



Book Club in a Bag

Discussion Questions

A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles

1. How would you describe the Count? Was he an interesting character? Explain why.
2. Rostov's connections with high-ranking people reduced his sentence to being declared a "Former Person" and life imprisonment in the hotel. Do you think his sentence matched his crime? Do you think other people would have been given similar sentences?
3. During the novel, how did Count Rostov change? What incidents had the most effect on the Count?
4. The Count believes that with "the smallest of one's actions one can restore some sense of order to the world." Discuss this belief.
5. Why might *Casablanca* be the Count's favourite film? What does it suggest about his situation?
6. What picture does Amor Towles paint of the Soviet Union?
7. Discuss the importance of Nina's character. How has she helped the Count?
8. What other characters played an important part in this novel?
9. The Count was imprisoned for writing the poem "Where Is It Now?" What role does art play in challenging dominant cultural discourses?
10. If you were recommending this book to someone, how would you describe it in 3 words?

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