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QUEEN OF BABBLE IN THE BIG CITY Book Group

Questions for Discussion

1. While Lizzie has strong career goals and works hard, she also seems very intent on getting Luke to marry her. Would you consider her a feminist or not?
2. Do you think Lizzie has a fairy tale view of Luke – that he is the handsome prince that she'll marry and live with happily ever after and that clouds her opinion of him?
3. Similarly, as Shari points out to Lizzie, "Do you really act like yourself around [Luke]? Or do you act like the kind of girl you think a guy like Luke would want?" Shari also says, "Because if he doesn't love the real you, he's not Prince Charming after all." Do you agree that Luke doesn't know the real Lizzie?
4. When Lizzie gets to New York City, she finds that it's much harder to live her dreams than she thought it would be. Still, she is willing to take a job that will give her work experience for no pay even though this means she has to take another job that she dislikes just in order to pay the bills. Would you ever do this? Why or why not?
5. Do you agree with Lizzie that "guys are like tiny woodland creatures. And to lure them in, you can't make any sudden moves. You have to be subtle. You have to be cool." Or do you think you can be more straight forward with the object of your affections? Which strategy works better?
6. What do you make of Jill Higgins who doesn't seem to care about the way she looks as opposed to Lizzie who is obsessed with fashion?
7. While everyone dismisses Grandma as an old drunk, what role does she really play in Lizzie's life?
8. Did you foresee what would happen with Shari? Would you have been as open-minded about it as Lizzie? Has something like this ever happened to you with a friend or family member?
9. As a future bride (or a past bride), did you find "Lizzie Nichol's Wedding Gown Guide" helpful? As a bridesmaid, did you agree with Lizzie's advice for finding the perfect dress for your bridesmaids (page 179)? What was the worst bridesmaid dress you've worn?
10. Chaz cleans the apartment, makes two pies for Thanksgiving including Lizzie's favorite one and is always supportive of his friends. Do you think he's the perfect boyfriend, rather than Luke?
11. As Lizzie realizes: "There are some woodland creatures that, no matter how patiently you wait...are never going to be yours. They'll never let themselves be tamed. Because they prefer to run wild and free in the forest." Do you think this is true about Luke and that Lizzie just pushed him to propose to her?
12. Do you think that Lizzie will marry Luke in QUEEN OF BABBLE GETS HITCHED? Or do you think she'll end up with Chaz? Or neither?