Book Bound Club

Discussion Questions Guide

THE GLASS CASTLE
by Jeannette Walls

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1. For those of you that have read various nonfiction books, what did you think about The Glass Castle in terms of how it was written and pacing?

2. Those who haven't read many nonfiction books, what did you think about the book? How did you prep your mind beforehand? Did you find that you were comparing what you’re used to with fiction novels to how this nonfiction book is structured?

3. Which story stood out to you the most? What did you like/not like about the story?

4. Did the book make you think differently about your own life in anyway?

5. If you have children, put yourself in the shoes of Mrs. Walls. How would you have handled Mr. Walls? Is there anything you would do differently? Did you find yourself agreeing/disagreeing with Mrs. Walls?

6. Same scenario, but put yourself in the shoes of Mr. Walls. Is there anything you agreed/disagreed with in his methods?

7. For those that don't have children, what are your thoughts on the way the Walls children were raised? Is there anything you would avoid/implement: within your own family?

8. How do you think our childhood impacts us as adults?

9. What did you think of the ending overall?

10. Would you recommend this book to a friend?

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Books:
The Silver Star
Half Broke Horses

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