

## THIS MONTH'S FEATURED GROUPS

### **Book Club (East)**

At the first meeting of each year, we, contribute numerous suggestions as to what our reading for the year may comprise. Much lively and interesting discussion follows before our arrival at the final list of the two books per month to be read by all members.

On the second Thursday (monthly), we gather at the home of one of one of us, to share opinions on, whether or not we enjoyed the book, how we found the standard of writing to be, whether or not, in the case of fiction, the author drew characters that were believable, what the underlying message of the author was and much more.

A particular book unanimously enjoyed, was “A Respectable Trade” by Phillipa Gregory. It was agreed that she ably depicted the characters, brought to life the sights and smells of Bristol’s dockside in the 1870’s and outlined the shocking horrors of the African slave trade.



Another book, well received by all, was the true story, “A long Way Home” by Saroo Brierley. A beautifully written work, it follows this Indian man’s journey from ‘lost’ child aged four on the streets of Calcutta, adopted by parents in Tasmania, through his incredible tenacity in seeking out his birthplace and returning for a visit aged twenty five to be reunited with his Indian family.

New Zealand writer Anne Kennedy provided a “good read” with her fictional work “ The last days of the National Costume” as did Khalid Hosseini in his book “And the Mountains Echoed”

Something we all agreed on, was that, were it not for the fact of being on our reading list, certain authors and titles could well, have been overlooked by one or other of us; to our detriment!

If anyone feels that a morning of discussion, good company and fun around reading appeals – please contact Sheila Hussona or Dee Davies.