

BOOK CLUB

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR BOOK CLUBS

Julia

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1. What surprised you most about Julia Child's life?
2. What are some of the differences between Julia's outlook on life and the traditional roles of womanhood and wifehood held by those around her?
3. What were some of the challenges Julia faced due to her father's political views and opinions?
4. Have you ever been in a situation where you tried to uphold a family tradition, as Julia did by attending Smith College because it was where her mother went?
5. Julia seemed to take international living in stride, despite not having a permanent home for many years. Would a lifestyle like that interest you?
6. Julia had amazing support from her husband—from encouraging her cooking experiments, to her collecting kitchen gadgets, to starting a new career just as he retired. Do you have people in your life who support your ambitions?
7. Julia and Simone Beck (Simca) clashed in both personality and method, yet they remained friends and coauthors because of their shared passion and goals. Do you relate to that kind of relationship?
8. What surprised you about Julia's efforts to find a publisher for her first cookbook?
9. What was it about Julia's personality or cooking methods that appealed to mass audiences and made her such an iconic figure?
10. Is there anything from Julia's later-in-life passion for cooking that inspires you to develop your own talents?

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