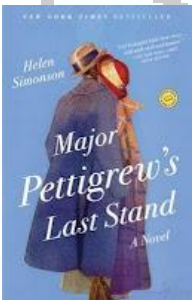




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***Major Pettigrew's Last Stand*, Helen Simonson
Reviewed by Ms. Cosgrove, May 30th, 2012.**

Everyone knows what it is like to feel lonely. This book explores the idea of being an outsider through three different relationships – the first between a retired English major who is widowed and find himself attracted to a Muslim shopkeeper arousing much disapproval among the people of his country village, including his own son, Roger. This young man has never felt accepted by his father and sets out to achieve some social standing of his own, risking his new chance at love. The final relationship is between a free thinking dancer and her young son and the estranged father of the boy, who is frightened by the challenge she presents to his devout Muslim faith. The question that is asked is whether love can overcome cultural barriers in our modern world. The answer – well you'll have to read it to find out.