

Morsels for the Mind Book Group

Date: November 18.2013

Hostess: Laura, held at Nancy S due to power outage

Book Title: The Painted Girls

Author: Cathy Marie Buchanan

Book Synopsis: Set in Paris in the 1880s, the story revolves around 3 sisters who aspire to become ballerinas. Their father is dead, and their mother drinks Absinthe non-stop. To earn money, Marie, the middle sister, becomes a muse for Edgar Degas and becomes immortalized as his wax and fabric statuette, "Little Dancer Aged Fourteen". Antoinette falls in love with an accused murderer, and we learn about the seedy side of Paris as well.

Review: Life was hard for the poor in Paris. Degas was a jerk, a real creep.

Food Served: Moules (mussels); baguettes and brie with almonds and honey; "Absinthe" (an anise liqueur) smoothies made with frozen Greek yogurt, and homemade chicken noodle soup; madeleines for dessert.

Highlights of Discussion: Ginny found a beautiful book of Degas art at an antique store and donated it to the group, including Little Dancer.

Attendance:

Laura, Nancy S, Nancy D, Nancy M, Anne S, Ginny, Sandy, Julie

Suggestions/Business: We also brought unwrapped children's books.