

LIBRARY IN ENGLISH



Writers' Workshop

Next Meeting November 20, 2020

at 10:30

at:

Temporary lieu: Frutties Planet Charmilles

The L.I.E. premises

3, rue de Monthoux

Assignment: Open

The Indian Summer over and autumn definitely here, we met at Frutties. We completed the required form for tracking COVID-19, practiced sanitary requirements, and social distancing before settling down to our meeting. As the Library is still closed on Fridays, the Reading Room of the Library is not yet available.

Those in attendance were and **Rose**, (leader) **Marlene** (secretary) **Zinat** and **Elizabeth**.



Business:

Rose confirmed the Library's opening hours. Until further notice the hours will be from 1 to 4pm. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays for returns and lending. All visitors should enter by the side entrance, wear masks, and use hand sanitiser.

For the November Booksale, which will be held upstairs as usual, the hours scheduled are Friday 6th: 10:00 – 18:00; Saturday 7th: 10:00 – 16:00; Sunday 8th: 11:30 – 16:00. There will be no tearoom this time. Donations for the sale will be accepted up to one week prior to the sale.

Writers' Workshop will be held at Frutties until the Reading Room is available again.

As there was no further business to attend to, we proceeded to reading our selected pieces on who inspired us.

Reading:

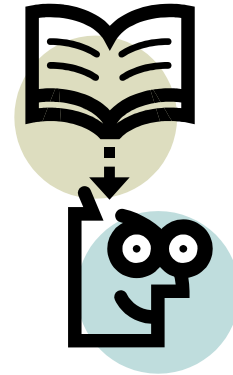
Zinat began listing Camille and Madeline of 'Les Petites Filles Modèles', the girls of Louise May Alcott's 'Little Women', and Joan D'Arc as some of the women who inspired her, as well as some aspects in her life. Though, a young professor Ghazzali inspired her the most.

Marlene followed by admitting she had difficulty in choosing only one and gave a detailed list of the different people who inspired her in the various walks of her life. From prompting her to travel, study, write, practice alternate medicine, and in her spiritual life, she appreciated those who had a hand in getting her where she is today.

Rose's piece, 'Sarah's War', based on her grandmother, who with her husband Jude fled to the pogroms to the UK at the age of 21. Of their 12 children, 9 survived and during WWII their house was bombed forcing them to move. After the death of Jude, Sarah battled to hold the family together by selling goods door to door. Despite her brave efforts, and being the centrepiece of the family, they were scattered all over the world after her death in her eighties.

Elizabeth wrote about Barbara whom she met while working at the WHO. A U.S. citizen, she studied at Berkeley in the 60's. A kind, generous and interesting person, she changed careers a few times and decided to travel overland to Burma. While in

Afghanistan she discovered that she had cancer and returned to the U.S. for treatment. While there, she immersed herself in Greek art and all aspects of Greek culture, from dancing to making their traditional costumes. She died at the age of 38 leaving her mother Vinita, and a memory of her inspiration to all who knew her, behind.



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 **2020**:

Nov 20: Open - Marlene

Dec: No meeting

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