



# The English Bookstore in Bologna

## B O O K C L U B Q U E S T I O N S

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1. Were you able to find empathy or sympathy with Sandy from the outset?
2. When did you suspect or realize Sandy's truth?
3. Do you know anyone like George who took a nosedive after retirement? How did they come out of it? Discuss the need for purpose in life. Can it be found both internally and externally?
4. Harold doesn't believe in himself and thinks the only way to gain anything positive in his life is to become someone else. Have you ever pretended to be someone you're not? Why?
5. Have you ever loved someone for the wrong reasons?
6. Bianca put a placeholder in her life, deciding she wasn't ready to truly live until she'd reached a better version of herself. Can you relate?
7. Who was your favorite character? Did that change as each of them grew? Discuss.
8. Boo's novel Red Mountain also weaves together the lives of four characters living within close proximity. How would you compare the two books?
9. Have you traveled or lived abroad? Share your favorite memories. What were the biggest challenges?
10. When Boo travels, he reads a book set in that locale. Have you ever done the same? Do you enjoy reading novels set in faraway places? What's your favorite?