

**Morsels of the Mind Book Group**

**Date:** August 18, 2005

**Book Title:** *When the Elephants Dance* by Tess Urya  
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**Hostess:** Nancy S.

**Food served:** "not enough rice", tuna cheese spread, tropical fruit, hot + iced tea, wine, basil-tomato tart, tapioca pudding with "stolen" berry sauce, coffee.

**Book Synopsis:**

Tess tells the story of the 1945 Japanese occupation of the Philippines through the eyes of 3 narrators. Filipino mythology is woven through the events of the book.

**Review:**

4 1/2 ★ Most of us knew little or nothing about the 1945 occupation. Many of the events were horrific; the mythology of the islands was enchanting. The use of 3 narrators made the book very interesting.

**Highlights of Discussion:**

Nancy McQuate brought artifacts belonging to the Tendero family, whose ancestors survived the ordeal.

**Attendance:**

Sandy and Linda were absent.

**Suggestions/Business**

See you in September at Laura's!  
Linda Ryan will join us!