

Date: April 13, 2000

Book Title: Mama Day, by Gloria Naylor

Hostess: Nancy McQuate

Food served: Peach Kuchen, Chocolate Chip Date Nut Cake (cocoa)
(Ruby's peaches)

* Tootsie Pops, party mix, veggies, dip.

Book Synopsis: On the island of Willow Springs, off Georgia coast, the powers of healer, Mama Day, are tested by her great niece. A generational saga.

Review: Many reviews from Amazon.com were very positive and many book groups read it + loved it. Our group was split on their opinion of book but most who finished it liked it. A bit confusing during first part of book as to who is speaking. Good discussion.

Highlights of Discussion: Discussed which women we felt were "strong women". George + Cocoa's relationship was a topic of discussion, most of us feeling a bit "sorry" for George. Found Candle Walk intriguing. Discussed how George's death healed Cocoa. Possibly some connection with Cocoa's great grandmother who broke a man's heart, and George's heart literally bursting with the hen house incident.

Attendance: Nancy McQuate, Anne Starke, Anne Hill, Nancy Schellenberg, Nancy Dausman, Nancy Bodenborn, Sally Schumway, Laura Lewakowski, Ginny Stewart, Linda Ryan

Suggestions/Business

- Next meeting Laura Lewakowski's, May 18
- Are we going to continue to take pictures for our "memory book"
- Plans for summer? Anne H., Anne S. cottage again??