

Morsels for the Mind Book Group

Date: November 18, 2010

Book Title: *The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo*
by Stieg Larsson

Hostess: Nancy Dausman

Food Served: Glogg (mulled wine), Swedish meatballs, Lefse (mashed potato balls), salmon puffs, Swedish sour cream & caviar sauce, Swedish cabbage & orange salad, Swedish nuts, Rosenmunnar (Swedish thumbprint cookies), Kladdkaka (Swedish Sticky Chocolate Cake), crackers & cheese, veggies & dip, Dove candies

Book Synopsis:

The book is a high-tech thriller with the main characters: journalist Mikael Blomkvist and the girl with the dragon tattoo Lisbeth Salander, who is a hacker/activist and private investigator. Salander and Blomkvist uncover an international financial fraud, two serial killers, and solve the 36-year-old mystery of a missing 16-year-old girl.

Review:

Most agreed with the 4 of 5 star rating given by Amazon.com customers. Some members of the group thought there was too much violence in the book.

Highlights of Discussion:

- The amount of computer knowledge needed by Salander to be able to find information not readily available to most computer users.
- Asperger's syndrome. Most in the group didn't think Salander had this, and thought her behaviors were a result of events that happened to her in childhood & the teen-age years.

Attendance:

• Violence toward women. • Deviant behavior.

Anne H.

Sandy

Julie

Nancy M.

Anne S.

Ginny

Laura

Nancy D.

Suggestions/Business

Books chosen for first four months of 2011.

Nancy D. took donated children's books to Toys for Tots.