



Book Club in a Bag

Discussion Questions

The Jane Austen Society by Natalie Jenner

1. There is a wide range of major characters in *The Jane Austen Society*. Which of the eight main characters was your favorite? Which of their personal stories did you find the most satisfying?
2. If you are a fan of Jane Austen, what is your favorite book and why? If not, then which of her books are you now most interested in reading?
3. Several of the characters are living with—and to differing extents, dealing with—the grief of losing a close loved one. Did you find yourself sympathizing with one of them more than the others? What about their story touched you the most?
4. Most of *The Jane Austen Society* takes place in the 1940s, right after World War II. Given that it was a very different time, with very different attitudes, what aspect revealed in the novel seemed the most familiar to your experience? What seemed the most changed since that time?
5. Mimi Harrison is in sharp contrast to the rest of the characters—she's from the U.S., she's a movie star, she has wealth far beyond the rest of the characters. Beyond their shared love of Jane Austen's work, what traits do you think she has most in common with the rest of the characters?
6. Adam Berwick has to make an important decision—one that will not only affect the Society but his family as well. Do you think he made the right decision? Why?
7. There are many obvious and more subtle allusions to Austen's own plots and characters throughout the book. If you're familiar with Austen, which parallels did you particularly notice? Which ones most delighted you?
8. What do you imagine happened to the Society and to the members after the end of the book?

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Author Biography

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