

AGENDA

CLC RA Roundtable South

Monday, May 18, 2020

10 am-12 noon

Via Zoom

- ❖ **CLC staff member -** *[Amanda: Please fill in the name of the CLC staff member who will facilitate our meeting.]*
- ❖ **How are we doing?**
General observations on the COVID-19 closures, what your library has been doing, how you're coping.
- ❖ **What We've Been Reading?**
Each participant shares 1-2 titles he/she has read since our March meeting, with a brief synopsis.
- ❖ **Literary Fiction**
Genre discussion: Share your comments on the title you chose to read from the list provided in March (see page 2 of this Agenda), or another work of literary fiction that you've read recently. Answer the questions provided (see page 3 of this Agenda).
- ❖ **Summer Meeting Schedule**
We normally take a break until September due to vacations, etc. Should we continue virtual meetings over the summer?

Literary Fiction Choices

The Beautiful Things That Heaven Bears

Dinaw Mengestu

The Buddha in the Attic

Julie Otsuka

Golden Child

Claire Adam

Independent People

Halldor Laxness

Inland

Tea Obrecht

Night Boat to Tangiers

Kevin Barry

Snow Country

Yasunari Kawabata

Unquiet

Linn Ullmann

Literary fiction questions

Did your selection “make the cut” of what you consider to be literary fiction? Why or why not?

How would you describe the plot?

What are some of the book's themes? How important were they?

At which point of the book were you most engaged?

Would you recommend this book to other readers? To your close friend? Why or why not?

What point of view is your book written in? How do you know?

How would you explain the differences between literary fiction and popular/genre fiction?