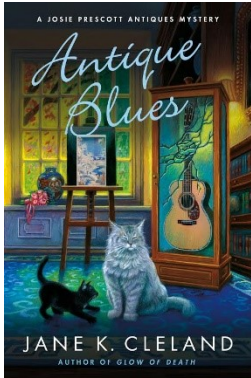


Discussion Questions for Book Clubs



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.

Antique Blues

Recipe: Josie's Dad's Martini

Use an atomizer to spray a thin coating of dry vermouth on the inside of a martini glass.

Fill a martini shaker with good gin, ideally from a bottle in the freezer. Josie uses Bombay Sapphire. Add a capful of Limoncello. Shake, shake, shake.

Using a sieve, pour the liquor into the glass. Rim the lip with a curlicue of lemon rind, then toss it in.

Enjoy!

From *Antique Blues*:

Bombay Sapphire, which I kept in the freezer, shaken with a cap-full of Limoncello, a concoction of my dad's creation. I used an atomizer to spray vermouth inside chilled glasses, another trick I learned from my dad. I filled them nearly to the top with the frozen liquor. I rimmed the lip of my glass with a curlicue of lemon rind, then tossed it in.



Book Club Discussion Questions

Thanks for choosing *Antique Blues* 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. According to the National Domestic Violence hotline, one in three women is a victim of domestic violence. In *Antique Blues*, Lydia Shannon, a high-powered lawyer, is one of those victims. What did you think of her relationship with Cal?
2. Josie discusses how Hiroshige's woodblock prints evoke loneliness to some people, while to others, they evoke serenity. If you're on a deserted stretch of beach, do you feel serene or lonely?
3. Do you like Japanese woodblock prints? Why or why not?
4. What's your favorite style of art? Why?
5. Josie thought long and hard as she weighed options for the tradition of a bride wearing something old, something new, something borrowed, and something blue. If you're married, did you follow this tradition? If so, what were your choices? Whether you're married or not, what did you think of Josie's choices?
6. Did you like Mo's ex-husband, Steve? Why or why not?
7. What was your favorite part of the book, the romance or the mystery?

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!