



Colorado Book Club Resource

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR THE ROANOKE GIRLS

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1. What is the significance of the title? Would you have named the book differently?
2. Discuss the structure of the novel. Do you think it worked? Would you have preferred it to be set up differently?
3. At what point did you know what was really going on between Allegra (and the other girls) and her grandfather? Did you see it coming, or was it a surprise? Were there red herrings (false clues) to throw you off the track? Were there hidden clues? Did you find the hidden clues, or were you oblivious to them?
4. The novel is set in a very small town. What do you think this adds to the story? Do you think the story would be as believable in a larger community?
5. Discuss the relationship between Lane and Allegra. Do you think it is healthy or dysfunctional?
6. What were the dynamics of power between the characters? (Lane/Allegra, Lane/her grandfather, Lane/her grandmother, Lane/her mother, etc.) How did that play a role in their interactions, and in the course of the story?
7. What scene was the most pivotal for the book? How would the story have been different if that scene had not taken place?
8. Did you think that the ending of the book was appropriate? If not, how would you liked to have seen it play out differently?
9. What do you think the future holds for Lane?

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