

THE WHITE CITY

Discussion Questions

1. Winnifred's father allows her to go undercover as a secretary. Do you think that offer came out of a trust in her skills or just allowing his daughter do what she must to stay her curiosity before settling down? Or both?
2. Winnifred says that she would have been best friends with her mother based solely on her love for books. Have you ever felt connected with someone departed because of a shared love? Do you think it is Winnie's way of grieving her mother, or is she avoiding her grief, by losing herself in her books?
3. Winnifred says she will pretend to have courage until she actually does. Has there ever been a time when you pretended to have courage in order to accomplish something that scared you or pushed you out of your comfort zone?
4. In order to protect Winnifred, Jude kisses her on the train. Do you think he could have found another way or did he secretly want to kiss her, so he made it the "only" way? Was he wrong for stealing her kiss or was it just deliciously romantic?
5. When Winnie is entombed under the trap door, feelings of abandonment arise, but instead of giving into her despair, she recalls the beginning verses from Isaiah 43. Have you ever been in a place of near despair when there seemed to be no escape, but the Lord provided a way out that you were not expecting?
6. Do you think Winnie should have married the author, Percival "Valentine" Covington? If so, what do you think her life would look like? If not, why?
7. After Jude learns of Holmes' connection with Vincent's murder, he allows Winnifred to go into the Murder Castle one last time. Do you believe Jude's decision was foolhardy, or do you think that was his only choice if he truly loved Winnifred and why?
8. Every chapter begins with a quote, which was your favorite and how did it relate to the story and/or yourself?