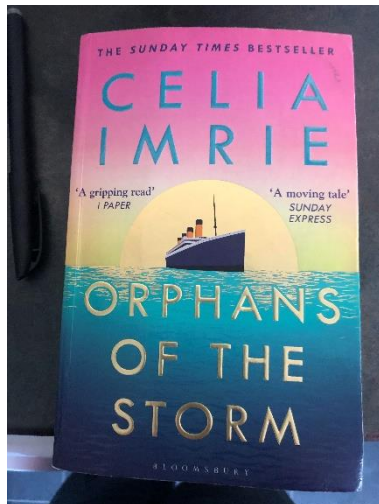


At our February meeting we discussed 'Orphans of the Storm' by Celia Imrie. This was a gripping page turner which we all enjoyed.



It was about a young mother's search for her children who had been abducted by her abusive husband.

The first part of the book gave the back story of the marriage, was written from the wife's point of view and gave much detail of life in Nice at the beginning of the twentieth century. The second section was written from the husband's point of view and was set onboard the Titanic. Life on board the ship and the horror of the sinking were very well captured. The third part of the book resolved all the themes but there are no spoilers here!

The book was based on real life events and had been very well researched. We all enjoyed this tale of maternal love and resilience. Some of us felt that the first section could have been shortened and the post Titanic storyline could have been developed rather more.