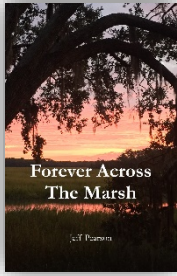


# BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



Dear Readers,

Thank you for taking the time to read our book. It is very special to me and my wife, Megan. We hope you enjoyed the experience as much as we did. Below, we have suggested some questions that might spark a healthy discussion.

Best wishes,

Jeff

## General Discussion Questions:

1. What was your initial reaction to the book? Were you interested early on, or did it take some time to get into?
2. Humor was a major part of this novel. Which humorous parts stood out the most?
3. Did you feel a particular connection with one of the characters? Why?
4. How was the marsh important to the story?

## Book Structure:

1. This novel was organized into a series of short stories, somewhat like Tom Sawyer or Forrest Gump. How did the structure of the book affect the story?
2. Was there a particular chapter or story that you enjoyed most? Was there a chapter that you did not find interesting?

## Theme: Struggle and Hope:

1. Did you find an overarching theme in the book?
2. Each character had his/her own struggles and weaknesses. What were they? How did they overcome them?
3. What shook Pastor David's faith? What sparked his recovery?
4. In Chapter 32 – A Slump – Did you find significance in the coach bringing four different manuals on how to hit a baseball?
5. How do you think the book could help you or others look at their own struggles?

**Insights:**

1. Why do you think Jesse hid the treasure?
2. Did you recognize the foreshadowing when Sophia sang “Ring-A-Round the Rosie?”
3. What was the significance of the magic penny – the penny that doubles – at the end? In the first and last chapters of the book, what other things are mentioned that can double?

**Impact:**

1. Did the book change your opinion or perspective about anything? Do you feel different now than you did before you read it?
2. Was there a moment in the story that particularly touched you or resonated with you?

**Ending:**

1. How did you feel at the end of the book?
2. Would you want to read the sequel? Why or why not?

Do you have a question you would like the author to answer?  
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