

Group Three 25th July 2019 Second talking about the No 1 Detective Agency

1. The ideal boy and the not-so ideal girl. (separate papers)

2. What struck you about these chapters - what would you like to discuss?

My suggestions :

- tribes, tribalism, pride etc. ('Proud to be Motswana' cf experience in the mines. p. 20: stick with your own.)

- '...every man has a map in his heart of his own country and that heart will never let you forget this map.If a man is born in a dry place, then although he may dream of rain, he does not want too much, and that he will not mind the sun that beats down and down. So I never went....but that has not made me unhappy, not once.' p. 16

- the language of how the mines hurt men (p. 15)

- politics '...busy thinking what they can do next. That is not what people want. People want to be left alone to look after their cattle.' p. 18

- need money to support a wife; one 'takes' a wife.

- life in the mines

- Botswana became independent in 1966

(Ghana 57, Nigeria 60, Sierra Leone, Tanzania and Burundi 61/2; Uganda, Kenya, Malawi, Zambia 63/4 - Rhodesian UDI was 1965. These are only the anglophone countries. Looking at the list it seemed as if the francophones were at least in part earlier.)

- black/white First white man to shake his hand of there is only one he can about what he saw. He speaks Afrikaans.

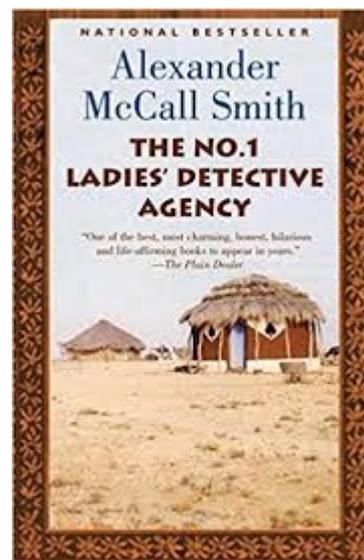
- the cousin resp the role of women. Obed never thinks of praising the cousin as she is just doing her dutyx.(p.32) Cf how she tries to educate Precious, pp. 31ff

- Good and Evil cf Sunday school and Precious is a tell-tale about Josiah! She is very precocious cf picture of goats/cows and pride!

- Have any of you been in round huts? (Is the cousin's new house round?)

- Do you remember steam trains really?

- Precious' father wasn't allowed to speak his native tongue in lessons but in the breaks on the playground. Is that a good way to manage language?



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