

## **BOOK CLUB REPORT-December 19, 2017**

Ten book club members met at the home of Shirley Challoner to discuss Through Black Spruce, by Joseph Boyden. Through Black Spruce is a story of Will, a Cree bush pilot and his nieces, Annie and Suzanne, and how their lives are intertwined in both the land of the aboriginal and the white man. It is a tale of the effects of violence, heartbreak, fierce love, ancient feuds and family bonding. This story is told from two perspectives: Will, who is in a coma recovering from a violent attack and Annie, who comes to his side every day to “talk”. Through the intermingling chapters their lives unfold. This book was informative and led to good discussion. Several members of the group had their own stories to tell about their experiences working in Northern communities and living among the groups there. These personal stories added to the discussion and caused the book itself to come alive. This book is ripe with symbolism, spiritualism and the importance of community in a life. It also had great humor and compassion. The group rated the book as an 8/10. The next meeting will be on January 16, 2017. The book will be Madder Carmine by Tyler Enfield. The group also chose 4 additional books to read in the coming months.

February – The Shoe on the Roof by Will Ferguson

March – Bear Town by Fredrik Backman

April – Christina’s World by Laura Hoptman

May – Hag-seed – Margaret Atwood

June-March Forth –Trevor Green-