

Book Club Questions: **A BEAUTIFUL POISON**

1. What do you think of the book's title? How does it relate to the book's contents? What other titles might you choose?
2. First impressions are strong. What impressions did you have about the three main characters at the beginning of the book? What occurred in their thoughts/actions that made you realize that they weren't exactly the kind of person you thought they once were? When did these changes occur?
3. What new things did you learn in the book, or surprised you about the time period?
4. Did you feel closer to one character than another? Why?
5. Many readers have been surprised by the ending of the book. If you were surprised, why? What happened in the book that led you to believe another person was the killer? What did you learn about yourself (about how you read the book and the characters) that allowed this to happen?
6. What was your favorite quote or passage?
7. The influenza pandemic played a role in the book. Did you consider it to be a major player in the possible suspects? In what ways was the pandemic different from the regular flu seasons that you've experienced?
8. Had you heard of Radium Girls before reading this novel? If not, how did you cope with the mysterious illness of Birdie's? If you did, did it make you more or less suspicious of Birdie?

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