

Dear Book Club Friends,

September 17, 2023

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all again – with a very heartfelt thanks – for your support, participation, engagement, stimulating opinions, kinds words and emails, and general interest in good Danish literature through the last 2+ years we have spent together in The National Danish Book Club and Literary Event.

Désirée and I have been truly happy to share our love of Danish literature with you, and I know how much you have all enjoyed Désirée's excellent author interviews as supplements to and enhancements of the literature itself.

That, alas will not be included in the new, more casual, Danish Book Club.

But the purpose of this email is also to encourage you to join me – and several others who have already expressed an interest – in a community of lovers of Danish literature in translation. As I realized last Tuesday, some members were not aware of this new initiative, so I want to make sure that everyone knows about it and what it offers.

Starting next month, I am proposing we start a book club that is just a regular, ordinary book club via Zoom where we meet once a month to discuss a book of our choosing. The books are Danish in translation, so that part remains the same, but there will be no emails sent out, no questions nor interviews – just a chance to discuss a good book in the company of other book lovers for an hour every month, nine months of the year (from September through May.)

I will be happy to set up the zoom meetings (that will not be recorded or available on a website), and I hope we can spend some time deciding which books we will want to read and discuss – maybe even make a plan for the entire season.

While there is no obligation to participate, it would be nice with a smidgeon of commitment so we are always sure of some people showing up for the discussion!

**I suggest we stay with the second Tuesday every month at 7 pm Central Time – as that is what we have gotten used to, so it should be easy to remember.**

**Since we have not had a full discussion of books, I am taking the liberty of suggesting a book by the Danish/Norwegian author Amalie Skram, *Betrayed*. It has the beauty of being both very interesting, well written, and quite short – and I have it as a PDF file that I will be happy to share with whomever would like to participate in the discussion.**

**So, to conclude: THANK YOU for your interest, DO send me an email indicating your desire to continue, if you haven't already done so, and DO let me know if you would like me to send you the PDF file with the book.**

All the best  
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