

MONTHLY BOOK CLUBS

The Beaver Dam Branch of AAUW has TWO monthly book clubs. One that meets in the morning and one that meets at night. The Morning Book Club meets the second Tuesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. at Higher Grounds Coffee Shop. And the Night Book Club meets at 7:00 p.m. the fourth Monday of the month at various members' homes. Because of the uncertainty of covid and possible weather conditions during the winter months, some of these meetings will be via Zoom. Pay attention to your e-mail, for more information.

MORNING BOOK CLUB

On September 8 the morning book club is going to kick off in style by discussing "The Day I Ate Whatever I Wanted and Other Small Acts of Liberation" by Elizabeth Berg. This National Bestseller confronts all the restrictions we place on ourselves and persuades the reader to follow their true feelings. A memoir of an Auschwitz concentration camp survivor is the book for the October 13 meeting. "The Tattooist of Auschwitz" by Heather Morris describes the true life story of Lale Sokolov, a Jew who because of his ability to speak a variety of languages became the person who tattooed the numbers on prisoners.

Be prepared for a thriller with lots of twists and turns, when the club discusses "The Silent Patient" by Alex Michaelides on November 10. The review lists it as a real page turner. And it has one of my favorite attributes—short chapters.

The discussion on December 8 will revolve around a classic, "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn" by Betty Smith. It is a girl's coming of age story around the turn of the last century. Written in 1943, it became a favorite of many.

Bryon Dorgan, a former senator from North Dakota, is the author of "The Girl in the Photograph: The True Story of a Native American Child Lost and Found in America", the book of discussion on January 12. The plight of Native American children is grim considering that one in three live in poverty. This discussion should be revealing as to the dilemma of this population.

NIGHT BOOK CLUB

The Night Book Club will start out the season with a "feel good" book, "The Library of Lost and Found" by Phaedra Patrick. The book centers on a woman who tries to please people, maybe a little too much until she finds a way to gain control through the unraveling of family secrets. If you liked "The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper", you will probably enjoy this newest entry from the same author. Join the discussion at Margaret Furdek's home on September 28.

On October 26 at Andrea Utrie's home, "The Sun Does Shine: How I Found Life and Freedom on Death Row" by Anthony Ray Hinton. How could life on Death Row be enlightening? Read this book and join in on the discussion to find out.

Three different kids. Three different time periods. Three different places. One mission: escape to a better land. "Refugee" by Alan Gatz will be the focus of discussion on November 23 at Carmen Hanson's house.

A family mystery set in modern times but going back to World War II is the plot line for "A Fire Sparkling" by Julianne MacLean. Join the discussion of this multigenerational saga on January 25 at Mary Kahler's home.

Please call hostesses to confirm your attendance.