***THE KEEPER OF LOST THINGS* by Ruth Hogan**

MEETING: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2020 (via Zoom) 1:30 PM or 7:00 PM

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. **When Laura is hired by Anthony Peardew on her thirty-fifth birthday, she thinks the job “had been the perfect present, and the beginning of hope.” What does Anthony see in Laura? Why are she and Padua perfect for one another? Is Laura in some way one of Anthony’s lost things?**
2. **What do you make of Eunice and Bomber’s relationship? Were you disappointed to discover that it would never be romantic?**
3. **Anthony reflects that “he could not regret his life without Therese…. To give up when she had died would have been the greatest wrong; to throw away the gift that had been snatched from her would have been an act of appalling ingratitude and cowardice.” How does that square with his solitary life, surrounded by his lost things? Is Anthony truly living without her, or is he merely existing? What do you think he would say?**
4. **Even her parents and brother seem to find Portia’s company almost intolerable. Is she in any way a sympathetic character? Does Portia evolve over the course of the novel?**
5. **When she handles Anthony’s lost things, Sunshine seems to know their stories, saying, “I can feel it. I don’t think it in my head, I just feel it.” Why do you think that is? What other aspects of this story seemed touched with the magical or otherworldly?**
6. **Why does Laura seem so reluctant to commit to her romance with Freddy? What was the turning point for her?**
7. **What finally quiets Therese’s mischievous ghost? Was she trying to teach a lesson to the living, or did she require their help in order to find peace at last?**
8. **Did Eunice do the right thing when she opened the windows of Bomber’s room? What would you have done if you were her?**
9. **Which of the stories of the lost things was your favorite? Have you ever discovered a lost thing and tried to discover its owner or learn more about it?**
10. **What do you think happens to the characters in this novel after it ends? What comes next in the lives of Laura, Freddy, Sunshine, and Eunice?**

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