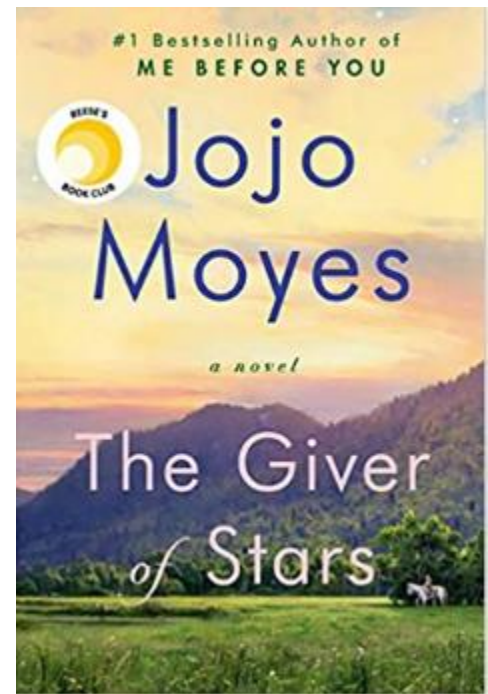


Discussion Questions for

The Giver of Stars by Jojo Moyes

1. Let's talk about why Alice married Bennett. What kind of life did she expect in America? And how did it compare to her reality?
2. Life in rural Kentucky in the '30s was definitely not for the faint of heart. How do you think you would have handled it if you were Alice? Would you have stayed or gone back to England?
3. Did you know anything about the real life Packhorse Librarians of Kentucky prior to reading this novel?
4. Why did Alice decide to join these librarians on their quest? Let's talk about why it was so important for these librarians to share literacy with rural residents.
5. Let's talk about Margery! She's tough as nails but definitely has a soft spot for the other librarians, especially for Alice. Let's talk about how her background shaped who she became. Why was she so resistant on marrying Sven? How did she change from the beginning of the story and to the end?
6. In the 1930s there was a power imbalance between men and women—with men viewing women as beneath them. Let's talk about how the main characters all eventually rose above that and proved the men wrong.
7. This is a lengthy novel so there's plenty that goes on. What did you think about Margery's war with Van Cleve and the subplot about the mines and the slurry dam? Were you engaged with that storyline? Why or why not?
8. Let's talk about Alice's slow burn romance with Fred.
9. Margery goes to jail for the murder of Clem McCullough. Were you surprised his daughter ended up helping Margery to get out of jail?



10. What did you think about the ending for all the characters? Let's talk about why rural Kentucky was the right place all along for Alice.
11. What are the key themes and takeaways from this novel?
12. Have you read any other novels by Jojo Moyes? How does this one compared to her other ones?
13. Okay, time to discuss the *Buzzfeed* article. What are your thoughts about it? <https://www.buzzfeednews.com/article/tomiobaro/jojo-moyes-the-giver-of-stars-kim-richardson-bookwoman-of>

Did you read the sections of *The Giver of Stars* and ***The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek***? Did reading the *Buzzfeed* article change your opinion of *The Giver of Stars* in any way? Are you going to read *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek*?