

Suggested Book Club Questions - Fiction

Setting

1. Discuss the setting of the story. Was the location important to the narrative? Was it well done?
2. Did the story take place in a specific time period and was the author's description of the time accurate and moving?
3. Did the setting of the book affect your enjoyment of the story? Why or why not?

Characters

1. Discuss the character's believability. Is the way the characters react to their situations authentic?
2. Did any of the characters change or transform as the story unfolded? What caused this?
3. Who was your favorite character and why?
4. Who was your least favorite character and why?

Language and Structure

1. Discuss the author's use of language in the story. Was it highly descriptive? Was it appropriate or did it detract from your enjoyment of the book?
2. Did the language used by the characters properly reflect the setting of the story? Why / why not?
3. Was there a particular paragraph that stood out in your mind as being an exceptional example of the author's use of language?
4. Discuss the book's structure. Does it jump around in time? Is the story told by more than one character?
5. Did the structure of the book affect your enjoyment of the story? Why or why not?

Plot and Themes

1. Discuss the plot of the story. Was the plot believable?
2. What events make up this story and how do they relate to each other? What one event was the most critical to the plot?
3. Did the author leave any loose ends?
4. What is the significance of the title? How does the title relate to the book?
5. What were some of the major themes of the book? In other words, what idea(s) or topic(s) were central to this story?
6. How well were the themes developed? Give examples.
7. Did the author use symbolism or attribute symbolic meaning or significance to objects, events, or relationships? Was it successful? Why or why not?

In Conclusion

1. Did this book live up to your expectations? Why or why not?
2. Compare this book to others your group has read. Did it stand out in any way? Will you remember this book in the future? Do you think you will ever read it again or recommend it to a friend?
3. Is there anything else which made an impact upon you that hasn't been discussed yet?