

Discussion Questions for Book Clubs

Thanks for choosing *Hidden Treasure* for your Book Club! If you'd like Jane to attend your book club meeting in person or via Zoom, [contact her directly](#). She loves to join the conversation!



Hidden Treasure

A Watermelon Martini is the featured martini in *Hidden Treasure*. Here's Josie's recipe.
Jane hopes you enjoy it!

Recipe: Watermelon Martini

Ingredients:

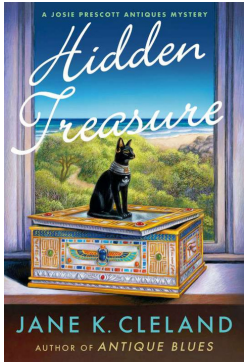
- ½ c. sugar
- ½ cup water
- 5 cups watermelon, seeds removed
- 2 tbs lemon juice
- 1 ¼ c vodka
- 2 oz. melon liqueur



Directions:

1. Make simple syrup by bringing the sugar and water to a boil in a small saucepan. Stir until the sugar has been completely dissolved. Let cool.
2. In a blender or food processor, puree the watermelon.
3. Add a little simple syrup to sweeten to taste.
4. Mix the sweetened watermelon puree, lemon juice, vodka, and melon liqueur. Adjust sweetness by adding more simple syrup to taste.
5. Garnish with a watermelon wedge or lemon twist.

Book Club Discussion Questions



Thanks for choosing *Hidden Treasure* 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. Have you ever lost something that held significance for you? Talk about what you lost, the circumstances, and how you felt about it. Did you ever find it?
2. Gretchen cut off her hair to donate it to an organization that makes wigs for children with cancer. As a result, her looks were dramatically changed. Have you ever made a dramatic change in your appearance? How did it work out for you?
3. The pivotal antique in *Hidden Treasure* is an ancient Egyptian artifact, a statue of a cat.
4. Josie has two cats, Hank and Angela. According to *National Geographic*, nearly a quarter of Americans prefer cats to dogs. Where do you stand on the issue?
5. The primary theme of *Hidden Treasure* is second chances. Has anyone ever given you a second chance? Who? Describe the circumstances and what it meant to you.
6. Talk about Josie. What do you like best about her? What do you wish she'd do differently?
7. If you were going to cast a movie, who would play Josie? Who would play Ty?