

## Morsels of the Mind Book Group

**Date:** June 22, 2006

**Book Title:** A Thread of Grace by Mary Doria Russell

**Hostess:** Nancy Saussman

**Food Served:** Tomatoes with mozzarella & artichoke hearts; apples & pears with caramel dip; salsa spread with veggies & chips; cheese & crackers; Creamy dessert clouds.

**Book Synopsis:** The story takes place in Italy during WWII, and details the suffering of Jews and how they were helped by Catholics of the Piedmont area.

**Review:** Most reviews were positive. All present liked the book and enjoyed learning about aspects of WWII in Italy, and the interactions of the characters.

**Highlights of Discussion:** Background of the author & the kind of research she did prior to writing the book was fascinating. Comparison of fascism, nazism, socialism & communism. The Nazi doctor and his transformation was analyzed.

**Attendance:** Nancy M, Nancy S, Ginny, Anne S, Julie, Nancy S.

**Suggestions/Business:**