



Merry Christmas from the Village Bookshop – and we wish you all a safe and happy festive season!

-News-

Thank you to all those who came along to the movie preview of *The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo*. Lots of positive feedback about the movie and we raised \$700 for the Warkworth Christian Foodlink, plus another \$99 from the raffle. People are still dropping off non-perishable food items for the Foodlink which is much appreciated.

-Dates for your diary-

We have been talking with Nikki Bezzant about doing an event around her new cookbook – *Eating In*. Will let you know details as they come to hand. Nikki is from Matakana and her cookbook is fabulous.

-Book Reviews-

***Ordinary Thunderstorms* by William Boyd** - A fantastic literary thriller by the brilliant William Boyd. Set in London, a young climatologist (Adam) is in the wrong place at the wrong time. He has to lose himself in the city with the highest number of CCTV cameras in the world, and figure out what happened and why. Meanwhile the police and a hit man are after him. Highly recommended.

***Good To A Fault* by Marina Endicott** – Clara is driving to work, with nothing to look forward to when she crashes into a family who are living out of their car. The mother is subsequently diagnosed with cancer, and Clara who wants to do the right thing invites the family to move into her home while things get sorted. As the mother Lorraine deteriorates, Clara finds the kind of life she had only dreamed of. Winner of the Commonwealth Writers' Prize.

***Stolen* by Lucy Christopher** – I was working late one evening, when I picked this book and made the fatal error of reading page 20 (as they recommend on the back cover). Couldn't put it down and loved it. This is a young adult read which definitely crosses over to adult. There are no chapters and so it is very easy to get hooked and not put it down. A young girl is abducted from Bangkok airport and is taken to the outback of Australia. Highly recommended, for young women and mothers alike!

Not many book reviews this past month – I've been too busy with bookclubs, with two a week coming in over the past six weeks. They have been great fun and it's always interesting to hear what people are reading. We have been very busy this month with lots of great books being wrapped to go under Christmas trees. I'm personally looking forward to being able to catch up on some reading over the holiday period – in my must read pile are *The Children's Book* by A S Byatt, *The Museum of Innocence* by Orhan Pamuk and *The Year Of The Flood* by Margaret Atwood.

Until next time,

Tracey, Sharleen and Sylvia.

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