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## Johnston Public Library Book Discussion Questions

### **Finding Love at Hedgehog Hollow** by Jessica Redland

#### Summary

As Samantha Wishaw watches the love of her life marry another woman, she's ready to give up hope of finding her happy ever after.

But when a chance encounter leads Sam to find friendship in Thomas – a lonely, grumpy elderly widower living at derelict Hedgehog Hollow – her life is about to change forever.

Glad to have a distraction from family feuds and match-making, Sam vows to fulfill Thomas and his wife, Gwendoline's, dreams of restoring Hedgehog Hollow to its former glory, and to open a hedgehog rescue centre.

Throwing herself into the task at hand, little does Sam realise that the keys to love and happiness may also be found at Hedgehog Hollow, when she least expects it...

#### Discussion Questions

1. Discuss your overall thoughts about the book. Did you like it or find that it wasn't for you?
2. Do you normally read romance fiction? Did you consider this novel to be a typical romance novel when Samantha's love interest didn't appear until the end of the book?
3. What were the things that Samantha did to develop a friendship with Thomas? Did you think that Samantha was too pushy with Thomas? Should she have backed off and left him alone?
4. What did you think of Chloe? Why did Samantha like her? Have you ever known anyone like Chloe?
5. What did you think of Chloe marrying James (Samantha's former boyfriend)? Would you be able to be the maid of honor at the wedding of your former boyfriend to your cousin? Would you have done anything different than Samantha did in her relationship with Chloe and James?

6. Why do you think Samantha's mother is so negative towards her? What did you think of Samantha's father? Do you think he did enough to counterbalance his wife's negativity towards Samantha? Should Samantha's father have handled the situation differently?
7. Have you ever had a relationship like Samantha had with Josh, where at first you didn't like someone and later found you were mistaken about them?
8. What qualities does Samantha have that made her a good choice to become the Hedgehog Lady?
9. If you were to meet an older person who left you the funds to start a non-profit enterprise, what would you want the organization's mission to be?
10. This book is the first in a series of books set at and around Hedgehog Hollow. The other books tell the stories of some of the characters we've met. Are you interested in reading more of the series? Were you disappointed that this book didn't tell the complete story by the last page, but left the door open for more books?

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