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Writers' Workshop

Next Meeting May 15 2026

at 10:30

at:

Lieu: Frutties

Planet Charmilles, Charmilles.

Assignment: Birth

Leader: Rose

With the breeze still bringing a nip in the air despite the beautiful warm sunny days, we met at Frutties for our meeting as the Reading Room of the Library is not available to us at present.

Those in attendance were **Rose** (leader) **Marlene** (secretary) and **Françoise** and **Zinat**. We received apologies from **Carolyn**. **Mer** resigned due to a death in the family and had to return to the USA. Sarah, sat in with the view of joining the group and we were happy to receive Zinat's husband as well.



Business:

Rose handed out brochures for the Library's upcoming book sales in June and November.

As there was no further business to attend to, we proceeded to share our submissions for the open assignment.

Reading:

Françoise began with 'Girly Dreams' which took us to an underwater paradise as her wedding occupies her mind. Each item she will wear floats around her, then between colourful fish her fiancé offers a treasure and air bubbles rise to the surface, which represents the 'I do's' of the couple and Neptune welcomes them. Then as the plug is pulled from the bath her 'little mermaid' dream and everything with it is sucked down the drain.

Zinat brought to life her mother's arrival in a Europe devastated by war and subsequent years. As she replaced her black burka with her black fur coat she stepped into her new life. Surprised that English was not spoken and populated by sad and depressed people wearing dull colours, a major contrast to the luxury shops. Enjoying her newfound freedom, she went to parties and followed her hobbies. Years later found her in Turkey and finally in Switzerland still admiring the beauty of all the luxury shops.

Marlene read an extract of a longer story about Kube and his life as a soldier during Pharaoh Amenhotep I's reign. Fresh from the war he has to give account of his actions during the battle and present the spoils of war to the King. Kube dreads the debrief as his future could be at stake. In love with the beautiful Heba, he waits for the right time to propose, but her father hopes that the King would take her as one of his concubines because the Queen has so far not managed to produce an heir.

Rose read 'A Near Miss'. A hitman proficient in several weapons received his next target in a plain brown envelope with a photo. He was wanted by every country's covert operator, which he evaded. Though this time he became the target, shot in the shoulder and blacked out, he

came round strapped to a chair. A woman who was his target interrogated him, but cared for his wound. He could not give her the name of the person who wanted her dead; however, she tried to recruit him as she and her crew went after scum: those who had no regard for human life.

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The schedule and topics for 2025 is as listed below. Any changes will be advised before the due date.

The list of dates, topics, and leaders will be sent to all under separate cover.

May 15: Birth- Rose
Jun 19: Poetry - Marlene
Jul 17: Secrets and Lies in History -Zinat
Aug 21: Loss - Carolyn
Sep 18: Crime - Marlene
Oct 16: Book Review - Rose
Nov 20: Memories – Marlene
Dec 11: Open - Marlene