

Discussion Questions for The Readers of Broken Wheel Recommend by Katarina Bivald

1. One of the themes in *The Readers of Broken Wheel Recommend* is how a single individual can strengthen a community or repair fragile lives. Why does Sara decide the town needs a bookstore, and how does she become a catalyst for change?
2. Discuss the nature and contents of Sara and Amy's two-year correspondence. What do the letters reveal about each of them? How do Amy's views on injustice shape Sara's choices?
3. Have you ever had a long-lasting correspondence with someone you didn't know, or even with someone you did know? Can letter writing form as deep a relationship as personal contact?
4. What do you think of Sara's emotional engagement with books? Do you ever feel books compete with real life for your attention?
5. Another theme is the power of books to change lives. What gives them such power? What is the town like when Sara arrives, and how does it change by the end?
6. Talk about specific characters and how their lives are changed through reading. Which character's story engaged you most?
7. What book has changed your life, or the life of someone close to you?
8. Which other works does this book bring to mind—*The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society*, *84, Charing Cross Road*, or *The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry*? How does it compare?
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