

Bass Lake Book Club Notes: Sunday, August 5th, 2018

NOTE: All underlined text is hyperlinked...

General Conversation about food and drink...

- Chef Henrie Bistro and Cafe - new and highly recommended
- Sherwood Inn - dinner, great Sunday brunch
- Loondocks - dinner
- Richwell's - new ownership, not tried yet
- Lake Joseph Club Bistro - prime rib buffet

- Whispering Angel Rose - Peter recommends
- Foreign Affair Rose - sadly out of stock and unavailable

- Julie Nesrallah, host of Tempo on the CBC... apparently recommended the Back 10 Cellars (NOTL)

- Frog Pond Farm - Ontario's first organic winery - Enid recommends

Discussion about the book!

The Female Persuasion by Meg Wolitzer

Outside voices

What it means to be feminist...

Men as feminists.

Do we need a new word?
But still highlight women

Workplace. Women driving initiatives around inclusion and diversity
Other groups yelling what about me

Disappointed Greer came out so well
Not see struggle
She least supportive of women of all characters

Not resolve ecuador fiasco
Fascinating look into private foundation

Someone knows someone...
Needed local organization that they partner with

Shrader gives her money
Because he has the hots for her

Woman's problem
Feel bad because judged by a man
Scene with her nose

Universal feminine truths are dangerous for women
Book right on re this

But not just a feminist issue. Not just women

But man less likely to feel inadequate in the shadow of a woman

A lot less pressure on men
More ways a man can have power
That what book about fundamentally

Equity issues
Partner even though perfect
At least funding. Get something done
Always a compromise. Always the weighing.

The great terribleness... p437
Trump!!!
Women's march

P436
Culmination of their relationship
He stepped up
She had to adjust in the dark to realize who he has become. The feminist he is

Why should they live happily ever after?

Zee great character
Love internal thought process
Not just appease

Cory
Stay at home dad

How feminist

Turtle

Slow and steady wins the race?

How do you know if you're doing well?

Feminist issues

Get list from Cathy

Little too much. Focus on a few...

Or is it the fact of the vastness of the enterprise?

There are so many.....

Anne MacAulay

hypocrisy? Or outcome of grief?

Want to know more...

Inner power

What the source... what impinges

Faith

Flaws

Mean to Greer. Petty

The box of stuff given to her

Tough love with Greer... have to send them out there. P401

But allowed her to be honest with Zee and come to terms with that

People around Greer were the real worker feminists

Humour

Tucking in the children

Sex. I'll be doing that in twos...

Zee. Truest character

Zee. Cory. Greer. Even Faith

Relationships with parents

Caught the eras correctly

Families... similar or different

Greer and her mom

Reckoning.

Such fundamental misstep from when she little

Greer be proud of mom

Zee. Lie comes to light
I need time...

Cory. Not demanding
Do you want to say more?
Open but not demanding

Faith. A series of moments
P281

Outside voices
Why that not the title?
Harkens back to earlier feminists and their books...

Who this book written for? Who trying to persuade?

- 1 - your allies
- 2 - those who lean in your direction
- 3 - the resistant
- 4 - the hostile

Pleasure in reading the book
Characters

It's a phrase

We've reaped the benefits of a prior generation of feminists

We privilege
Is this about getting folks to really think about their own privilege and pulling others up

Outside voices
Speak up not enough
Have to go further. Act

Gendered pay gaps
Women will give to get the job
That pay gap compounds throughout your career

Job description
Women. Think need all quals

Men. Think ok if have a few

Leadership
Cultivating leadership

Internet
Good or bad
It's how you use it
Like gunpowder

We all have responsibility
But some not in our control
i.e. search algorithms

Ending is a bit rushed

Loose ends are ok

Main characters are well rounded
Have their flaws
Get called on it

Faith's husband... he not there except for her have son
this comment on not need husband?

Movie coming soon to a theatre near you...
Nicole Kidman to star as Faith
NO... should be Susan Sarandon!!

Supplementals

Hannah Gadsby: Nanette.

- Tasmanian feminist lesbian comedian
- Netflix
- **BRILLIANT!!**
- From The New York Times, and more from The New York Times, and from The New Yorker

Together We Rise: Behind the Scenes at the Protest Heard Around the World

- From the organizers of the Women's March

Gloria Steinem

- Outrageous Acts and Everyday Rebellion - New 3rd edition coming February 2019
- My Life on the Road - on the serendipity of life, how Gloria and the movement grew up together

Kronborg Castle (Hamlet's Castle)

- Helsingor (Elsinore), Denmark
- UNESCO World Heritage Site

The Broadsheet: Dish on the World's Most Powerful Women

- Email newsletter from fortune.com
- subscription option available

From Wendy... at the Kingsville Folk Festival - a fabulous song so reminiscent of Greer's "Outside Voices" in *The Female Persuasion*.

- The singer/songwriter is Shawna Caspi.
- Here's a link if you want to listen.

Looking ahead to our next book, Seven Fallen Feathers by Tanya Talaga

Legacy Spaces: The Gord Downie and Chanie Wenjack Fund

<https://www.downiewenjack.ca/legacy-spaces/legacy-spaces>

***Some background information...** with thanks to Michelle for sharing this from her work as they move ahead with a Legacy Space Project*

Indian Residential Schools date back to the late 1800's. The purpose of these schools was to remove any influence of their culture and assimilate indigenous people into the dominant Canadian culture which at that time was mainly Caucasian. This meant removing children from their families, depriving them of speaking their language, cutting their hair and subjecting them to all forms of abuse. Some Indigenous leaders refer to it as "cultural genocide."

Charlie or 'Chanie' Wenjack was one of those children. In 1966, Chanie (an Ojibwe boy from Marten Falls Reserve) escaped his residential school and began to walk 600km to his home, but Chanie didn't make it. He died of hunger and exposure on the railway tracks at Farlane, Ontario on a cold night of October 23rd. Chanie is one of 6,000 children who died in Residential School. There are said to be 80,000 Residential School Survivors living in Canada.

On June 2nd, 2008, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) was formed. The purpose was to document documenting the history and impacts of the Indian Residential Schools.

Truth is discovering and revealing past wrongdoing by a government. Reconciliation is the hope of resolving conflict left over from the past.

On June 10th, 2008, Prime Minister Stephen Harper apologized to Indigenous People for Residential Schools on behalf of the government and asked for forgiveness.

In 2015, led by Senator Murray Sinclair, the TRC released the Truth and Reconciliation Report with a framework to reconciliation called the '94 Calls to Action.'

After hearing about Chanie Wenjack's story, Gord Downie began a personal project to tell the story of Chanie Wenjack and share that story with other Canadians. With the blessing of the Wenjack family, the project began in 2014. In 2016, 'The Secret Path' album, graphic novel and the documentary were released.

During The Hip's last show on August 20th, 2016, Gord urged Canadians to support Indigenous people saying 'there is more work to be done.' #Dosomething is his legacy.

That said, I get asked one question a lot. "How can I help?" and "What can I do?". I wanted to share with you a powerful video where Senator Sinclair shares how Canadians can work towards reconciliation. By your participation in this project and bringing forth your ideas, you are contributing to change.

Sen. Murray Sinclair: How can Canadians work toward reconciliation
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j2Lv21Ktz84>