

Discussion Questions for Book Clubs

Most people who are enthusiastic participants in book clubs know that it's the lively exchange of thoughtful opinions that makes them fun and engaging. The following questions and ideas are intended to help guide discussions, but Jane wants to encourage you not to feel limited to these questions—what do you want to talk about? [Contact Jane](#) directly so she can attend or call into your Book Club.

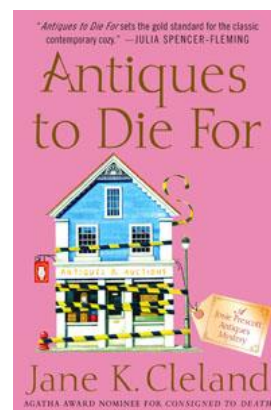
ANTIQUES TO DIE FOR



Recipe— "Guavatinis"

Mix four parts guava nectar with one part vodka.

Stir. Serve. Sip. Ah!



1. Josie sometimes enjoys flavored martinis. Guavatinis are among her favorites! Prepare martinis for your guests. Josie sometimes enjoys martinis straight up with a twist.
2. Read or reread the book.
3. When you're ready to begin, spend a few minutes explaining:
 - o What you liked best about the book
 - o Plot points that struck you as especially significant
 - o Which character or characters were most intriguing
 - o Anything that you didn't like or that confused you
4. Start with a closed-ended question such as "Did you like the book?"
5. Facilitate a discussion *Antiques to Die For* by asking a series of open-ended questions such as:
 - o Rosalie was a communications expert and a historian. Do you enjoy history? What period? What, specifically, interests you?
 - o Josie's mother died when she was thirteen. The last member of Paige's immediate family is killed when she's twelve. Can you imagine what either of those circumstances would be like? How would you cope?
 - o Josie thinks about her father all the time, quoting him to help her find answers to life's questions. Is there anyone whose past words still resonate with you? Your grandmother? An elementary school teacher? Who is it? Also, do you recall anything in particular that Josie's dad said? What was it and why did you find it meaningful?
 - o Who is your favorite character? Why?
 - o Ty accepts a new job. What do you think of this decision-making style?
 - o What do you think of Josie's relationship with Ty? How is it evolving?
 - o An ongoing theme in *Antiques to Die For* is the importance of community and being accepted. What are your thoughts about fitting in?
 - o Do you collect anything? If so, what and why?
6. Continue your facilitation by noting any words you had to look up in the dictionary, facts that surprised you, and the like. For instance, did you know what a "haptic" meant?
7. Ask if anyone has any additional comments.
8. Take a digital photo of the group holding *Antiques to Die For* and [e-mail it to us for posting on the website!](#)
9. Toast yourselves using Josie's dad's favorite toast: "To silver light in the dark of night."