

WRINKLES & WHODUNITS

Book Club Discussion Guide

Welcome

Thank you for choosing *Wrinkles & Whodunits* for your book club. While this cozy mystery begins with a suspected blackmail scheme and quickly surges into murder and an unexpected investigation, it is also a story about friendship, courage, community, and the discovery that life still holds surprises at every age.

Whether your group enjoys solving mysteries or discussing relationships and personal growth, I hope these questions spark meaningful conversation and a few laughs along the way.

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Discussion Questions

The Mystery

1. What first drew you into the mystery? Was there a particular clue, suspect, or event that captured your attention?
 2. Did you correctly identify the culprit before the reveal? If so, what clues led you to your conclusion?
 3. Which clue or twist surprised you the most?
 4. If you had been one of the women, would you have joined the investigation or preferred to stay out of it? Why?
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The Characters

5. Which member of the group did you relate to most and why?
 6. The women have different reactions to investigating the death. Why do you think some were eager while others were reluctant?
 7. Which character experienced the greatest personal growth throughout the story?
 8. Did your opinion of any character change as the story unfolded?
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Friendship and Community

9. How did the investigation affect the relationships among the women?
 10. What did the story reveal about the importance of friendship later in life?
 11. How did the women support one another through challenges and disagreements?
 12. Have you ever formed an unexpected friendship that became important in your life?
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Life After Retirement

13. The characters discover that retirement doesn't mean life stops being adventurous. How does the novel challenge stereotypes about aging?
 14. What strengths did the women possess that helped them solve the mystery?
 15. What message do you think the book conveys about purpose and meaning during the later stages of life?
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Themes and Reflection

16. What themes stood out most to you while reading the novel?
 17. How did the story balance humor with more serious topics?
 18. What did you learn about trust, courage, or resilience from the characters?
 19. If you could ask one character a question, who would it be and what would you ask?
 20. What do you think happens next for these women after the story ends?
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Just for Fun

Cast the Movie

If *Wrinkles & Whodunits* were made into a movie or television series, who would you cast to play the main characters?

Senior Sleuth Challenge

Do you think your book club members would make good amateur detectives? What role would each person play in solving a mystery?

Mystery Rating

On a scale of 1 to 10:

- How would you rate the mystery?
 - How would you rate the friendships?
 - How would you rate the humor?
 - How surprised were you by the ending?
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A Note from the Author

The inspiration for *Wrinkles & Whodunits* grew from watching my mother's transition into a retirement community. I would eat dinner with her regularly, surprised by the characters all around us. Mom, her dinner-table mates, and I would imagine the friendships, adventures, and unexpected stories that might unfold there. While the mystery drives the plot, the heart of the book lies in the relationships among the women and the ways they learn to trust, support, and challenge one another.

Thank you for spending time with these characters. I hope they left you smiling and perhaps reminded you that friendship, purpose, and adventure have no expiration date.

Happy Reading!

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