



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?

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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.

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