

Bite-Sized Book Club

Week 2: Short Story

Saturday, July 19

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Short Story Selection:

The selection for this week is “Posterity” by Joshua Cohen. Although the story is short, it touches on a number of topics, ranging from the personal biases we bring to our understandings of others, the ways we narrativize and make meaning of the world, and the ways in which these narratives fail us. Whether you enjoy this story or not, please come to our book club meeting to share your thoughts!

Suggested Reflection Questions:

- How do you feel about the main character Acker and how he is presented to the audience?
- Are there ideas that resonate with you?
- How does this story invite you to reflect on the title concept of “Posterity”? Does the story do anything interesting with this idea?
- What stands out to you as memorable or interesting in this story?
- What do you think about the ending of the story? Did it feel unexpected or in keeping with the rest of the story?

Further Reading:

Available at Town Hall Library:

- *The Netanyahuhs* by Joshua Cohen

Available through Bridges Library System (Place Hold):

- *Attention: Dispatches from a Land of Distraction* by Joshua Cohen
- *Book of Numbers* by Joshua Cohen
- *Four New Messages* by Joshua Cohen
- *Moving Kings* by Joshua Cohen
- And more!