

Questions for a group discussion

1. How did you **experience the book**? Were you immediately drawn into the story--or did it take you a while? Did the book intrigue, amuse, disturb, alienate, irritate, or frighten you?
2. Do you find the **characters convincing**? Are they believable?
3. Which characters do you particularly **admire or dislike**? What are their primary characteristics?
4. What **motivates** a given character's actions? Do you think those actions are justified or ethical?
5. Do any characters **grow or change** during the course of the novel? If so, in what way?
6. Who in this book would you most **like to meet**? What would you ask—or say?

7. If you could ***insert yourself*** as a character in the book, what role would you play? You might be a new character or take the place of an existing one.

8. Is the ***plot well-developed***? Is it believable? Do you feel manipulated along the way ?

9. Consider ***the ending***. Did you expect it or were you surprised? Was it manipulative? Was it forced? Was it neatly wrapped up--too neatly?

10. If you could ***rewrite the ending***, would you? In other words, did you find the ending satisfying? Why or why not.

11. Can you ***pick out a passage*** that strikes you as particularly interesting--or perhaps something that sums up the central dilemma of the book?

12. Does the book remind you of ***your own life***? An event or situation? A person--a friend, family member, boss, co-worker?

13. If you were to ***talk with the author***, what would you want to know?