

## Report from Book Group 2

3 of us had a very enjoyable meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> May sharing books we had read recently and enjoyed or were favourites from long ago.

The first book shared was “The Silver Pigs”, a mystery story set in Roman times, by Lindsey Davis. The detective was on a mission to Britain to find out who was stealing the silver pigs. Described as funny and easy to read, though with small print, we learnt that it had been serialized by the BBC. The mysteries were well written with plenty of description, and the mysteries Davis wrote were usually solved! It was thought that if you liked Davis you would also like Raymond Chandler.

Our second book was “The Tattooist of Auschwitz” by Heather Morris. This is a true story and had just been started by our member – but the first few pages had been compelling and the book would definitely be finished. The plot is about a young man who became a tattooist in Auschwitz to escape the gas-chambers and his relationship with a young lady whom he eventually married.

This member also drew to our attention a book by Vikram Seth called “Beastly Tales” – not what she expected. The memorable tale was “The Louse and the Mosquito” and our member was fascinated by the imagination that had dreamt it up! She now wants to tackle “A Suitable Boy”

Our third book was “Whatever Next?” by Anne Glenconner, who was lady-in-waiting to Princess Margaret. It was written after her first book called “Lady in Waiting”. Life on Mustique and in a social circle unfamiliar to many was eye-opening to our member who ended up with a great admiration for the resilience and fortitude of Anne Glenconner who coped with a difficult marriage and much sadness in her life, often in the public spotlight. The motto perhaps is never judge a book by its covers. The book was easy to read and not without humour and would be recommended.

Our next meeting is on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July at 2.30p.m. and we are keen to recruit new members. If you would like to join us please contact Maggie Cleminson, our Convenor on 01833 640801