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October Book Report



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Scary

You may have noticed that you do not see Deb S on the book report this month. That would be me. The reason you do not see my name is because I had nothing to report. That is scary. This is maybe the second month in my life that I have read no books. I did start 5 of them only to put them down. My attention span is at the lowest of levels and I am definitely off of my game attitude wise. This could be due to the fact that we have been asked to stay away from friends and family for months. That is scary. It may be because I have been locked into the news more than normal. That is really scary. Or it could be because I know that I have to maintain this amazing book group, who has been known to hug each other at the end of our monthly meetings, on a 15" computer screen. Again, scary. Having convinced myself that all of those excuses were valid for not attending to my lifelong habit of reading, I joined our Zoom meeting and was met by gal pals who were all experiencing the same scariness yet were excited to report on stories that engaged them, inspired them and transported them out of their own (scary) world. Lesson learned. Stay tuned in for next month's sidebar on gratitude. Much better than scary. ☺

-Deb