**Questions for a group discussion**

1. How did you ***experience the book?*** Were you immediately drawn into the story--or did it take you a while? Did the book intrigue, amuse, disturb, alienate, irritate, or frighten you?
2. Do you find the ***characters convincing?*** Are they believable?
3. Which characters do you particularly ***admire or dislike?*** What are their primary characteristics?
4. What ***motivates*** a given character’s actions? Do you think those actions are justified or ethical?
5. Do any characters ***grow or change*** during the course of the novel? If so, in what way?
6. Who in this book would you most ***like to meet?*** What would you ask—or say?
7. If you could ***insert yourself*** as a character in the book, what role would you play? You might be a new character or take the place of an existing one.
8. Is the ***plot well-developed***? Is it believable? Do you feel manipulated along the way ?
9. Consider ***the ending.*** Did you expect it or were you surprised? Was it manipulative? Was it forced? Was it neatly wrapped up--too neatly?
10. If you could ***rewrite the ending,*** would you? In other words, did you find the ending satisfying? Why or why not.
11. Can you ***pick out a passage*** that strikes you as particularly interesting--or perhaps something that sums up the central dilemma of the book?
12. Does the book remind you of ***your own life***? An event or situation? A person--a friend, family member, boss, co-worker?
13. If you were to ***talk with the author,*** what would you want to know?
14. Have you read the ***author’s other books?*** Can you see similarities—in theme, writing style, structure—between them? Or are they completely different?