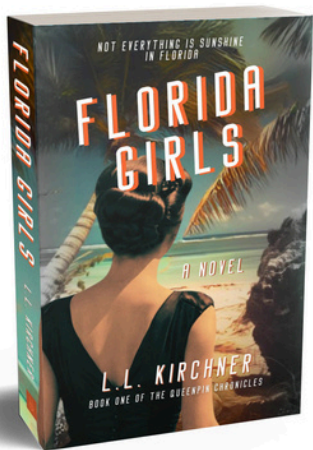


## QUESTIONS FOR YOUR BOOK CLUB



A liberty bond tour full of eager young women. A sunny town with a sleazy underbelly. When the Florida Girls start shooting back, will anyone survive?

This book has lots of rich discussion material, here are some questions to get you started.

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- Have you ever been stuck somewhere, broke and with no one to call for help? How did you get out of it?
- As a thought experiment, talk about how or why a business would set up a promotional tour during a war? Where do you think they'd get the money and rations to fund it?
- At the beginning of the story, Thelma is very defensive. How does this change through the course of the narrative?
- What did you think about the character who was “passing” (in the parlance of the day)?
- What did you think of Millicent’s actions? Do you think she feared for her fiancé at war, or her own future, or something else?
- Did you know about real-life characters such as Virginia Hill & Stephanie St. Clair prior to reading this book? Why did you think they were included in this story?
- What was your reaction to discovering Sal’s secret? Did that soften or harden when you learned about why—according to Sal—he had such a rule?
- What do you think happened to “green benches” and other such tools of segregation?
- What did you think when Thelma followed in her mother’s footsteps and tried to run from the mafia by joining the Florida Girls tour?
- What was your impression of the way Kathleen faced challenges during the tour? What do you think changed for her by the end of the tour?
- Who and/or what helped Thelma open up to the rest of the team on the tour at the end?
- Did you think it was unfair that they excluded Hattie May from their final scheme?
- If you were given the chance to run a business, how would it change your life? Would you leave your friends and family behind to do it? How different would your answer be at 18, 28, 38, etc?
- Considering the book’s ending, how do you think Thelma will react in *VEGAS GIRLS*? And how will it be different from how she reacted in this book?