

### Generic Questions to Aid Book Group Discussion

- Did the opening chapter capture your attention and make you want to read on?
- Did you enjoy the book? Why? Why not?
- What impression do you have of the main character once you know a bit more about them?
- Did you find the story predictable or unpredictable?
- Does the author set the scene well, can you imagine the setting and can you form a picture of the characters?
- Did the actions of the characters seem plausible? Why? Why not?
- Did the story grip you from the first page?
- Did you get a feel for the characters?
- Was the plot believable/predictable?
- Style – was there a strong sense of time and place?
- Is it the type of book you would normally have chosen to read, and if not were you surprised by the book pleasantly or otherwise?
- Is the ending satisfying? If so, why? If not, why not...and how would you change it?
- If you could ask the author a question, what would you ask? Have you read other books by the same author? If so how does this book compare. If not, does this book inspire you to read others?
- Has this novel changed you—broadened your perspective? Have you learned something new or been exposed to different ideas about people or a certain part of the world?
- Did you feel that the book fulfilled your expectations?
- In a movie version, who would play what parts?
- Would you recommend this title to others?