

Morsels of the Mind Book Group

Date: May 19, 2011

Book Title: Little Bee by Chris Cleave

Hostess: Julie Coup

Food Served: Scones with clotted cream & jams, huntsman & English cheddar cheeses with tea biscuits & table wafers (as the book takes place primarily in England), popcorn, "birdseed" (actually trail mix), peanuts, and small cans of Coca Cola, pineapple rings, and ice cream "snow" balls for dessert (round balls of ice cream rolled in coconut with hot fudge and caramel sauces, fresh strawberries, and pecans) – all excerpted from the text ☺

Book Synopsis: This is the story of two women, Sarah (English) and Little Bee (Nigerian), whose lives collide in Nigeria. Two years later, they meet again and the story unfolds. Little Bee escapes an English detention center, becomes integral in the lives of Sarah, her husband Andrew, and their son Charlie ("Batman"), and the struggles therein are depicted.

Review: Each Morsel member rated the book from 1 to 5 (highest score) with the majority focusing around 3 to 3.5 (with a few at 4 to 4.5). (see Highlights below)

Highlights of Discussion: A brief Youtube video offered by the author himself was initially viewed. The consensus of the group revealed the increased appreciation of the characters as well as a deeper understanding of the corruption by the Nigerian oil companies and the horrific plight of women in that country.

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

Suggestions/ Business: The next meeting will be held at Sandy's on June 21, 2011.