



Book Club in a Bag

Discussion Questions

“The Rosie Project” by Graeme Simsion

1. Don goes through a number of spectacularly bad dates. What have been some of your own dating nightmares?
2. Where do you fall on the spectrum between structure and chaos in life? Are you highly rigid in your routines or very relaxed?
3. Do you agree with Don’s assessment that “humans often fail to see what is close to them and obvious to others”?
4. What do you think of Gene and Claudia’s relationship? Do you know anyone in an open marriage? Can it work?
5. As Don’s affection for Rosie grows, he becomes aware of his instincts overriding reason. What is the role of instinct versus reason when it comes to choosing a life partner?
6. Don watches a number of movies to try to learn about romance, including “When Harry Met Sally”, “The Bridges of Madison County”, “An Affair to Remember”, and “Hitch”. What are your top five romantic movies?
7. Is it smart to have a list of criteria for a potential partner or is it limiting?
8. Don gets in trouble with the dean for using the genetics lab for his personal project with Rosie. Is it ever okay to break the rules in order to help someone?
9. Do you feel happy for Don when he “eliminates a number of unconventional mannerisms” in order to win Rosie, or has he lost something?
10. Were you surprised at the ultimate revelation of Rosie’s biological father? Did you suspect someone else?

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