



Book Club Questions for *The Peach Rebellion*

- 1) The story features three girls, yet has only two viewpoint characters. Why do you think this is? How might the book feel different if Lisette would have had her own chapters?
- 2) What were your feelings about Lisette at the first part of the book? Did your feelings shift by the end of the book? Do you think the changes in Lisette will stick?
- 3) In *The Peach Rebellion* there's evidence of clear social stratification stemming from economic disparity. Does economic disparity still create social stratification in your community?
- 4) Why do you think the author chose to set the story in 1947?
- 5) What do you think would have ultimately happened to Mrs. Gilley if Ginny Rose hadn't taken matters into her own hands? How about Anna Mae?
- 6) Ginny Rose reflects on how a bike tire and its innertube are representative of life—that you carry the scar inside you, even if no one can see them. Do you agree with her metaphor?
- 7) Through most of her life, Ginny Rose has felt like an outsider. Have you ever experienced being shut out or excluded? If so, how did it make you feel? Were you able to do anything about it? What might have helped?
- 8) Do you know any women who experienced the post-WWII years? Do you recall stories they may have shared about this time in history?
- 9) All three girls were grounded by their parents for misbehaving. All three girls escaped. What might have been a more effective way for the parents to have handled their grievances with their daughters?
- 10) Why did Peggy get teary when she saw the two-of-hearts bookmark in Ginny Rose's library book? How is its significance reinforced by Peggy stating that the rest of the deck was long gone?
- 11) How did Mr. Gilley's approach to day-to-day survival differ from the way he handled personal interactions with his wife and daughters?
- 12) What did you think about Ginny Rose's reverence for a seed's transformation into a tree? Can you think of other examples where disparate elements combine to create something miraculous?
- 13) BONUS: What's your favorite peachy dessert?

