

Thursday Book Group - July

The Dacre Dilemma- Rebecca Trope

Simmy Brown is four months pregnant, working partly from home, partly from her Windermere florist shop. The visit out to the charming Lake District village of Dacre to deliver flowers is a moment of calm to appreciate the approach of spring but this is shattered when she discovers the body of a young man in the church graveyard. This leads to a complex and puzzling investigation, led by DI Moxon and aided by her friends Ben and Bonnie.

Confused reader as everyone lived in opposite directions in the Lake District.

Estocada (Spoils of War)

1937. Flying for the infamous Condor Legion over the battlefields of Spain's civil war, Merz has been able to unleash the fearsome potential of the Luftwaffe's newest weapon against his opponents. In Dieter's hands, the Messerschmitt Bf-109 is as graceful as a matador's killing strike: *la estocada*. A gripping historical thriller based on real events.

A recommended read.

The English: A Story of Marmite, Queuing and Weather - Ben Fogle

Writes about lots of traditions that are only English, like cheese throwing, grouse shooting, Henley boat race and celebrates underdogs like Eddie the Eagle. The archetypal Englishman – lover of labradors and Land Rovers yet holder of two passports – Ben applauds all things English.

Reader found it slightly biased.