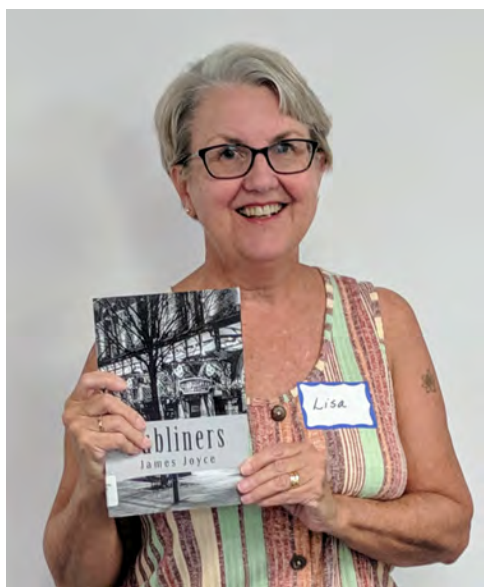




FRIENDS OF THE PALM SPRINGS LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

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***DUBLINERS* by James Joyce**



Lisa Walters Led the Discussion

Thanks to Lisa Walters for leading the discussion of James Joyce's *Dubliners*, a "vivid and unflinching portrait of 'dear and gray' Dublin at the turn of the twentieth century."

Lisa had quite a task as the book is essentially a collection of 15 stories. After discussing biographical highlights of Joyce's life, she led a discussion about which characters typically impact readers most. Perhaps the best-known story is *The Dead*, which was made into a delicate, yet surprisingly moving film in

1987 by director John Huston, starring his daughter Anjelica Huston.



Because several characters in *Dubliners* appear in other works by the author, many of our Book Club members related personal stories of their encounters with other Joyce books, including *Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man*, *Ulysses* and *Finnegan's Wake*. Perhaps *Dubliners* is more accessible to readers than Joyce's other monolithic tomes due to its being a "manageable" collection of focused short stories.

Whatever the reason, Lisa arrived well-prepared to answer the many questions of plot, character and themes expressed in the stories. Perhaps future discussions of *Dubliners* should require an extra hour so as to more fully explore the scope of the author's rich re-creations of Irish life among his award-winning achievements.

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