

**Book Club Questions for
Mother-Daughter Murder Night by Nina Simon**

1. The story revolves around three generations of strong women—Lana, Beth, and Jack—each with their unique personalities and strengths. How did the portrayal of their characters impact your reading experience? Which character did you relate to the most, and why?
2. Jack's discovery of the dead body sets the events of the novel into motion. How does this traumatic event affect her character and her perspective on life? Discuss the challenges she faces as a young girl caught up in a murder investigation.
3. The book combines elements of family drama and murder mystery. How did the author balance these two genres, and what do you think each added to the story? Did you find one aspect more compelling than the other?
4. The Rubicon women are forced to come together to solve a murder mystery, putting aside their differences and relying on each other. How did their relationships evolve throughout the book, and what did you think of their dynamics as a family?
5. The setting of the story shifts from the bustling city to a sleepy coastal town. How did this change of environment affect the characters and the overall tone of the book? Did it enhance the story's impact?
6. Detective Nicoletti is one of the few male characters in the book, and he plays a significant role in the investigation. How do Lana, Beth, and Jack interact with Detective Nicoletti, and what does his character add to the story?
7. The book addresses themes of illness, resilience, and the pursuit of justice. How did these themes resonate with you, and did they add depth to the narrative? Were there any particular scenes or moments related to these themes that stood out to you?
8. Lana, the matriarch of the family, takes on the role of an amateur sleuth. What did you think of her determination and resourcefulness in solving the murder? Did her character development surprise you?
9. In a small community filled with quirky characters, secrets, and hidden conflicts, how did the author keep you engaged in the mystery? Were there any twists or revelations that caught you by surprise?
10. The title, "Mother-Daughter Murder Night," implies a significant bond between generations. How did this bond play a role in the story's resolution? Were there any moments that particularly touched you regarding this theme?

11. The book delves into themes of resilience and determination, particularly in the face of illness. How do Lana's experiences with cancer shape her actions and motivations throughout the story? Were there moments that resonated with you on a personal level?

12. "Mother-Daughter Murder Night" combines elements of humor and mystery. Were there specific humorous moments or lines that stood out to you? How did the author balance humor with the more serious aspects of the story?

13. The author, Nina Simon, wrote this book as a collaborative project with her own mother during a challenging time. How does this background information about the book's creation impact your reading experience and interpretation of the story?

14. If you were to compare this book to another work of fiction or a TV series, as suggested by the description ("Think: Gilmore Girls, but with murder"), which one would it be, and why? How did this comparison enhance or affect your reading experience?

15. Without giving away spoilers, how satisfied were you with the resolution of the murder mystery and the overall conclusion of the story? If you were in charge of the Rubicon women's next adventure, where would you like to see them go or what mystery would you want them to solve?

16. Were there any surprises or plot twists that caught you off guard as you read the book? How did these moments contribute to your overall enjoyment of the story?

17. If you were to sum up the book's main message or takeaway, what would it be? How did the themes of family, resilience, and amateur sleuthing come together in the narrative?