

Discussion Questions for Memoirs

General Questions

- What did you like about this book?
- What didn't you like about this book?
- Was there any one line or passage that stood out to you?
- Does this remind you of any other books you've read?
- How long did it take you to finish this book?
- Have you read other books by this author? How did they compare to this book?
- What feelings or emotions does this book evoke for you?
- What is one question you would like to ask the author?
- How original do you think this book was?
- What do you think the author's purpose was in writing this book?
- Did your opinion of the book change as you read it?
- Who would you recommend this book to?
- Do you have any lingering questions after finishing the book?
- Does this book make you think of any songs? Create a playlist for the book.

Memoir-Specific Questions

- Did you find the author to be a sympathetic or likeable narrator?
- How honest do you think the author was?
- Are there any gaps you'd like the author to fill in, or pieces of information you think were missing?
- Which parts, if any, of the author's experience could you relate to?
- If you were already familiar with the author, did reading this book change your view of them?
- Describe the author's tone. Were they funny, angry, resentful, etc.?
- Is the author someone you would like to know in real life?
- What do you think the author's purpose was in telling their story?
- What is the author's biggest strength? Their biggest weakness?
- What do you think is the most important takeaway from the author's story?