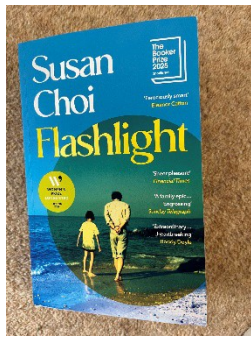


BOOK GROUP: 1 August 2026: Flashlight by Susan Choi



The group found the historical background of this family saga informative and towards the end as more facts and their impact on the characters were revealed, the book became more compelling.

Flashlight contains many strong characters, and although they were living very challenging lives, they were not pleasant people. At times their behaviour shocked and saddened us but it was difficult to empathise as they were so mean; after a while some of the scenes became tedious.

The theme of a Flashlight or torch occurs several times in the book, sometimes as an actual object and also when the characters were looking for truths and hidden secrets. Many of these references were fleeting or obscure and failed to give readers any clarity. To conclude none of us found this book to be a satisfying read.