

PIPPA PARK



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BOOK CLUB QUESTIONS

1. Pippa isn't an orphan, but at times she feels like one. Describe Pippa's relationship with Mina, her older sister. Why is Mina so tough on Pippa? Discuss whether Mina resents taking care of Pippa. How is Jung-Hwa, Mina's husband, a father figure to Pippa? How does he make Pippa feel better after she has a fight with Mina?
2. What is the definition of family? Explain why Pippa's mother had to return to Korea. How are Mina and Jung-Hwa realizing the American dream? Discuss how Pippa's family situation is similar to that of new Americans throughout our nation. How are many of them separated from their loved ones? Discuss why it's important to celebrate all types of families.
3. Pippa says, "At Lakeview I could be anyone, as long as they didn't find out the truth about me." What doesn't she want the kids at Lakeview to know about her? What does she do to keep her home life private? What does Pippa think would happen if the girls found out the truth about her?
4. How does trying to fit in cause Pippa to lose her sense of self? Why is she ashamed of her family and the way they live? At the end of the novel, Pippa invites the basketball team to her apartment. What is significant about this gesture?
5. Pippa's best friend at Victoria Middle is Buddy Johnson. Think about how she betrays him. Discuss the apology and explanation for her behavior that she might give to Buddy.
6. Why does Pippa think that Eliot's family life is more messed up than hers? How does knowing about his family make her better understand Eliot? At what point does Mr. Haverford gain the courage to stand up to Aunt Evelyn?
7. Olive Giordana is the student ambassador that shows Pippa around the school. How does Olive's desire to be popular affect her judgment and turn her into a cyber-bully? When Pippa learns that Olive is Throwaway, how does that make Pippa feel? Discuss cyberbullying in your school.
8. Discuss what Jung-Hwa means when he says, "The lower you fall, the more room you have to rise." What is Pippa's lowest point? How do you know that she is about to rise? Have you ever felt the same way?
9. Pippa's family celebrates Chuseok: Korean Thanksgiving Day. Learn more about the traditions associated with this holiday on the Internet. Describe and discuss the holiday and the food that is prepared. What cultural holidays does your family celebrate? Is there anything special that you eat?
10. *Pippa Park Raises Her Game* is a contemporary reimagining of *Great Expectations*. Use books or the Internet to find out about the main characters in *Great Expectations*. What is each character's counterpart in *Pippa Park Raises Her Game*? List the characters, side by side and as a group apply two or three adjectives that best describe each of them.
11. Think about all that has happened to Pippa. Then consider the following quote from *Great Expectations*: "And it was not until I began to think, that I began fully to know how wrecked I was, and how the ship in which I had sailed was gone to pieces." What is the metaphorical ship that Pippa sails? At what point does Pippa realize "how wrecked" her life is? How does she turn her life around once she begins "thinking"?
12. If you were to pick one character from *Pippa Park Raises Her Game* who is most like you, who would it be and why? Who is most unlike you and why? Which character from the book would you want as your friend and why?

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Pippa Park Crush at First Sight Book Club Questions

1. Discuss a specific scene that reveals Pippa's strong need to belong. How does Pippa feel caught between two worlds? Describe the two worlds in which she lives and explain how these two worlds create conflict within Pippa. How does Pippa's need for acceptance affect everything she does in school and outside of school?

6. The Korean Baptist Church is having a Christmas pageant, and Mina suggests that Pippa offer to help. What is Pippa's reaction to this suggestion? What does Mina gain from Pippa's participation? What is the source of Mina's stress? How does she expect Pippa to be understanding of the family's financial situation? Debate whether she expects too much of Pippa.

7. Pippa meets Marvel Moon at the first pageant rehearsal. What do they like about each other? How is this different than Pippa's relationship with Eliot? Later, Marvel sees a text that Pippa receives from Buddy and misinterprets it. How does this threaten Pippa and Marvel's relationship?

8. Discuss the crush Pippa has on Eliot. At what point does Eliot finally express his feelings for Pippa? Explain how Pippa's budding relationship with Eliot complicates matters with Marvel. Discuss the courage it takes to tell Marvel everything with one-hundred-percent honesty. How does being honest and open give Pippa a feeling of relief?

9. Pippa needs to tell someone that the party is in jeopardy. Why is she confident that she can tell her troubles to Mrs. Lee? How does she blame Mrs. Lee for her problems? Discuss how Mrs. Lee helps Pippa accept responsibility for her own fate.

10. Discuss what Pippa means when she says, "Mrs. Lee had given me much more than her key" (p. 178). What is Jung-Hwa's role in the success of the party? How does the party help everyone, including Mina, have a merry Christmas?

11. Explain the symbolism of the gold scrunchie that Helen and Bianca give Pippa the day after the party. What causes Bianca to change? Compare Pippa and Bianca's relationship in *Pippa Park Crush at First Sight* to their relationship in *Pippa Park Raises Her Game*.

12. If you were to pick one character from *Pippa Park Crush at First Sight* who is most like you, who would it be and why? Who is most unlike you and why? Which character from the book would you want as your friend and why?

2. Each year, the Royals have a Christmas Eve party. They wear fancy dresses, serve expensive food, and use extravagant decorations. Why do they think this is the most important social event of the year? How does Pippa become the hostess for this year's party? Why is it so important to Pippa that this party be a success? How might the Royals' idea of a great party change after Pippa's party?

3. Describe Caroline. Why does she get so much pleasure in insulting Pippa? What does this reveal about her character? Debate whether she is jealous of Pippa's athletic ability or prejudiced against Pippa's culture and her socioeconomic standing. The other Royals know that Caroline is the "mean girl." Why don't they do more to defend Pippa? How do they eventually come to Pippa's rescue?

4. Mrs. Lee is learning to read tarot cards and offers to read Pippa's and Buddy's cards. A three-card reading includes a person's past, present, and future. Pippa draws a card that clearly represents her past and present. Why isn't Pippa sure she wants to know her future? Describe how the characters' attitudes toward the cards vary.

5. Helen is dating Buddy, Pippa's best friend from Victoria Middle School. Why does their relationship make Pippa feel odd? Why does Pippa leave Buddy's Hanukkah party? Explain what happens when Pippa reveals her feelings to Buddy and Helen.

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