

NOVEL CLUB MINUTES—DECEMBER 2022

Dec. 6, 2022

The Novel Club met on Tuesday, Dec. 6, at the home of Diane and Arthur Stupay to discuss the book One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich by Alexander Solzhenitsyn. The minutes from the November 2022 were approved.

Before the discussion, Robert Ware recommended that Hugh Weinberg be considered for Novel Club membership. Weinberg had attended a few meetings as guest and made significant contributions to the book discussions. Members will vote online after receiving by email letters of recommendation about Weinberg.

In the absence of Linda Sandhaus, Ralph Ware presented a biography of Solzhenitsyn emphasizing his persecution by the KGB. When Solzhenitsyn won the Nobel Prize for literature, he was not permitted to go to Sweden for the ceremony. He was eventually deported to West Germany and later moved to Vermont.

A discussion of the book followed focusing especially on the character Ivan Denisovich and the difficulties of prison life in Siberia and the U.S.

Submitted by,

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