

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.

DOLLED UP FOR MURDER

Recipe— "Josie's Blue Martini"

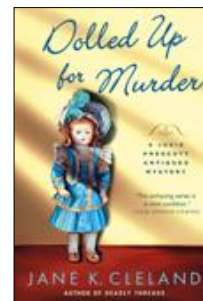


1 ½ oz vodka (from bottle kept in the freezer)

- ❖ 1 ½ oz Blue Curacao
- ❖ 1 tsp. Dry vermouth
- ❖ 1 tsp. Lemon juice

- Add a few ice cubes.
- Shake vigorously for a few seconds.
- Pour into previously frozen martini glass.
- Add lemon twist, if desired.

1. Prepare Josie's Blue Martini for your guests.
2. Toast one another with Josie's favorite toast, the one she learned from her dad: "Here's to silver light in the dark of night." ([Take a look at the gorgeous bookmark Bonny made for Jane!](#))
3. Read or reread the book.
4. 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
5. Start with a closed-ended question such as "Did you like the book?"
6. Facilitate a discussion *Dolled up for Murder* by asking a series of open-ended questions such as:
 - Did you play with dolls when you were young? If so, which one was your favorite? Why?
 - What do you think of Hank? Do you have a pet who's your confidant?
 - Josie buys a doll collection from two sisters whose mother has just died. Have you ever had to clean out a house after someone you love has died? What was the hardest part for you?
 - Do you collect any antiques? If so, what? Why?
7. Continue your facilitation by noting any words you had to look up in the dictionary, facts that surprised you, and the like.
8. Ask if anyone has any additional comments.
9. Take a digital photo of the group holding *Dolled Up for Murder* and [e-mail it to us at jane@janecleland.net](mailto:jane@janecleland.net) for [posting on the website!](#)



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