

# Mockingbird Lounge News



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Winter is coming, and we've got homemade soup back on the menu! Spicy Red Lentil, Roast Pumpkin and Curried Carrot & Cashew are just some of our specialties.

Drop in for lunch and try our Soup of the Day!

Soup is also available in the evening for Book Clubs

Mother's Day High Tea

Sunday 12th May

10:30 am or 2:30pm

**BOOK IN NOW - SPACES ARE LIMITED AND WE'RE BOOKING UP FAST! (Check the website for details)**

Knitting / Crochet / Craft

Tuesdays at 1:30pm

Come along for a cuppa and bring your knitting, crochet or a craft project you're working on.

Beginners are very welcome - seasoned professionals will be around to impart their knowledge and lend a hand in a casual, friendly space.

Every Tuesday from 30th April

(If coming as a group, please let us know so that we can reserve a space for you)

MOCKINGBIRD LOUNGE: For those who haven't discovered us yet, we are a second-hand book shop and coffee lounge on Broadway in Glenelg South. We have four rooms lined with books for sale; a great range all in near-new condition. We have a kids section with toys and books and a shelf full of board games waiting to be played. We serve tea and coffee and a range of homemade food and drinks and sell local art, stationery, cards and handmade gifts.

To sign up to receive the newsletter by email contact: [info@mockingbirdlounge.com.au](mailto:info@mockingbirdlounge.com.au)

## BOOK CLUB BOOK REVIEW

**Small Island by Andrea Levy**

**By Beth - 1st Wednesday Book Club**

'Small Island' by Andrea Levy, in following the fortunes of four main characters and the eventual intertwining of their lives, has a rather conventional plot. However, it moves around in time and place between pre-World War II Jamaica and Britain, World War II India and Britain and then post-war Jamaica and Britain. Through these shifts the stories unfold of the Jamaicans, light-skinned and snobbish, Hortense and kindly, fun-loving, Stephen, then of the Londoners, working-class Queenie and humourless bank-clerk Bernard. Its complexities are in its major themes and intricacies of characterization.

The narrative evokes Jamaica and war-torn India and London with graphic intensity. The reader experiences, as if at first hand, the trauma of the London blitz and the horrors of war in the 'far east'. It follows the historical record closely, clearly based upon meticulous research.

Levy's story telling is informed by the experiences of her parents. Her father was among the first West Indian immigrants who reached London in 1948. Some were ex-RAF and returned to London in the hope of a better life, believing the English would recognize their service and loyalty to what they considered 'their mother country'. Levy explores their disillusionment as they encounter prejudice and discrimination and also their attempts to adapt, transcend and survive.

Levy does not preach, making the impact of the racial prejudice all the more shocking and telling. Her humour-spiced prose is luminous, and her narrative compelling.

Our group found 'Small Island', although lengthy (533 pages), difficult to put down as we became absorbed in the intertwining of four very different characters. Levy ends the book on a surprising note which evoked considerable discussion. We all found Levy's award winning novel, a 'great read'.

**As of MAY Mockingbird Lounge will be CLOSED MONDAYS and OPEN Tuesday - Sunday, 9am-5pm**