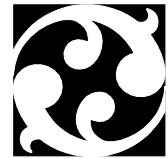




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NOTHING DAUNTED:

The Unexpected Education of Two Society Girls in the West by Dorothy Wickenden

Finding letters from her grandmother, author Wickenden retells the story of how Dorothy Woodruff and her best pal Rosamund Underwood leave the safety of Auburn, New York to travel into the western wilds to serve as "schoolmarms" in a tiny school in Elkhead, Colorado. In the year they spend educating the youths, they experience a little drama, a little crime, a little romance, and lots of good natured socializing among the people they encounter.

Dorothy and Ros were brave to break from tradition and leave the comfortable life in the upper-class society of the industrialized East Coast to experience the remote, hardscrabble life on the western frontier. They had an adventuresome spirit and willingness to roll with the punches when they encountered situations so different from their sheltered, affluent upbringing.

(Your Scribe's note: Some of the above is adapted from online reviews.)

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NEXT MEETING

When? Friday, December 16, 2011, 12:00 Noon

Where? At Terry Moore's house

Why? To have fun, and to discuss

The Christmas Jars

By Jason Wright

Why at Noon instead of 1:30? Terry has invited us to have Lunch!

CAMELOT'S DISCUSSION OF THE BOOK

The book reminded some of us of *A Lady's Life in the Rocky Mountains* by Isabella Bird, which we read in March of 2009. It depicted the hardships of life in early Colorado. For these affluent girls, it was like going to the frontier. And, we were awed by the difficulties encountered in building the railroad.

CAMELOT COMMENTS:

- ✓ Loved the book., especially because I am a teacher and my mother and grandmother were also.
- ✓ We've been to Colorado every year til recently - the original railroad is still there. It is an interesting area.

- ✓ The book dragged a bit at the beginning - then I got into it and really liked it.
- ✓ A sweet little story - when I finished it, I had to go back and think what did I miss?
- ✓ Really enjoyed it - love Colorado. It was a bit distracting to kind of follow the author's back and forth. The story was a wonderful example of women setting a good example - so dedicated.
- ✓ Haven't finished the book. I really admire the spirit of the people who are willing to brave the elements and leave the comforts of home.

MEETING NOTES

We met at Suzanne Tuite's house, and were all interested in seeing the nice changes Suzanne and Mike made -- enlarged the kitchen, changed the flooring - it all looked so nice and welcoming.

Around the group we went, with each of us telling of recent happenings in our lives. **Karen** is back from a short trip to Argentina - to attend the first communion of her grandson Tristan, 10 years old. It was an eleven-hour flight, and for the first time, she wore a mask to guard her immune system and fight off germs. She was glad she did, because this time she didn't get sick on the plane.

Gwen's daughter Dawn and her grown sons came to visit. A whole bunch of her family is meeting for a Thanksgiving reunion.

Anne is planning to celebrate Thanksgiving by meeting with extended family, cooking dinner and drinking *Beaujolais* at Suzanne's house.

The Framing Girl is starting to do framing again - **Terry**, that is, as soon as she can get her compressor going. She's also doing quilting - there's no end to projects this girl gets into.

Dotty told us of the beavers who started to construct their new home right by hers. Dotty foiled their plans to live and store food there by dismantling their headquarters.

A two-month-old grand-daughter is **Barbara's** new delight. Barbara is looking forward to Thanksgiving with Pirk and their immediate family.

Suzanne has been busy getting settled and remodeling, and told us that her husband Mike does the Thanksgiving turkey.

Your Scribe **Margaret**, didn't have too much news, except that she and Gene took the two new female kittens they adopted to the vet to have their front paws de-clawed, and the vet said Oops, these are boys. Good thing they had non-gender-specific names: the gray one is *Shadow*, and the black one, *Pepper*.

Gwen read a funny essay for our enjoyment. Title: *Age Activated Attention Deficit Disorder*. It wasn't hard to relate to "AAADD".

Thought for the Day: The most important things in life aren't things.

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