

August 22, 2023 Book Club

Seven members participated in a very interesting book club session.

Norma Brodsky read two books. The first, a thriller and novel *Nothing Lasts Forever* by Sidney Sheldon, tells the tale of several female doctors working at a San Francisco hospital. The second is *Alex Cross's Trial*, by James Patterson. Detective Alex Cross's great uncle returns to his Mississippi hometown to investigate lynchings and the Ku Klux Klan's resurgence. Norma liked both of these novels.

Cher Terry read *The Nazi Conspiracy*, non-fiction, by Brad Meltzer with Josh Mensch. During WWII, the Nazi regime formulated a plot to assassinate FDR, Churchill and Stalin while the Big Three were participating in the Tehran Conference in 1943. Cher really enjoyed this book and recommends it.

Sarah Tatum reported on *Lives of Girls and Women*, by Alice Munro, fiction (short stories). The short stories follow a female character, Del, as she comes of age in a small town in Ontario, Canada. Sarah liked this book and recommends it.

Carol Mattaino read *The Residence: Inside the Private World of the White House*, non-fiction, by Kate Brower. Relying on interviews with White House staff, this book relates inside stories of the "first families," from the Kennedys through the Obamas. Carol thoroughly enjoyed *The Residence*, saying "I couldn't put it down," and finished it in two days.

Robert and Louise McLean. Louise is halfway through *The Prince of Peace* by Zachary Carter. This is a biography of John Maynard Keynes, the brilliant British economist, who advocated that governments act to counter business cycle downturns. Keynes also had a deep appreciation for the arts, both performance and fine arts. Louise likes this book and recommends it.

Laurie Tracy read *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith. This semi-autobiographical novel is a coming-of-age story about Francie Nolan and her beloved family growing up in poverty in Brooklyn in the early 20th century. Laurie loved *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*.

The next book club session is Tuesday, September 26, at 3:00