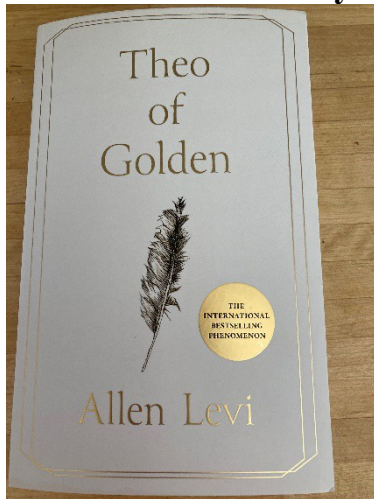


BOOK GROUP: July discussion of “Theo of Golden” by Allen Levi



Everybody in the group enjoyed this fascinating, thought-provoking book. For anyone who is cynical or disillusioned by life in the 21st century this might be the title for you.

Set in small-town America, the deceptively simple plot starts with the arrival of a gentle elderly man. His subsequent actions enrich and enhance the lives of many of the residents, often in unexpected ways. At the same time the book suggests how many issues such as grief, trauma, marginalisation could be overcome starting with simple acts of kindness.

We found the book to be very compelling; and couldn't wait for the stories of each of the characters to be revealed. At times their stories told of great sadness or hardship and yet the book was uplifting. But the biggest revelation was saved for the end when the story of the gentle elderly man was explained.