



Book Club in a Bag

Discussion Questions

“My Sister Rosa” by Justine Larbalestier

1. How did you experience the book? Were you engaged immediately, or did it take you a while to "get into it"?
2. Describe the main characters—personality traits, motivations, and inner qualities. Why do characters do what they do? Do you admire or disapprove of them? Do they remind you of people you know?
3. Are the main characters dynamic—changing or maturing by the end of the book? Do they learn about themselves, how the world works and their role in it?
4. Discuss the plot: Is it engaging—do you find the story interesting?
5. Talk about the book's structure. Is it a continuous story...or interlocking short stories? Is there a single viewpoint or shifting viewpoints? Why might the author have chosen to tell the story the way he or she did?
6. What main ideas—themes—does the author explore? (Consider the title, often a clue to a theme.) Does the author use symbols to reinforce the main ideas?
7. What passages strike you as insightful, even profound? Perhaps a bit of dialog that's funny or poignant or that encapsulates a character? Maybe there's a particular comment that states the book's thematic concerns?
8. Is the ending satisfying? If so, why? If not, why not...and how would you change it?
9. If you could ask the author a question, what would you ask?
10. Has this novel changed you—broadened your perspective? Have you learned something new or been exposed to different ideas about people or a certain part of the world.

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