

# MORSELS FOR THE MIND BOOK GROUP

**Date:** June 29, 2015

**Hostess:** Laura Lewakowski

**Book Title:** *The Girl Who Came Home*

**Author:** Hazel Gaynor

**Book Synopsis:** Inspired by true events, *The Girl Who Came Home* poignantly blends fact and fiction to explore the Titanic tragedy's impact and its lasting repercussions on survivors and their descendants. Grace Butler discovers that her great-grandmother, one of 14 members of a small village in Ireland who set sail on the Titanic, was a survivor on that fateful journey.

**Our Review:** We were all interested in facts about the Titanic, even though they seemed to differ! We had several oversized books with amazing illustrations. We felt the Seamus/James was a little predictable, but also felt the author did a good job portraying the 3<sup>rd</sup> class lodging and crew life.

**Food Served:** Iceberg Wedge Salad, Salmon Spread with Sea Salt Bagel Chips and Cucumbers, Shrimp cocktail, Deviled Egg "boats". Powdered sugar donut life preservers, wintergreen and fruit life savers, Ocean water punch complete with an iceberg and a "Titanic" watermelon fruit salad. We also had a white wine called "Ship of Fools". We ended our night with an assortment of neatly arranged "biscuits" on fancy platters and loose leaf rose-hip tea, and then we read our tea leaves.

**Highlights of Discussion:** Guests were met at the door with the announcement that there were only 2 life jackets and that they may have to look for something to hang on to! There was music playing that played the night of the sinking, and a suitcase similar to one that a passenger may have used was on display with a fancy hat and bag. It was a beautiful day to sit outside by the pool, mid-70s and sunny, no humidity- which made us feel sorrier for the passengers who went into the frigid waters in the dark of the night.

**Attendance:** Anne H, Julie, Laura, Mary, Nancy D, Nancy M, Nancy S

**Business/Suggestions:** Our next book is **This Golden Land**, by Barbara Wood at Mary's on Monday, July 20. It will be a potluck, with an emphasis on all things golden!