

On Sugar Hill
Book Club Questions

1. What was unique about the setting of this book? Did it enhance the story?
2. What is Cora's self-perception? How did she come by it?
3. Cora has a close group of friends from early childhood. How did they help her? Did you have a close group of friends growing up? Did they carry into adulthood?
4. How did Cora's job search affect her self-perception?
5. When Fizzie has Madam Tolvaj come to perform a séance, what was Cora's reaction to her? What was yours?
6. What did Boone and Cora find behind the wallpaper? How did that change Cora?
7. Have you ever been in a gold mine? What was it like? Would you go into one like the one Cora did?
8. What happens in the gold mine between Boone and Cora?
9. After Cora's job searches and gold mining fail, what does she decide to do?
10. How does New Year's Eve change Cora's growing relationship with Boone? How do they resolve the misunderstanding?
11. What did you think of Fitzgerald House's first guests? Do they add to the story?
12. When Cora empties wastebaskets in a guest room, what does she find? How does that impact her?
13. A quote from an old Rudy Vallee song exemplifies Cora's life. What was it? Have you ever felt like that?
14. How does Boone finally win Cora?
15. There were two spiritual threads woven into this story. Did you see them? Can you name them?