

Morsels for the Mind Book Group

Date: April 19, 2012

Book Title: The Sisters by Nancy Jensen

Hostess: Julie Coup

Food Served: Items cited in the text and served were tomato aspic, shrimp puffs, dates wrapped in bacon, egg (salad) sandwiches, watercress, herbed butter (and some with cucumber) sandwiches, olives, nuts, butter-

Book Synopsis: Scotch, peppermints, lemon cake with blackberries + strawberries, cappuccino

The Sisters spans almost a century focusing on three generations of women. Two sisters, residing in Jupiter, Kentucky are separated as their stepfather is found dead the elder sister disappears with Wallace, younger sister Bertie's  
Review: "love". The author then explored the sisters' subsequent lives

The more-than-general consensus was a dislike of this first book by Jensen. Each event/life leads to despair and sorrow in an almost maddening fashion, defying reason. Love and betrayal are recurring themes.

Highlights of Discussion:

Julie contacted the author who called and shared insights with the group. Of particular note was Jensen's description of how her ideas came to her, even including the stereopticon which she heretofore had no familiarity with (yet interwove the item). The novel took five years to create as Jensen is a teacher fulltime and used summers to hone her "craft".

Attendance: Julie, Ginny, Nancy S & D, Anne H, Sandy & Laura

Suggestions/ Business:

Ever-thoughtful Laura presented each member with a copy of the book The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian by Sherman Alexie. This was in celebration of World Book Night on April 23rd. This book is a favorite of Laura's; thus she chose it to share with the Morsels. Thank you, Laura!

The suggestion by several was to read books on the back of this novel which have not been "devoured" yet.