

# Discussion Questions for Book Clubs

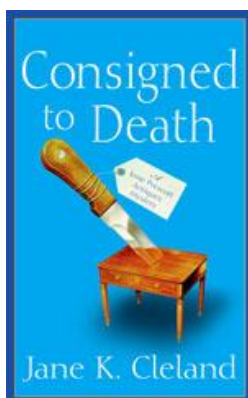
**Most people who are enthusiastic participants in book clubs** know that it's the lively exchange of thoughtful opinions that makes them fun and engaging. The following questions and ideas are intended to help guide discussions, but Jane wants to encourage you not to feel limited to these questions—what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

## *Consigned to Death*

### Recipe— On the Rocks

Pour Bombay Sapphire gin, kept in the freezer, over ice in a pretty rocks glass.

Add a lemon twist... take a lemon and pound it on the counter a few times to "loosen the juice." Using a sharp knife, cut into the peel just deep enough to pierce the skin, but not the fruit, and draw the blade down from end to end. Starting at the same point and ending at the same point, draw the blade down again at a slight arc. Remove the cut out piece. You'll be holding a 1/8" sliver of lemon peel. Twist the piece into a spiral, drop into the gin, and swirl.



1. Prepare martinis for your guests. In *Consigned to Death*, Josie drinks Bombay Sapphire on the rocks with a twist. (See recipe above.)
2. Read or reread the book
3. When you're ready to begin, spend a few minutes explaining:
  - What you liked best about the book
  - Plot points that struck you as especially significant
  - Which character or characters were most intriguing
  - 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 of *Consigned to Death* by asking a series of open-ended questions such as:
  - What do you think of Josie's relationship with her parents?
  - Who is Josie closer to—her mother or her father?
  - One book club attendee mentioned that reading about Josie's dad's advice made her think about how she spoke to her own children. What are your thoughts on this subject—the power of words?
  - Would Josie be stronger if she had to deal with things on her own, without being able to call on her father's sayings—or do you think she's lucky to have that legacy?
  - Who is your favorite character? Why?
  - What do you think of Josie's relationship with Ty?
  - What does Josie look like?
  - Do you like antiques? If so, what kinds?
  - Which aspects of Josie's business were most interesting to you to learn about?
  - Are there any big life lessons in *Consigned to Death*? If so, what are they?
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 it surprise you that people will buy art they know to be stolen and thus can't display?
7. Ask if anyone has any additional comments.
8. Take a digital photo of the group holding *Consigned to Death* 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."