

### **December's Poetry and Room to Read Book Groups Report by Annie Clouston**

We met, two groups together, this month to share our favourite poems and books of the year. There was some book-sharing and stimulating discussion. This has been a great year in literature for us, the highlights being the sharing of mutual enjoyment of the written word across a wide range of genres and themes. Book Group members have had enough of sad stuff and have determined to choose more uplifting material in this new year. So, we are kicking off with ***Black Cake*** by Charmaine Wilkerson in January and ***The Woman in Black*** by Madeleine St John in February.

Meanwhile, the poetry group, inspired by Wendy Cope's poem ***The Sorrow of Socks***, have chosen Garments as its theme for January.