

FOR BOOK CLUBS / Discussion Questions

Southern Fatality (first in the Jersey Barnes mystery series)

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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. Do you know of a woman who is in a career traditionally held by men? If so, do you applaud her efforts or think she has created unnecessary obstacles for herself?
2. If you're a woman, have you ever used the "dumb blond" routine (regardless of your actual hair color!) to get what you wanted from a man? If you're a guy, has a woman ever pulled this on you?
3. Did you laugh at Spud's adventures with his poker buddies to get rid of the Chrysler? What else in the book was funny? Do you like reads that mix drama with humor?
4. Do you think a woman in Jersey's position as a former SWEET field agent had advantages over a man in the same position? If so, what were they?
5. If you worked for the government in an undercover capacity, and they asked you to get cosmetic procedures including breast enhancement surgery, would you?
6. What are your thoughts about the unconventional relationship between Jersey and her previously estranged father, Spud? Do you personally know anyone who reconnected with a family member after not being involved with each other's lives for several years?
7. Did you like the character of Ox? Do you personally know anyone who has "perceptive" abilities, or can sense things that others overlook? What does his background and Indian heritage add to the story?
8. At what point did you realize that Jersey's boyfriend may not have her best interests in mind? At any point, did you think that Jersey might actually agree to marry Bill?
9. Do you think that placing *Southern Fatality* in the historic river town enhanced its appeal? Did you get a good feel for the area?
10. Do you think that Jersey will actually retire? If not, what do you envision her getting involved in next?

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