

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.

ORNAMENTS OF DEATH

Recipe— Josie's Prescott Punch

For each serving, stir together:

1.5 oz freezer-cold vodka

1.5 oz freezer-cold giger ale

1 oz freezer-cold cranberry juice



After chilling, pour into a martini glass and garnish with a sprig of mint

Book Club Discussion Questions

Thanks for choosing *Ornaments of Death* for your book club! After you've made the featured drink and toasted one another with Josie's dad's favorite toast: "Here's to silver light in the dark of night," you're ready to discuss the book! Here are a few questions to get you started:

1. In *Ornaments of Death*, one of the characters got into genealogy after he retired. Are you interested in genealogy? If so, why? What do you hope to discover? If not, why not?

2. Seventeenth-century miniature watercolor portraits were often the size of a postage stamp. Why would artists work in such a small format?
3. Look at the cover art. Can you recognize Arabella Churchill and King James II? Who else is portrayed on the ornaments? (Hint: Think of the characters in the book.)
4. What do you think of Josie's relationship to Hank?
5. What's your favorite holiday tradition?
6. Becca, who did not grow up on the shore, knew early on that she wanted to be a marine biologist. Have you ever done anything unexpected?

Don't forget to take a photo of the book club members holding the book (and maybe the martinis, too)! Send it to Jane. She loves them!

Any questions? [Email Jane directly](#)