

Searching for Spice

Discussion Questions

- What specific theme came across in the book for you? What do you think the author was trying to get across to the reader?
- Did the characters seem real and believable to you? Can you relate to any of the predicaments or situations? To what extent do they remind you of yourself or someone you know?
- Do you think Linda's desire for more romance is common among married women?
- How do you think Linda's definition of romance and love changed throughout the book?
- In what ways do the events in the book reveal evidence of the author's worldview?
- Life is a messy business. When Linda hit a few bumps in the road she was thrown off balance. What should/could she have done differently to move through her troubles easier?
- Linda occasionally created her own trouble, especially when she chose to gossip. Despite the fact that gossip appears as a tasty morsel, it often chokes the one spreading it. How did she increase her trouble by gossiping?
- Remember *The Wizard of Oz*? Dorothy realized she had all the adventure and love she needed right in her own backyard. Do you think Linda had a similar epiphany? What clues about this realization did Linda miss throughout the book?
- The author played a word game on the readers. What is the meaning of Linda's last name? What is the opposite of the name given to the photography studio where Linda works? And at face value, didn't her LAME plan turn out to be just that?
- After reading the book, do you have a broader view of what love and commitment mean to a marriage? Do you think readers will appreciate the effort needed to dig into their marriage and hang on despite the storms that surround everyday life?