

We met today at Susan's beautiful home in Glenwood Springs. It was a perfect day for the drive! We were treated to a delicious lunch including a delightful gazpacho, three different quiches, and a beautiful fruit salad. We heard that Susan's husband, Bob, had been instrumental in the cooking of at least one of the delicious quiches! Thank you, Bob!

Then we began discussion of *The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue*. This book was certainly not one of our more typical books, although all enjoyed it even if we may not have chosen this book on our own. It contains historical fiction as well as some fantasy elements. The age-old concept of selling one's soul to the devil is the main theme of the book, but with a few interesting twists. Addie never ages (wouldn't that be nice), but nobody can remember her. She uses that fact to her advantage to steal food, clothing, anything she needs knowing that she will be forgotten as soon as she's out of sight. It was a rather long book, but well written and certainly kept your interest. It's neat how at the end Addie's story is told by Henry but without an author. Definitely an interesting and unexpectedly captivating book! Thank you Susan for this enjoyable selection. Dee also asked a very intriguing question - would Susan have recommended this book to any of her clients with mental health issues? The answer was no. There were so many things going on in the book and selling one's soul may not be a good recommendation to someone struggling with mental health. A very thought provoking question!

After lunch and discussion, we were off to Iron Mountain Hot Springs. What a lovely experience. There were numerous hot tubs inspired by various locations around the world. We soaked in minerals similar to those found in places like France, South Korea, Romania and the Dead Sea, and felt the benefits they each offered. Quiet music and gorgeous views of the Colorado River and canyons made the springs thoroughly relaxing. The hot tubs had temperatures ranging from 45-104 and the saunas had temperatures up to 198!

After our hot springs adventure, many went on to a delicious meal out on the town. After that it was back to Susan's for the slumber party. I was not able to stay for that, but I'm sure everyone had a blast. I do wonder if they played Maggie's favorite game of fish though???

This was a truly wonderful afternoon. Hope it becomes our new tradition!!

We will meet next month on June 19 to discuss *The Lion Women of Tehran* at Laura's house. And July's discussion of *Theo of Golden* will be held on July 16 at Ann's home in Castle Rock. Here's hoping that we are finally finished with snow (although any precipitation is beneficial). Enjoy some warmer weather!!

*Laura*