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- 1 First impressions count. What was your first impression of this book? Did it live up to expectations? Why or why not?
- 2 Is Liza's relationship with her sisters positive or negative? By the end of the book, have her relationships helped her grow or harmed her?
- 3 Both Rob and Liza have a deep loyalty toward certain people (her family, his friend). Did the people they were loyal to deserve it? Would you have handled things differently? How so?
- 4 Discuss the various ways that community affects the characters in this novel. Do you think living in a small town would influence Liza's life in the same way if she lived in modern times?
- 5 Do you agree with Nathan's initial decision to cool things off with Janie? Why or why not? Did he redeem himself in the end?
- 6 Liza is oblivious to Rob's feelings for her until he confesses them. Do you think this was realistic? Should she have considered his proposal, even though he'd helped Nathan break Janie's heart? How could she have handled herself differently in this scene?
- 7 When Edna tells her version of the truth about Janie, Nathan lets doubt creep in. How did the events of his past color the present? Should he have reacted differently?
- 8 When Liza visits Rob's ranch, she realizes exactly what she gave up when she rejected him—the house, the land, the home, the man. Which part do you think hit her the hardest? Why? Which part would've affected you the most?
- 9 Even though Rob helped both of Liza's sisters, it wasn't until he overheard gossip about Maisey confronting Liza that he decided to talk to her again. Do you agree that he needed the extra assurance after she rejected his first proposal? Why should or shouldn't he have needed to be sure of her feelings before acting?
- 10 First impressions count. Both Rob & Liza make assumptions about each other that later prove to be false. Have you ever had a wrong first impression about a book? In the end, was the book better or worse than you expected? How was it different from your expectations? Explain.
- 11 Do you have a favorite *Pride & Prejudice* adaptation? Describe what makes your favorite adaptation so special.