

Morsels of the Mind Book Group

Date: November 9, 2006

Book Title: Interpreter of Maladies by Jhumpa Lahiri⁶
Pulitzer Prize Winner

Hostess: Anne Hill

Food served: Mango Chutney, Chicken Tikka, Vegetable Samosas, Lentil Curry, Sweet Lassi (drink), dried dates and apricots, raw vegetable and dips - Foods from India

Book Synopsis: This was a collection of short stories either set in India or with people from India in other locations. The author, of Indian descent, was born in England and raised in Rhode Island. The book jacket stated that this collection "charts the emotional journey of characters seeking love beyond their barriers of nations and generations."

Review: Pulitzer Prize winner and we agreed that the author was an excellent writer, especially with her opening sentences of most of the stories and her ability to give the reader visual images. We wanted to know more about the characters than the short stories gave.

Highlights of Discussion: Many of us were not fond of short stories, but enjoyed this collection. We found the collection to be somewhat sad and depressing. We felt the last story of Mrs. Croft the 103yr old woman was more positive and had some hope.

Attendance: Anne Hill, Nancy McQuate, Ginny Stuart, Anne Starke, Mary Grant, Julie Huckert. Nancy Schellenberg and Larua Lewakowski joined us later. Sandy Oato + Nancy Dausman were missed.

Suggestions/Business

1. We agreed to go to Leo's early dinner time for our Christmas outing on December 14 at 5:30