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The English Club of the University is organizing

A Book Review Contest

The English Club is inviting entries for a Book Review Contest. Books have always been a mirror to the times one lives in. With the Novel Coronavirus still raging worldwide, we could not find a more appropriate book than *Station Eleven* (2014). Described by George R. R. Martin as “beautifully written and wonderfully elegiac,” Emily St. John Mandel’s novel revolves around a fictional swine flu pandemic, dubbed by the locals as the “Georgia Flu,” which challenges humanity’s capacity for survival. Mandel paints a haunting post-apocalyptic universe in which society has to decide for itself what it means to be “human” and the importance of “connection” and “art” for our survival. The other book chosen for review is Shubhangi Swarup’s debut novel *Latitudes of Longing*. A hyperlink novel consisting of a series of four connected stories, *Latitudes of Longing* was published in India in 2018. It takes the reader on a journey through South Asia and through time. Part postmodern montage and part magic realism, this book has entered the reading lists of serious lovers of literature.

Each participant is to send an essay of not more than 2500 words, reviewing either of the following books:

***Station Eleven* by Emily St. John Mandel**

or

***Latitudes of Longing* by Shubhangi Swarup**

Entries should carry participants’ information (full name, roll number, programme and year of study, email address, and mobile number) and should be sent as a PDF file to englishclubfluniversity@gmail.com on or before 15th April 2021. The email should carry the subject heading “Book Review Contest 2021.”

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