

*The Keeper of Lost Things*, Ruth Hogan

Published in 2017, *The Keeper of Lost Things* is the September book club selection of the Musings on Main Street Book Club at EPLD. This book is a delight, sharing the story of how tragedy changes how people perceive their future, and how an outreach of love and concern can help and heal others.

Anthony has spent his life collecting lost things, cataloging each item carefully with the intent of returning the item to the owner. Perhaps this is because Anthony lost something precious and sees this as a way to redeem himself. However, he knows his death is quickly approaching and he has not had the opportunity to return a single item. Once he finds Laura, herself a lost soul in need of a friend and some confidence, Anthony knows his work can continue. A second storyline brings in Eunice and Bomber. Eunice full of life and totally in love with her position working for Bomber, a publisher. The connection between the two storylines brings a bit of mystery to the reader. Add a touch of magic, and this book becomes a British fairytale.

The author declares herself “a bit of magpie”, which shows up well in the odd collection of items Anthony has found to bring home, and the people she draws into her book. Eureka PLD owns *The Keeper of Lost Things*, as well as two other books written by Hogan.