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Writers' Workshop

Next Meeting July 21 2017
At 10:30
at:
The L.I.E. premises
3, rue de Monthoux
Assignment: Fear
Leader: Marlene

On a beautiful summer's day, we met in the Reading Room of the Library for our scheduled June Writers' Workshop meeting.

Those in attendance were **Rose**, (leader), **Marlene** (secretary), and **Zinat**. A potential new member **Sally-Anne Edwards** showed interest via e-mail, but at the last moment could not attend.

We received apologies from **Mary**, **Sally-Anne** and **Maureen**.

Business:

Rose updated us with the news that **Mary**, who apologised for not being able to attend our meeting, has tendered her resignation from the workshop for health reasons. A stalwart founding member, we will miss her and her very professional input dearly.

With no further business to discuss we proceeded to reading our different submissions of the optional assignment, **Book Review**.

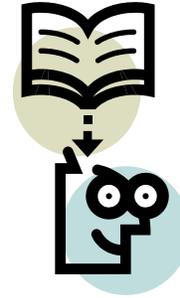


Reading:

Marlene began with the popular *Girl on the Train* by Paula Hawkins, of which a film has been made starring Emily Blunt. Written in the first person and present tense, each chapter represents the thoughts of three different women. From vague and drunken recollections to hallucinations with wishful thinking thrown in, the plot twists and turns ending in a surprising finish.

Rose brought history back with Violet Bonham-Carter's *Winston Churchill as I Knew Him*. The book covers the period from 1906 to 1916 and ends with the statement from Bonham-Carter that she was honoured to be able to call Churchill a Friend.

Zinat covered Karen Joy Fowler's *We are all Completely Beside Ourselves*. This is a true story of Fern, a chimpanzee who was brought up as one of a family. When separated from that family and finally found by the 'brother' in a laboratory, she signs 'please take me home'. It is a poignant and heart wrenching account of what happens when a wild animal is domesticated and has to be returned to the wild.

**Future Dates & Assignments:**

You will be advised of any date changes from those listed below, before the end of the year. We list the leaders and proposed optional assignments for 2017:

Dates and assignments planned for **2017**:

July 21: Fear - Marlene.

Aug 18: Age - Marlene

Sept 15: Open

Oct 20: Habits - Marlene

Nov 17: Dialogue: 4 Characters

Dec: No Meeting

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