

BOOK CLUB QUESTIONS

Fiction Titles

1. What impression did the book leave on you? What major emotion did the story evoke in you as a reader?
2. What motivated the story? Was the novel plot-driven or character-driven? Explain.
3. What was unique about the setting of the book and how did it enhance or take away from the story? What about the plot? Did it pull you in, or did you feel you had to force yourself to read the book?
4. What specific themes did the author emphasise throughout the novel? What do you think he or she is trying to get across to the reader?
5. Was there a particularly striking scene in the novel? Share it with the group, and then discuss why and how it affected each person.
6. What was your first impression of the characters? How did they (or did they not) evolve for you over the course of the novel? Can you relate to their predicaments? To what extent do they remind you of yourself or someone you know?
7. How realistic was the characterisation? Did the actions of the characters seem plausible? Why? Why not? Would you want to meet any of the characters? Did you like them? Hate them?
8. How do characters change or evolve throughout the course of the story? What events trigger such changes?
9. If one (or more) of the characters made a choice that had moral implications, would you have made the same decision? Why? Why not?
10. Did the author present the conflict of the book in a realistic context?
11. Was the story well developed, or were there any loopholes that made the book lose its interest?
12. If you could meet any character from this book and ask him or her one question, who would it be and what would you ask? Why?
13. Share your favourite passage from the book with the other group members.
14. Did the book end the way you expected?
15. If you could change something about the book what would it be and why?
16. Would this novel make a good movie? Why or why not? Who should be cast as each of the main characters in the group's ideal version of the film?
17. Would you read more from this author? Why or why not?
18. How did the book compare to other books by the author (or other books in the same genre)?