



Book Club Discussion Questions

Warning – These contain spoilers!

1. Anne Bonny was a real pirate who wreaked havoc on the seas in the early 1700s. Historians can only guess as to her fate since her death was never recorded. What do you imagine happened to her? Do you think that someone like her truly could be redeemed?
2. Learning about one's family history can be fascinating. Have you ever looked into your family history? Were there secrets there that you wish you hadn't known?
3. Courtney's accident was the catalyst she needed to make changes in her life. Have you ever been given the gift of being able to start over? Did you take the chance? How was your life changed as a result? Are you happy with your choice?
4. Have you ever had a childhood dream that you saw come to fruition? What was it, and how were you able to make it happen?
5. Many people are nostalgic about unrequited or first love. Who was your first love or the "one that got away"? If you were single, and fate brought you back together, would you give it another try?
6. Courtney, understandably, was leery of going back to Spencer. Do you believe he really "saw the light" and changed for the better? Can people change? What signs were there that he truly had, or had not, become a better person? What would you have done if you had been in Courtney's shoes?
7. Crystin's father, Robert, believed the pirate's gems were the cause of his family's bad luck. Rather than spend the gems, he hid them, believing them to be "stained with blood." Do you believe in bad luck? Do you believe that something done or had in the past can be the reason for such luck? Like Crystin, would you seize the opportunity to use the supposed object of bad luck for something good in the hopes of changing your luck?
8. Imagine finding an amazing historical find in your house or on your property. Would you preserve it? Modernize it? Sell it? How would you rationalize your decision?

9. Courtney chose to forgive Hannah and welcome her into family business rather than press charges against her for all that she did. How would you have felt in Courtney's situation? How would you have handled it?

10. Do you believe in ghosts? Do you believe that spirits from the past are still among us as we live our daily lives? Why or why not?