

Sisterhood Meeting, Sunday, November 11, 11:00 A.M.

**Book Review of *The Seven Good Years*
by Israeli author Etgar Keret**

Reviewed by Anne Faigen

Please join us on November 11th for a review of the book *The Seven Good Years*, a memoir by Israeli author Etgar Keret.

The seven years between the birth of Etgar Keret's son and the death of his father were good years, though still full of reasons to worry. Lev is born in the midst of a terrorist attack. Etgar's father gets cancer. The threat of constant war looms over their home and permeates daily life.

What emerges from this dark reality is a series of sublimely absurd ruminations on everything from Etgar's three-year-old son's impending military service to the terrorist mind-set behind Angry Birds. There's Lev's insistence that he is a cat, releasing him from any human responsibilities or rules. Etgar's siblings, all very different people who have chosen radically divergent paths in life, come together after his father's shivah to experience the grief and love that tie a family together forever. This wise, witty memoir—Etgar's first nonfiction book published in America, and told in his inimitable style—is full of wonder and life and love, poignant insights, and irrepressible humor.

Anne Faigen's first young adult novel, *Finding Her Way*, was published in 1997, and her novel *Brave Salamander*, was published in March 2005. A native Pittsburgher, she has taught college literature and writing classes and has had a long career teaching English to high school students.

