

FOR BOOK CLUBS / Discussion Questions

Sweet Home Carolina by T. Lynn Ocean

It is suggested that you read the book before you look at the following questions!

1. When you think of a revitalization effort, do any specific towns come to mind? If so, what did the town do to revitalize itself?
2. Can you think of someone who lives in a big city, and would be absolutely miserable if they had to spend time in a small town?
3. Why is Jaxie convinced that she doesn't "do" small towns?
4. Jaxie was raised by a single mother. Does she find a father figure in Pop? Does he help to redefine her perceptions about small town living? If so, how?
5. Do you know anyone who presents one persona at the office, and a completely different persona when away from their normal work environment? At what point did Jaxie start seeing Justin in a new light?
6. Did you know that the North and South Carolina coasts were frequented (and often terrorized) by pirates during the early 1700s? In fact, the remains of Blackbeard's sunken pirate ship, *Queen Anne's Revenge*, was recently discovered just a few miles off the NC coast. Do you think there may be other sunken pirate ships off the east coast?
7. Did you know that seemingly upstanding politicians and businessmen sometimes commissioned pirates to steal for them? In your view, did that make them a pirate? If caught, should they have been hanged – a punishment considered appropriate for a pirate?
8. Have you ever been through a hurricane? Did you find the storm scenes to be realistic?
9. At what point did you suspect that Jaxie's boss had ulterior motives for sending her to Rumton?
10. Have you ever felt the presence of an energy or spirit upon awakening, as Jaxie did just before her discovery in Pop's family bible? Have you ever had the exact same dream as someone else?

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