

Morsels for the Mind Book Group

Date: October 21, 2013

Book Title: Maisie Dobbs by Jacqueline Winspear

Hostess: Anne Hill

Food Served: Fresh vegetables and dip - because Maisie's father was a costermonger
Pumpkin Dip with vanilla wafers, ginger biscuits (cookies) and apple slices
English cheeses - Gloucester with crackers
Apple pie - baked in a paper bag Teas + coffee wine

Book Synopsis: First book in the Maisie Dobbs series. traces Maisie's beginnings after her mother died and she is put into service. Her employer Lady Compton, recognizes her potential and sponsors her in college. She becomes a nurse in France during World War I and experiences tragedies. She apprentices with her mentor, Maurice, after the war and becomes a private investigator/psychologist.

Review: Most of the group enjoyed the book and had read others in the series. A few didn't like Maisie character. We found the information about the WWI time frame in England interesting - Reviews were generally very positive

Highlights of Discussion: There were multiple themes regarding the emerging and changing roles of women and the changes in the class distinction rigidity. We noted the concerns that her father and others had about Maisie not fitting in anywhere after completing her education.

Attendance: Anne Starke, Nancy Schellenberg, Mary Grant, Ginny Martin, Laura L. Julie Coup, Anne Hill
Nancy Dausman + Sandy Oato were ill and Nancy McQuate had another commitment

Suggestions/ Business:

Books for November meeting