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Newbury

Reading Matters

We meet at 10:30am on the fourth Friday of the month in the Carnegie Room in Newbury library.

We are a lively group and hope to be introduced to new authors and books.

We borrow the books from the library. There is a small charge of £3 annually to cover the loan of the book sets.

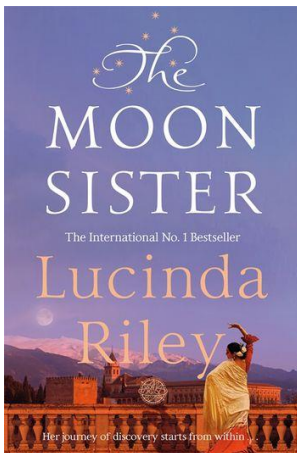
Our December and August meetings are held inside or outside at the Teashop by the Canal.

The group is currently full with 10 members, but if you would like your name added to the waiting list, please contact the group leader or the U3A office. Or consider setting up a Reading Matters #2.

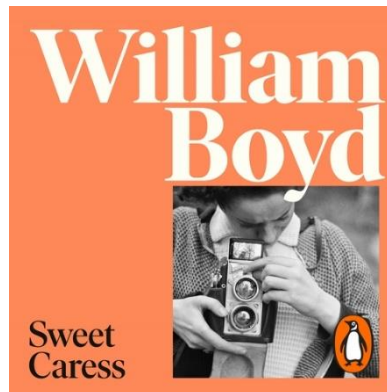
Recent Reading Matters books

General discussion questionnaire

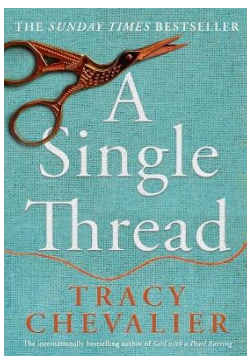
1. Were you immediately engaged with the book, or did it take you a while?
2. Does the book remind you of any other books or writers?
3. Who is your favorite character?
4. Describe the main characters personality traits:
 - a. How has the past shaped their lives?
 - b. Do you admire or disapprove of them?
 - c. Do they remind you of people you know?
5. Discuss the plot:
 - a. Is the story interesting?
 - b. Is the story plot driven?
 - c. Is the book a "page turner" or does it unfold slowly?
6. Discuss the book's structure:
 - a. Does the time line move forward chronologically?
 - b. Is it a continuous story – or is it interlocking short stories?
 - c. Is there a single viewpoint or shifting viewpoints?
 - d. Why did the author tell the story this way?
7. What main ideas or themes does the author explore?
8. If you were to guess at a formative experience in the author's life based on this book, what would you guess?
9. If you were to sum up this book in one tweet, what would you say in 140 characters?
10. Is the ending satisfying? Has the book changed you? Have you learned something?



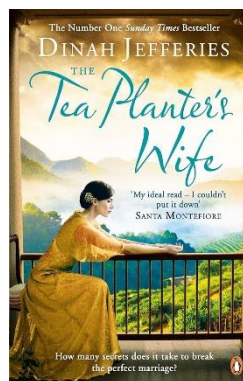
Moon Sister by
Lucinda Riley



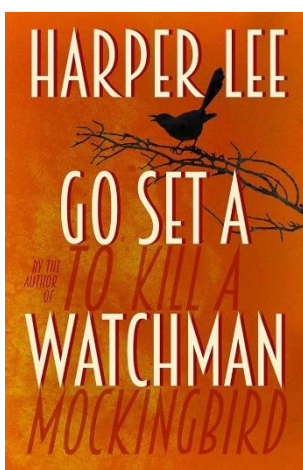
Sweet Caress
by William
Boyd



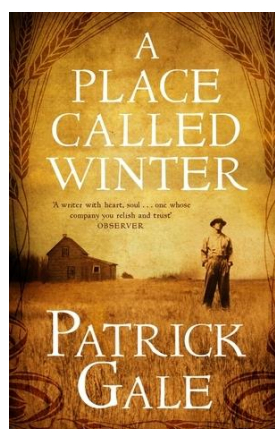
A Single
Thread by
Tracy
Chevalier



The Tea
Planer's Wife
by Dinah
Jefferies



Go Set a
Watchman
by Harper
Lee



A Place
Called Winter
by Patrick
Gale