

# Digital Book Club

## Discussion Questions

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### ***Curious Case of Benjamin Button*** **by F. Scott Fitzgerald**

1. How does Fitzgerald use tone and style to create a world that is fantastical and dreamlike, yet realistic?
2. How does Fitzgerald employ humour in the story? In what ways is the idea of someone aging in reverse inherently humorous?
3. Benjamin's reverse aging is responsible for many of the highs and lows of his relationships with his father and his son. Do you think these relationships in some ways parallel those of all fathers and sons?
4. How does this story, though written almost a century ago, reflect our society's current attitude toward age and aging?
5. What is ironic about Benjamin marrying a "younger" woman? What does the story reveal about our perceptions of age and beauty?
6. There was only one thing that worried Benjamin Button: his wife had ceased to attract him." Why does he fall out of love with Hildegarde?
7. How does Fitzgerald use Benjamin's condition to ridicule social norms?
8. How does Benjamin's reverse aging ironically mirror the modern midlife crisis?
9. Why do you think that fantasy and other stories that manipulate time are so popular in our culture now? What are some of the films, TV shows, and books that reflect these trends?

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