey, tonic, and a Cream Puff Circle with marinated berries, whipped cream, and dark chocolate drizzle.

Book Synopsis: The story is loosely based on events in the life of Margaret Mead. There are glimpses into the cultures studied by three anthropologists whose passions for each other form a dangerous love triangle, and whose ambitions collide in disastrous ways.

Review: Both editorial and customer reviews were favorable. The book was meticulously researched, the plot fast-paced, and the definition of primitive versus advanced cultures was examined and questioned by the behaviors of Fen, Nell, and Bankson. Domestic abuse was another thread that wound through the plot.

Some Morsels felt that they needed to infer too much in order to make sense of the author's style, and others had difficulty initially determining which main character was writing. Some thought the book was brilliant. Many were interested in background information about Margaret Mead.

Highlights of Discussion: Based upon the recent terrorist attacks in Paris, the examination of cultures and our global failure to accept and negotiate cultures foreign to ours was a part of our discussion.

Attendance: 3 Nancys, Anne Hill, Ginny, Sandy, Julie

Suggestions/Business: A 25th anniversary trip was discussed. Some wished to travel far (NYC) and others close to home. Julie offered her daughter's cabin up north. No dates were chosen.

Our annual holiday celebration is Wednesday, December 2 at Six One Six.

Members donated health and beauty items, as well as children's books for the YWCA Domestic Abuse Shelter residents.