



**NANCY:** What a delightful little book filled with gems on love and loss. A real celebration of the power of books to heal and transform life. The author takes you on a remarkable journey of healing from Paris through the river countryside and on to the beach. Artfully written, with quirky characters and a story that unfolds in surprising ways, right up to the end. I really enjoyed the depth of this good read.



**KATHARINE:** I went to France in my younger years, but never visited some of the little towns mentioned in this book. It makes me want to go back and take a river cruise and explore some more. What do you think, MAMs? Should we take another travel adventure when this coronavirus scare is over?



**PRISCILLA:** Oh my. I was glad Perdu started to go to church again. Maybe the author could have added the Song of Solomon to the book, don't you think? This was a little too risqué for me. Seemed to condone an affair. I don't like that.



**JANE:** Loved the entrepreneur spirit of these book lovers. Selling books of a barge, traveling from town to town. What a life! I'd love a little money making venture like this myself, although I don't think I'd sell books. I'd sell something a little more lucrative. Bookstores are quickly becoming relics of the past.



**MOLLY:** What a storyteller this author! The depth of the love she spins between Manon and Perdu. Max and Victoria. Sam and Salvatore. A triumph for the human heart. I found myself wondering — are the French people great lovers? I'm with Katharine. I'd love to visit.



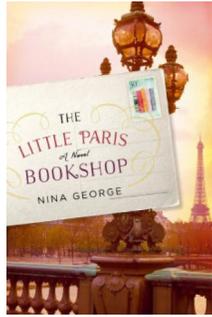
**ABIGAIL:** This reminded me of my adventure in Ireland in Nancy's third novel, Revelation in the Roots. But you'll have to read that, to know what I'm talking about. A fun book with so many twists and turns and interesting characters with treasures of writing on almost every page. I loved it.



**SALLIE:** I love the family stories in this book. I don't want to spoil the plot, if you haven't read it, but.. Perdu's family—his parents, what a trip and what a delightful sidebar to the novel. And then we have Manon's husband, and the depth of Perdu's grief and then healing. Bravo, Nina George!



# Discussion Guide



## About the Book

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## Questions for Discussion

1. What were your general impressions of this book?
2. Perdu liked to prescribe books for people to read. Have you ever known of someone like this or have you done it yourself? Explain. Are there books that help you in different ways?
3. Which of the characters did you most identify with in this book and why?
4. What were the love stories in this book? What did you think about these stories? How were they resolved?
5. What role did grief play in this story? What were the ways the main character lived out his grief? Did that speak to you in any way? Why or why not?
6. The main character embarks on a journey, losing the bookshop from its mooring. What happened on this journey? Have you ever gone on a journey to deal with issues in your life?
7. What do you believe was the author's purpose in writing this book and did she accomplish it?
8. Read over the MAMs comments on the book. Which of them do you most agree with and why?
9. In what ways, if any, will this book change your life or perspective?