

Mount Vernon at Home Book Club – June 27, 2023

Norma Brodsky read Suspects by Danielle Steel, fiction. This mystery relates the efforts of a CIA officer to help a woman whose family had been kidnapped and murdered. Norma liked this thriller and recommends it.

Peter Lattu read two books by recently deceased restaurant critic Mimi Sheraton. Peter like both, *The Seducer's Cookbook* and *Eating my Words*, and recommends them. He remarked that *The Seducer's Cookbook* contains several recipes worth trying, with adjustments.

Sarah Tatum read Nina Totenberg's Dinners with Ruth. This work of non-fiction relates the long friendship between the NPR/PBS correspondent and the late Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Sarah enjoyed this book and recommends it.

Cher Terry read a work of historical fiction, The Darkest Child, by Delores Phillips. Set in Georgia during the Jim Crow era, it relates the story of a young black girl growing up in an abusive, dysfunctional family. Although *The Darkest Child* won several awards, Cher found it a depressing tale.

Carol Mattaino read Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City by Matthew Desmond.

This volume of non-fiction won a Pulitzer Prize. Carol found it enlightening, particularly its focus on the scarcity of affordable housing and the intractability of poverty. She recommends it.

Robert McLean is reading Bernie Sanders's United We Stand. Rob likes it and recommends it.

Louise McLean read The Fly in the Cathedral, non-fiction by Brian Cathcart. Set in Britain in the 1920s and 1930s in British labs, it relates how scientists worked to probe atomic nuclear reactions. Louise liked this book and recommends it.

Laurie Tracy read The Violin Conspiracy by Brendan Slocumb. This mystery relates the story of a young, gifted black violinist and the theft of his valuable instrument just two weeks before an international competition. Laurie enjoyed this book and recommends it.