

We met at Dee's this afternoon for the discussion of The Diamond Eye by Kate Quinn.

Dee served a yummy "Russian" lunch in honor of our diamond-eye sniper and main character, Mila Pavlichenko. Our main meal was a chicken casserole in the vein of chicken Kiev, a Russian beet salad, a Russian carrot salad, and black bread, and it was finished by Sharlotka, a moist, spongy Russian apple cake. What fun!

The Diamond Eye is about a bookish history student Mila Pavlichenko who organizes her life around her library job in Kiev and her young son—but Hitler's invasion of Russia sends her on a different path. Given a rifle and sent to join the fight, Mila must change herself from studious girl to deadly sniper—a lethal hunter of Nazis known as Lady Death. When news of her three hundredth kill makes her a national heroine, Mila finds herself pulled from the bloody battlefields of the eastern front and sent to America on a goodwill tour. In Washington, DC, she forms an unexpected friendship with First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt and ends up in the deadliest fight of her life. This is based on a true story, and all of us were impressed by Mila's loyalty and dedication. There was a lot to talk about with this amazing woman and the path her life took!

It was great to catch up with everybody, and those of you who couldn't be with us know that we spent as much time talking about other things as we did talking about the book. That's what good friends do.

Susan, we're all thinking about you and Bob and hope each day brings more memories of the things you loved about Cooper.

Two books that came up as really good reads were Daughters of Yalta by Catherine Grace Katz and Wild Dark Shore by Charlotte McConaghy, the author of Migrations.

Here are the next several hostesses and books (if they've been chosen).

Susan	May 21, 11 AM	<u>The Invisible Life of Addie Larue</u> by V E Schwab
Laura	June	<u>The Lion Women of Tehran</u> by Marjan Kamali
Ann	July 16, 11 AM	<u>Theo of Golden</u> by Allen Levi
Maggie	August 13, Noon	<u>The Correspondent</u> by Virginia Evans
Barb	September	<u>No One's Coming</u> by Kevin Hazard
Carolyn	October	TBD
Jan & Mickie	November	TBD

Happy spring reading, dear friends!

Donna