

Writers in Stuttgart – Monthly Meeting of Saturday, May 4th, 2024

Attendees: (Zoom)Jim, Katharine, Erica, Barbara; (DAZ)Jadi, Andrea

Chair: Jim

Minutes: Jadi

Time: 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Prompt from Barbara: “Let others praise ancient times; I am glad I was born in these times.” - Ovid. Write a story/poem in conversation/with this quote in mind.

Critiques:

#1 Katharine: Working title: Lost in Spring. Failing to sort the memories I escaped like my mother. Erica thought it was not unlike Jack Kerouac, a prose poem.

#2 Jadi: Brought the essay written by the Editor in Chief of Hindsight Journal in which Jadi’s story Family Myths appears. The editor quoted Jadi several times, using a phrase that this group discussed at some length when Jadi workshopped the story several years ago.

Spotted from her family’s canoe on a camping trip led by her eccentric, sometimes-cruel father decades ago, the faces of those loons continue to haunt the writer’s recollections, the present pinned by the past’s unshakable gaze. “If there are other birds with eyes like these,” Campbell writes, “I have yet to see and be seen by them.”

Business: Katharine S. will provide the prompt for June. Katherine B. will Chair, and Michael will do the Minutes.

The meeting concluded at 12:38.