

When We Were Mothers

Book Club Questions

Hello! Nicci here. Thank you so much for reading *When We Were Mothers* and joining Nicci's Notes.

I wanted to thank you for your support, and I thought book club questions would be a fun way to connect—with me and with other readers who also enjoyed the book and want to talk more about it.

There are 15 questions here. Don't feel like you have to discuss all of them, or take them in order, or do anything with them other than exactly what's useful for you. Questions 1-10 you can look at anytime. The last 5, represented by the letters A-E, may contain spoilers. So I'd have your group wait to look at them until after everyone has finished reading.

I've included a printer-friendly version at the back in case you don't want to blow your entire printer cartridge on book club.

Thank you again for reading and supporting my work!





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Spoiler Alert



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B

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C

Why do you think Astor never left the Garden Society?

D

Do you think Lucinda will ever be able to reconcile her feelings about her mother with her new understanding of her past?

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