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## Writers' Workshop

Next Meeting\*\*\* December 15, 2023

at 10:30

at:

Lieu: Frutties

Planet Charmilles, Charmilles.

Assignment: A Biography

Leader: François

With wet winter weather and temperatures, we met at Planet Charmilles, as the Reading Room in the Library was not available to us. We ordered our tea and settled down in comfort for our meeting. Our meetings will be held at Frutties until further notice.

In attendance was **Rose**, (leader) **Marlene** (secretary) **Françoise**, and **Zinat** and **Carol**. **Kartik** passed on his apologies.



### Business:

**Rose** handed out flyers for the Spring Book Sale which will be held from 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at the Library.

We discussed the possibility of a combined book reading by the published authors attached to the Writers' Workshop on either the 4<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> February 2024. We decided on a Sunday afternoon at 14:30 as the best day. The lieu for this event will have to be finalised. We asked Carol to approach the American International Women's Club as a possible venue.

As there was no further business to attend to, we proceeded to reading our book reviews. The variety of books reviewed were varied and covered all genres.

## Reading:

**Zinat** reviewed *Clear Light of Day* by Anita Desai. Beautifully written on the light, sun, smells, scents, and beggars of India. Ford, married with two young daughters returns to her childhood home and the nostalgia and stark contrast between past and present, traditions and new outlook evokes emotions in the reader.

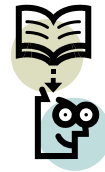
**Rose** read *Wolf of Clontarf* by Thomas J Howley a historical account of a divided Ireland in 1000CE during the period when the Vikings raided the country. From this encounter Dublin was established. The boy, Wolf, is captured and enslaved by the Vikings and after terrible abuse is rescued by Brian Boru's men to grow into a formidable warrior and a hero in the Battle of Clontarf.

**Marlene** followed with *The Cult of Osiris* by Andy McDermott, an adventure-thriller during the search for the tomb and pyramid of Osiris, an Egyptian deity. A disgraced archaeologist with her husband and a student follows the trail of a group of illegal diggers on a rollercoaster race to the find the secret of longevity and treasure.

**Carol** reviewed Alexandra Fuller's *Leaving Before the Rains Come* a memoir of her dysfunctional family and war-torn life while growing up in

Africa. This dysfunction is carried further into her married life when the couple run a rafting business. A sensitive account of her philosophy of 'get out while the going is good'.

**Françoise** verbally gave her review of Maggie O'Farrell's *Hamnet* a story about the death of Shakespeare's son and his meeting of Agnes – presume to be Anne Hathaway. As a Latin teacher we follow his story. The book is filled with intrigue and small vignettes of events and moments on how people lived in Stratford and the country at that period.



## 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 **2023**:

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