

Writers In Stuttgart - Meeting Minutes

June 12, 2021

Meeting Time: 10:00 am to 01:00 pm

Meeting Place: - Zoom

Chairman: - Irene

Minute takers: - Jadi

Attendees: Andrea, Jadi, Erica, Michael, Cindy, Irene, Hannah, Danielle, Katharine

Prompt: Provided by Irene, from F. Dimitri's *The Book of Hidden Things*. "I'm convinced that life spent on an obsession is a life well-spent. Give me joy, give me sorrow. Just keep me away from blandness."

Reading Critiques:

1. Erica read "Junge, Mach Kein Quatsch", a mémoire vignette. Referenced: David Sedaris, Hemingway's **A Moveable Feast**, Elizabeth Stroud's **Amy and Isabel**, Patty Smith's **Just Kids**, Esmeralda Santiago's **When I was Puerto Rican**, and Donna Florio's **Growing up on Bank Street**.
2. Danielle read "Melvin's Journey", a surreal tale told from the viewpoint of a bug. Referenced: **Echoes of Archie** by Don Marquis.

Business:

- We decided to do a doodle to get votes on what to title the October reading. Danielle will provide the Doodle, and we recalled that Barbara is the organizer for the reading.
- Writing News: Hannah has two books of poetry available for purchase: **I can breathe water and Art, swallow me whole**. Contact her for details. Jadi's first book **Broken In: A Novel in Stories** has been longlisted for the 2020 Hawk Mountain Short Story Collection Award. NEAT will present Jadi's **Hard Times in Sugar Town** on July 5 at Merlin, an evening of Depression era songs from Tiffany Estrada and Frank Eisele; Derrick Jenkins will read the story.