



Book Club in a Bag

Discussion Questions

The Chambermaid's Key by Genevieve Graham

1. Does the use of a dual timeline add or take away from the story? Did you feel more interested or connected to Rosie's storyline or to Bridget's?
2. It is often remarked that Rosie is different. What qualities set Rosie apart from her peers? Do you see these same qualities in Bridget?
3. Do you think Rosie did the right thing by her friend Bianca? Should she have recommended her to Mrs. Evans despite her misgivings?
4. While Damien seemed like the perfect boyfriend, Rosie's knowledge of his involvement in organized crime came too late to change her feelings. Was Rosie right to continue to love Damien? Did he redeem himself in your eyes or was redemption even necessary?
5. Do you think the historic Toronto hotel the Royal York was right to decline Genevieve Graham the official use of their name since they have never been connected to organized crime? Did her other references to historical landmarks add or take away from the story?
6. The role that Claudia played in Bridget's life at first seems very similar to Mrs. Evans for Rosie. Compare the two women and how their actions impact the main characters in their respective storylines.
7. Did you like the way the family came together at the end? Would you change anything about the ending?
8. Genevieve Graham says that she hopes her readers learn something about history when reading her books. What was the most interesting historical fact that you discovered?

These questions were created by Clarington Library, Museums & Archives staff to enhance your discussion of the book.

Author Biography

Genevieve Graham is the USA TODAY and #1 bestselling author of *The Forgotten Home Child* and has been nicknamed “The Queen of Canadian historical fiction”. She is passionate about breathing life back into Canadian history through tales of love and adventure, including stories from the 18th, 19th, and 20th centuries. All the books have been on Toronto Star’s Top 10 list multiple times, thanks to her loyal readers. *On Isabella Street* is her ninth novel focused on Canada’s role in world history, and readers say it is ‘perfect for fans of Kristin Hannah’s *The Women*.
(<https://genevievegraham.com/>)

Book Club in a Bag Terms of Use

Simplify your book club selection with Book Club in a Bag! Visit our website at www.cplma.ca/bookclubinabag to see a list of available titles, view the availability calendar, and submit a request.

Booking a Kit

- Booking may be made up to a year in advance.
- Please check the calendar accessible on our website for availability.
- Fill out the form with your information, and a staff member will be in touch to confirm your booking.
- Pick up your hold at the service desk. Your notification may come in a few days early, but it will remain available until your specified pick-up date.

Terms of Loan

- 12 copies are included in each kit.
- 6-week loan period.
- No renewals.
- Kit may be picked up at or returned to any CLMA library location.
- Kit must be returned at the service desk during operating hours, not through an exterior drop box.
- All items are checked out to one person’s card.
- The person who borrowed the kit is responsible for:
 - The distribution and return of all items to their group members; and
 - Any damages to the books/bag, or lost items.
 - The cost of a damaged or lost book varies depending on the item.