



Book Club in a Bag

Discussion Questions

Deacon King Kong by James McBride

1. How did you experience the book? Were you engaged immediately, or did it take you a while to "get into it"? Were you intrigued, entertained, confused, or bored?
2. Describe the main characters? Are they changing and maturing throughout the book or by the end? Do you admire them or dislike them? Do they remind you of anyone in your life?
3. How is the book structured? Does it flow in chronological order? Does it go from past to present? Is there a single viewpoint or multiple?
4. What passages strike you as insightful, or profound? Is there a bit of dialog that's funny or poignant or that encapsulates a character?
5. Is the plot engaging? Is it fast paced or is it slower and more character driven? Were you surprised with any twists and turns?
6. Is the ending satisfying? If so, why? If not, why not? If you could, how would you change it?
7. If you could ask the author a question, what would you ask? Have you read other books by the same author? If not, would you read titles by this author again?

The above questions were taken from
<https://www.litlovers.com/run-a-book-club/questions-for-fiction>
for your discussion of the book.

Author Biography

James McBride, an American writer and musician, was raised in Brooklyn's Red Hook housing projects. His father, the Rev. Andrew D. McBride (1911–1957), was African American and his mother, Ruchel Dwajra Zylska (1921–2010), was a Jewish immigrant from Poland. McBride was the last child Ruth had from her first marriage, and the eighth of 12 children in all.

From Lit Lovers Website: <https://www.litlovers.com/reading-guides/fiction/11583-deacon-king-kong-mcbride?start=1>

Book Club in a Bag Terms of Use

Simplify your book club selection with Book Club in a Bag! Visit our website at www.clarington-library.on.ca/bookclubinabag to see a list of available titles, view the availability calendar and fill in a Book Club in a Bag Request Form.

Booking a Kit

- Booking may be made up to a year in advance.
- Please check the calendar accessible on our website for availability.
- Fill out the form with your information, and a staff member will be in touch to confirm your booking.
- Pick up your hold at the circulation desk. Your notification may come in a few days early, but it will remain available until your specified pick-up date.

Terms of Loan

- This kit includes 11 regular print books and 1 audiobook.
- 6-week loan period
- No renewals
- Kit may be picked up at or returned to any branch.
- Kit must be returned at the desk during operating hours, not through an exterior drop box.
- All items are checked out to one member's card.
- The member who borrowed the kit is responsible for:
 - The distribution and return of all items to their group members.
 - Any damages to the books/bag, or lost items.
 - The cost of a damaged or lost book varies depending on the item.