

<b>Morsels for the Mind Book Group</b>
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**Date:** March 28, 2013

**Book Title:** Madame Tussaud, a Novel of the French Revolution by Michelle Moran

**Hostess:** Laura

**Food Served:**

Bloody "Maries", baguettes and an assortment of cheese and ham, roasted Brussel Sprouts (little heads), Kaespaetzle (Cheesy spaetzle), French wine and also Perrier and Lemon Pelligrino.

**Book Synopsis:**

During the Reign of Terror (French Revolution 1788) Marie Tussaud becomes known for her expertise in creating wax sculptures. Even the Royal Family admires her work, and asks her to tutor at the palace. She must even create likenesses from severed heads that she often has to find by walking through the cemeteries.

**Review:**

We agreed that we learned a lot from reading this book. Felt that the author told the story quite well.

**Highlights of Discussion:**

We were fascinated by the sheer number (15,000 – 40,000) killed during the Reign of Terror. Was there really only one guillotine? How did Marie obtain her wax for sculpting? Even candles were sold on the Black Market. Interesting that Jefferson and Sally Hemmings were mentioned, as was Lafayette. Hard to research as the present day Wax Museums seemed to overtake the internet!

**Attendance:** Nancy, Nancy and Nancy, Anne S, Ginny and Laura

**Suggestions/Business:**