



Discussion Questions

The Unselected Journals of Emma M. Lion

Volume 2

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1. The story is told through Emma's journals. How did you feel about experiencing the book through her first-person narrative? How does it compare to other books with the same format?
2. How does Volume 2 compare to the first book? Is there anything you would change or add to the storyline?
3. Emma's aunt, Eugenia, requires her to attend certain society events for the benefit of her cousin Arabella. How does this relationship put pressure on Emma? Can she stay true to herself? Are there benefits?
4. Arabella and Emma have different views on marriage. How do these views align with women today? What considerations should you weigh before making a judgment? What would you do?
5. Emma is encouraged to be bold and creative with her finances. What limitations did she face as a woman in the 1880s compared to women today?
6. Emma's friendship with Mr. Pierce goes against societal rules. How do you feel about their friendship? Where do you see it going?
7. Why do you think the smuggled copy of "Jane Eyre" was so important? What does it symbolize to the women?
8. Emma has formed relationships with Mr. Pierce, Roland Sutherland, and the Duke of Islington. What part do each of these men play in Emma's life?
9. What do you see next for Emma? Will you read Volume 3?