

SEPTEMBER EVENTS 2023

Museum Tour: Saturday, September 9, at 9:30 a.m. Private docent tour of **The Tudors: Art and Majesty in Renaissance England** at the Legion of Honor. Details and sign-up via the club website: radcliffeclubsf.org

Book Group: Sunday, September 10, at 3:00 p.m. via Zoom. To join, or for questions, please contact Janet Hankin at jghankin@ips.net or Christie Coffin at christieandsteve@yahoo.com.

The book for September is **The Peppered Moth** by Margaret Drabble. "... one of the more absorbing novels I have read in a long time, both for its sheer storytelling ability and for its powers of imaginative conjecture." (Daphne Merkin, New York Times) "... conjures a captivating work of semi-fiction, grappling with her memory of her own mother and the indelible mark of family and heredity." (The Telegraph) "... an engaging narrative that traces the consequences of choice on three generations of women." (Sandra Martin, The Globe and Mail)

The book for October is **This is Happiness** by Irish novelist and playwright Nial Williams. "Williams has painted a lush, wandering portrait of Faha, a village back in time in County Clare, Ireland." (Elizabeth Graver, New York Times), "He has a humorist's eye, and his own fond amusement at the people he writes about ..." (The Guardian). "...comic and poignant in equal measure." (New Yorker)

We also discussed many good choices for later in the year or early next year including:

The Covenant of Water by Abraham Verghese, an absorbing best seller for a 2-month read
Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver, a 2023 Pulitzer Prize Winner.

Culinary Adventures, Bay Area: Wednesday, September 13, at noon. Pizzeria Delfina, 2406 California (just around the corner from the Fillmore St. scene). Recently re-opened, but the ice cream machine may not be repaired yet! We'll have to decide indoor vs parklet. Questions and RSVPs to Pat Bourne at 415-867-0410 or to patriciageraldbourne@gmail.com. For easy RSVP, just hit return.

Film Group: Saturday, September 30, at 1:30 p.m. on Zoom. We will watch **Vera Drake**, a Mike Leigh film about a woman who is completely devoted to and loved by her working class family. However she also secretly advises women "in trouble" and helps induce miscarriages. While the practice was illegal in 1950's England, Vera sees herself as simply helping women in need. The authorities think differently, and she finds her world and family life unraveling. Starring Imelda Staunton, this is a powerful and thought provoking film. Please write to Lucille Poskanzer at LBPoskanzer@icloud.com and she will send the link.

RCSF Speakers Series: Monday, October 16, 10-11 a.m via Zoom. Gabrielle Oliveira, Jorge Paulo Lemann Associate Professor of Education and of Brazil Studies at the Graduate School of Education, on immigration and mobility -- how people move, adapt, and parent across borders. Please register promptly at: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlqcu2qpjgoGdcV6qHaF93kR69RTZDD7d_Q. Or you can send an email to kghenschel@gmail.com. Those who register will receive a reminder email on October 14 with the Zoom link to connect.

EXCITING NEWS: RCSF member **Alice Abarbanel** will receive the Harvard Alumni Association's Outstanding Volunteer Leadership Award for her "exceptional work" as the volunteer Project Director of the **Radcliffe College Alumnae Oral History Project**, originally sponsored by our Club, from 2019 through the present. It will be given at the HAA's annual Alumni Leadership Conference in Cambridge on **October 26**. Congratulations to Alice for this very well deserved recognition!

You can renew your membership, join the club, or make donations to Harvard organizations supporting women, at the club website: radcliffeclubsf.org. The "For Members" section contains the Membership Directory, Membership Update and Treasurer's Report. Send changes to kghenschel@gmail.com.