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2022-23

Name of the Department/Society: The English Society

Name of the Event: Book Club Discussion on the book, "If on a Winter's Night a Traveler" by Italo Calvino, translated by William Weaver

Date of the Event: 30th September, 2022

Description of the event:

On 30th September, the Book Club of The English Society, Hansraj College, held its first offline discussion on the book, "If on a Winter's Night a Traveler" by Italo Calvino, translated by William Weaver.

The book is considered to be one of the most philosophical and meta narrative works of Calvino. Here the protagonist is the reader himself who transitions from one unfinished story to another. The author blurs the lines between reality and imagination by creating two different worlds for us- one in which we really exist and one which he brings to life through his work. The reader discovers a sense of isolation and thus is capable of undergoing self introspection.

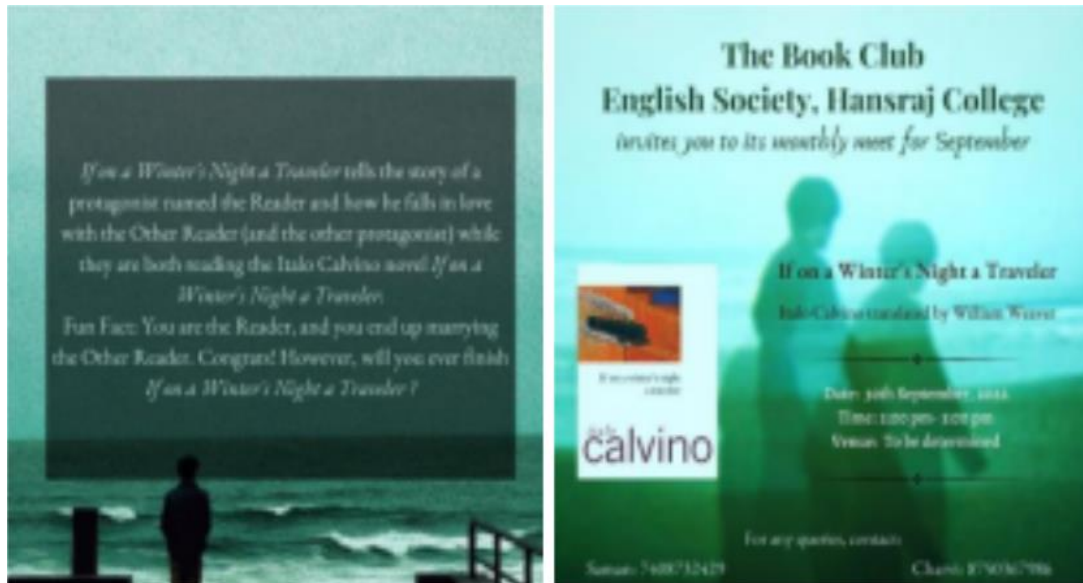
The unfinished stories develop frustration in the reader, where they want everything in order. We panic with the change in the setting of the story. However, unfinished endings are a subjective matter and the author chose not to limit the ending. Thus, he experiments with the social construct and gives the possibilities of dilemma inside the author. The members also highlighted how they themselves find it difficult to end their piece of work or sometimes it's too painful to finish their creation.

Who owns the artwork? The discussion witnessed many distinct views over it. When the ending remains unfinished, the readers interpret and change the ending in their own way. The latter, however, could be contrasting to the writer's perspective and separates them from their art work. The book is a beautiful example of how traveling and reading can be correlated.



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- 7.Sanjivanie
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- 9.Anoushka
10. Ragini
11. Sakshi Solanki
12. Ananya Girdhar
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15. Anshita
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