

ESSENCE OF FOUL PLAY

Book Club Questions

Note: Daryl Wood Gerber is available to talk with your book club by telephone or Zoom or Skype. Please email Daryl to arrange a date and time.

1. This is the first book in the series. Did you enjoy getting to know Emma, her cousin Sierra, her grandmother Lissa Reade, and others?
2. Emma earned her college degree and then went to Tibet to study meditation. What does this tell you about her character?
3. Emma's cat is named Vivi. She is a Birman, which is also known as the Sacred Cat of Burma. Do you enjoy learning about different breeds of animals?
4. Do you have an Aroma Wellness-type spa, shop, and café near you? If not, would you travel to a town that does and pamper yourself?
5. Have you ever done meditation? How did it make you feel?
6. Were you concerned about Emma trying to exonerate herself of murder? She hates to be called a snoop, but she admits to being curious. Do you think she crossed the line?
7. Did you appreciate the organized way Emma sorted out clues, using a color-coded method her mother drummed into her?
8. How early did you guess who killed Willow and, more importantly, did you guess why?
9. At the book club at her nana's house, Emma admitted to writing down notes when reading a book. How do you keep all the clues straight when reading?
10. Has reading about Carmel-by-the-Sea made you want to visit?
11. How did you feel about the presence of fairies in this book? They are not a central part of the story as they are in the *Fairy Garden Mysteries*, but there is a magical element to them, and Carmel is just the kind of place they might exist.
12. What did you think about Emma's relationship with her mother? Will sparks continue to fly?