



Book Club in a Bag

Discussion Questions

Looking for Jane by Heather Marshall

1. What do Angela's, Nancy's, and Evelyn's individual and shared experiences offer us in our understanding of the legalization of abortion in their given time periods? How does Marshall's narrative contribute to the larger conversation of abortion laws in the United States today?
2. Due to an unfortunate mistake, the letter addressed to Nancy doesn't arrive to her in 2010. How do you think her life might have been different if she received it then?
3. What are some of the societal expectations of women we see throughout the novel? How do those expectations differ in each period, and how do the women in the novel fulfill or circumvent these expectations?
4. Evelyn's narrative offers two different experiences (i.e., hers and Maggie's) from their time at St. Agnes's Home for Unwed Mothers. How do Evelyn's and Maggie's experiences differ, and what do we glean from their accounts about the events that occurred during their time there?
5. What are the different factors that inspired Evelyn to become a doctor? What do you think she could offer to her patients that others couldn't?
6. Dr. Morgentaler warns Evelyn that the costs of illegally providing abortions are high. What risks do Evelyn-and others fighting for women's rights-face? What sacrifices do these women take to contribute to this cause?
7. How did Angela, Evelyn, and Nancy each come to know about Jane? What were their individual contributions to the cause and how did they each help the women who came looking for her?

The above questions were taken from
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to enhance your discussion of the book.

Author Biography

Heather Marshall was born and raised in Canada, where she lives with her family and their giant golden retriever.

After completing two Master's degrees, Heather worked for several years in politics and communications before turning her attention to her true passion: storytelling. Her debut novel *Looking for Jane* was an instant #1 bestseller and dominated the *Toronto Star* and *Globe and Mail* bestseller charts for 27 total weeks.

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