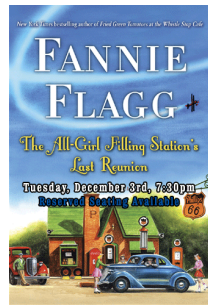




Discussion Guide



About the Book

Book Title: The All-Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion

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Questions for Discussion

1. What were your general impressions of this book?
2. What do you know about the life of women in American during WWII? Do you have any family stories to share about what your great-grandparents, grandparents or parents were doing during those times?
3. What did you think of Fritzzi? What were her strengths and challenges? How did you relate to her story?
4. The main character of the story was Sookie, a married mother of three. What did you enjoy about her character? What were her challenges and how did she address them? How do you relate to her story and journey?
5. Would you say this author is a feminist? Why or why not? How did she approach the issue that the women weren't given pensions or ever seen as full-fledged military members?
6. What has been your experiences related to adoptions? How did Flagg carry this story line? Did it connect with the people you know? Why or why not?
7. Read over the MAMs comments on the book. Which of them do you most agree with and why?
8. In what ways, if any, will this book change your life or perspective?

Meet Fannie Flagg on YouTube...

"A Chat with Fannie Flagg | Hangout with the author of The All-Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion"

See the funny side of Fannie singing in 1969: "Fanny On The Johnny Cash TV Show"

See her acting side: "The Love Boat with Gene Rayburn and Fannie Flagg"

Or... Fannie interviewing herself... "Bestselling Author Fannie Flagg on the Wonders of Life"



NANCY: What a fun, summer read for me! I picked this book up and rarely put it down. The characters were quirky and fun, coming alive in this tale to make feminists smile and everybody laugh. With genuine southern hospitality, Fannie Flagg invites the reader to her native home of Alabama, as a mother of three marries off her third daughter and all of the sudden learns she's not quite the person she thought she was. A great historical fiction piece, with mystery and romance, intrigue and strong women. My first Fannie Flagg book to read, but it won't be the last. I'm glad she's still writing. Try it, you will enjoy!



SALLIE: So many windows into how parents affect their children in this book. We have Sookie's mother, seemingly never happy with her daughter, sending mixed messages. But eventually Sookie learned to understand her mother and her great love. And then there's Fritzzi's dad. Quite ahead of his time in the way he encouraged his daughters. We can achieve so much with a little encouragement from the ones who raise us! Great book, Fannie!



ABIGAIL: Well, I really felt for Sookie in this story. She just never seemed to quite fit into the society in which she was born. She didn't look the part and had a hard time fitting in as well. Eventually when she discovers her true parentage, she comes to love and accept herself much more, as well as her mother's love. Fannie Flagg told this story very well. I agree with Sallie, and Nancy. A fun book to read, with some great characters in more ways that



MOLLY: Discrimination. Here it comes again. This time the women during WWII are the victims. Some of the men couldn't handle the fact that they could fly, the country didn't give them full-fledged status. Where have we heard this story before? Back in the day, I would've been considered 3/5 a person. Or maybe not even that much, since I was a Black woman. Nevertheless, they triumph, as is often the case with the underdog. The best man for a job is often a woman! Well-written, Fannie! I know you're on our side!



PRISCILLA: Oh my, these Women Air Force Service Pilots (WASPs) were outrageous, don't you think? I mean, really! Shouldn't they just let the men fly? I identified with Fritzzi's mother in this book. Can you imagine? Fritzzi and her sisters should've stayed home and kept the family business going.



KATHARINE: Another great period piece for our American history classes. Did you learn about the WASPs when you were growing up? I bet not. But yet, here were the women doing amazing things. Yes, I'll pass this title along to the history professors and encourage them to have the students read it for another side of WWII on the home front. Great, fun read. Thanks, Fannie.



JANE: You go, girl! I cheered Fritzzi and her sisters all the way, and also enjoyed Sookie's spunk and courage to get out there and learn the truth. I'm with Katharine. We need to start teaching about the women in history! Why didn't they tell me about this WASPs in my American history class. I might have become a pilot instead of a carpenter! A great book by Fannie Flagg.