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Johnston Public Library Book Discussion Questions

The Reel Sisters by Michelle Cummings

Summary

A naked girl gets swept downstream and is fished out by four women fly fishers. Tales of adventure, as well as stories of renewal, discovery, and tragedy follow the five women as they find each other (and themselves) through the sport of fly fishing. Through the voice of each character, *The Reel Sisters* fosters the notion that fly fishing has the potential to transcend age, gender, culture, and even socioeconomic barriers, and can occasionally be the glue that binds us. *The Reel Sisters* is a story about the power of women friendships, and how we learn a little bit about ourselves each time we step into the river. By the end of the book, you'll want to start planning your own *Reel Sisters* adventures.

Discussion Questions

1. Which character did you relate to the most, and what was it about her (or him) that you connected with?
2. What was your favorite moment in the book? Your least favorite?
3. What was your favorite quote or passage?
4. If you could invite one character over for dinner, who would it be and why?
5. What surprised you the most when you were reading the book?
6. If you had to choose one lesson that the author hopes to teach us with this story, what would it be?
7. How did the characters change throughout the story? How did your opinion of them change?
8. Would you consider going fly fishing after reading this book? What are you wading for?
9. If you could rewrite the ending, how would you have ended the story?
10. Who is your "Rose," or the person you look up to in your life?

11. Would others describe you as someone who is good, like Sophie, at taking care of other people's needs and not necessarily your own? Give an example.
12. Has the book inspired you to try something new or to push yourself outside of your comfort zone, as many characters do in the book?
13. If you were in charge of casting the movie version of this book, who would you cast as each character?
14. We all weather storms in our lives very differently. Who is in your support system when you need to reach out to someone?

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