

Thoughts on Eavesdropping

An Exercise

1. Which situations with other people – broadly – make you feel uncomfortable and why?
2. Can you think of a situation when you felt truly at ease; happy? It might have been an unexpected or unusual situation. That is interesting!
3. Think about a time when you met a fascinating person. What was so fascinating about them?
4. Have you ever formed an impression of someone's character and discovered you were wrong?
5. In a book, poem or story you have read, or maybe a play you've seen, which character or characters did you find compelling and why?
6. What is your favourite landscape? It might be urban; it might be rural. Whatever it is, think about the place – or type of place – whether it's a dunescape or a station platform, and what it is that beguiles you; what it is that makes you want to explore this place or kind of place, OR what feelings it engenders in your book? Ponder this one.