Staff Reader of the Month for May

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What was the last book you read?
“An Evil Cradling”
by Brian Keenan

What book/s are you reading now?
“Dinner at the Homesick Restaurant”
by Anne Tyler.
Why do you like reading and/or why do you think it’s important?

Reading, for me, is both an escape and a way of accessing information. I love reading novels that both reinforce my interests as well as introduce me to new environments and ideas. Belonging to a book group for over 10 years, I have been introduced to many books that I would never have thought to pick up on my own initiative such as “The Poisonwood Bible” by Barbara Kingsolver, “A Fine Balance” by Rohinton Mistry, and “The Slap” by Christos Tsiolkas.

Reading helps me connect with people across time and across borders. It also allows me to connect with people now in discussing our perceptions of what we have read. And it’s wonderful to be alone, getting lost in a story.