

## FOR BOOK CLUBS / Discussion Questions

### *Southern Poison*

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**Note: Be sure to read the book first, before looking at these questions! (Unless you're one of those people who read the last chapter first...)**

1. Have you read *Southern Fatality* (first in the JB series)? If so, how did *Southern Poison* expand on the characters of Jersey, Spud, and Ox?
2. *Southern Fatality* was written solely from the first person point of view, while *Southern Poison* alternates POV's. Do you think alternating the POV's allows for a more in-depth plot?
3. Did you find Spud's adventures to be humorous? What else in the book was funny? Do you like reads that mix drama with humor?
4. In *Southern Poison*, did Jersey and her previously estranged father, Spud, make any headway in learning more about each other's past? What do you think about their unconventional relationship?
5. Did you like the character of Lindsey, Ox's daughter? Did you find her to be a believable teenager? Would you like to see her appear in future Jersey Barnes books?
6. At the start of the book, you learned of a potential terrorist threat, and soon learned that a bad guy planned to blow up a ship. But what was the other, and further-reaching form of terrorism revealed in the book? What would have been the potential implications had Project Antisis been implemented?
7. At what point did you become curious or suspicious about the Derma-Zing product?
8. Have you and your friends ever discussed the cosmetics industry, as far as the unregulated and untested additives that can be found in makeup and personal hygiene items? If so, do you think it's realistic—or even possible—for the FDA to assert control over ingredients utilized in the industry?
9. Do you think that Spud will keep dating Fran in future JB books? Do you like the bubbly character of Fran? What does she add to the character mix?
10. Do you think the port city setting on the Cape Fear River adds anything to the Jersey Barnes mysteries? Does the book give you a feel for the coastal town?

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