

Morsels for the Mind Book Group



Date: September 20, 2012

Book Title: The Language of Flowers by Vanessa Diffenbaugh

Hostess: Sandy

Food Served: Doughnuts, grapes (25/7!), trail mix, mini Pay Day candy bars, roasted chicken-pesto-cheeses on toasted baguette appetizers, California wines, cheese and crackers, veggies and dip, strawberries, cheesecake w/ blackberry sauce, blooming tea

Book Synopsis: After a childhood spent in the foster care system Victoria is unable to connect with others but is taught to use the language of flowers to communicate. Forgiveness and second chances are a couple of important themes.

Review: All present liked this book. 4.5/5 stars (Barnes and Noble and Amazon websites). The hostess checked out The Illuminated Language of Flowers by Kate Greenaway to share and members enjoyed looking through it. (Diffenbaugh was inspired at age 16 by this book!)

Highlights of Discussion: Abuses of foster care system & lack of support for emancipated young adults leaving the system; motherhood; relationships between Victoria and Grant and Elizabeth. We had fun discussing the meanings of some of our favorite flowers.

Attendance: Ginny, Laura, Anne H., Anne S., Nancy D., Nancy M, Julie, Sandy

Suggestions/ Business: Keep in mind www.camellianetwork.org to support young adults leaving foster care. Next meeting at Julie's – A Discovery of Witches by Deborah Harkness