

The Book Club update

Future reads (March-April):

As ever, it is hard to decide, but I think I would like to suggest *Guernica* by Dave Boling. It is set around the Spanish civil war and the eve of the Second World War. It has drama, relationships and an understanding of how the Basque separatist movement came about, which is still happening. It is not as heavy as it sounds and is described by the Daily Mail review as a "heart rending yet life affirming story" the Times says " A multi layered saga about love, family loyalty and the fierce patriotism of this indomitable region". Choice by Chris Cottingham

Currently Reading (January-February):

Currently we are reading a choice of two books, *The Memory Keepers Daughter* by Kim Edwards and *How I Live Now* by Meg Rosoff. Currently I am half way through the latter, it is a book written for teenagers by design but it is rather entertaining. The way it is written makes me think this is the latest generation of writing, described as "Fresh, honest, rude, funny. I put it down with tears on my face" by the Guardian. Following a teenager through the latest changes and developments in her life, is not only insightful but a touch scary. Even the technical ways the story is communicated are different to conventional styles.

The Memory Keepers Daughter, has got such positive feedback as "Edwards is a born novelist....Rich with psychological detail and the nuances of human connection." from the Chicago Tribune. I found that the story stayed with me for a long time after reading, a moving and intense story, realistically written and beautifully insightful into old medical stigmas. I look forward to hearing about what the other members have made of these reads.

Books we have just completed (December-January):

The last book we completed was *Foreign Fruit* by Jojo Moyes. Overall the group enjoyed this read. Set in Frinton-on-Sea it was lovely reading about local architecture, scenery and people. Although some parts of the story were either unrealistic or too predictable. However, the positive impression of this book far outweighed any negative. "I am going to pass it round the girls at work" and "A very readable book!"

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