



MIDNIGHT INK

BOOK CLUB QUESTIONS

Whiskey on the Rocks

1. Explain Whiskey Mattimoe's "survivor guilt" and illustrate how it haunts her.
2. Each of the following characters draws out specific qualities in Whiskey's own personality. Discuss. (a) Odette Mutombo; (b) Noonan Starr; (c) Chester; (d) Avery Mattimoe; (e) Cassina; (f) Judy "Jenx" Jenkins; (g) Edward Santy; (h) Wells Verbelow.
3. Explain Cassina's "mystique." How does it compare or contrast with her actual personality?
4. What is the appeal of the Seven Suns of Solace? Why does Whiskey shun it?
5. Given that a dog can be a man's best friend, what is Whiskey's problem with her dog?
6. How would you describe the town of Magnet Springs and its inhabitants?
7. Characterize Gil Gruen, using three of his own quotations or actions to support your case.
8. Would this book appeal more to dog-lovers or to people who don't want to own a dog? Discuss.
9. Name two characters whom Whiskey cannot abide. Illustrate and explain her reactions to them.
10. Who is Balboa, and what is her role in the story?
11. Explain the significance of Whiskey's dream in Chapter 16.
12. Specifically, how does Jane VanDam's arrival complicate Whiskey's life?
13. Who is Pashtoon, and what is her story?
14. Explain Mooney's "pedigree" and how it qualifies him for his work.

15. How does a photo of Ipinima Beach affect events in this story?
16. Who are the Schlegels, and how do they contribute to the resolution?
17. Make two columns, one for Whiskey's assets, the other for her liabilities. Which list is longer and/or more persuasive?
18. Explain Noonan's role in the death of Dan Gallagher. Should she have stepped forward earlier? Why didn't she?
19. Describe the tone of this novel and find your favorite passages to support your point.
20. Discuss what each of the following characters wants most: (a) Whiskey Mattimoe; (b) Noonan Starr; (c) Chester; (d) Avery Mattimoe; (e) Cassina; (f) Judy "Jenx" Jenkins; (g) Odette Mutombo; (h) Gil Gruen; (i) Ricardo Anuncio; (j) Ellianna Santy; (k) Darrin Keogh; (l) Marilee Gallagher.

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