

Discussion Questions for *Iris and Mo*

Thank you for choosing to read *Iris and Mo*! I hope you enjoyed it and I also hope these questions will help you on your way to an enthusiastic discussion of the novel. This is not an exhaustive list of questions, but simply a starting place. Feel free to select just a few questions or work your way through the entire list. And if you'd like to know what my answers would be, get in touch! I'd love to share my thoughts with you, and I'd love to hear yours even more.

General Questions

1. Who was your favorite character and why?
2. Did any character surprise you?
3. Was there a moment that caused you to laugh out loud or to reach for a tissue?
4. Which character did you relate to or empathize with the most and why?
5. Which character did you dislike or disagree with the most and why?
6. Are there any characters you wish you could have given advice to? What would you tell them?
7. Are there any characters you wish to receive advice from? About what?
8. What do you think happens after the novel concludes?
9. What was the most memorable scene for you and why?
10. How did you feel about the ending?

Questions Specific to *Iris and Mo*

1. Were you Team Ben or Team Frank? Why?
2. Do you think Iris would have gone through with the wedding to Ben? Why?
3. If Iris and Ben had gotten married, would it have lasted?
4. Though Mo was a cat, he had an important role in Iris's story. What do you believe his role was and how did he fulfill it?
5. As the author, I believed it was necessary for Birch to die. Do you agree? Why or why not?
6. How did you feel about Iris's explanation of where God was when Birch died?
7. Why did Mo have to die? (Hint: It's not because he was at least 12 years old.)
8. How did you react to Iris's response to Frank over the question of "Why me?"?

9. When Iris spoke of Eastport, she said, “There’s just something about this place.” What do you think the something was that made her feel like this was home?
10. If you could give one piece of advice or word of comfort to Ben, what would it be?
(He is a good man after all.)

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