

Book Club Questions ~ The Promise of Provence

1. The story begins with Katherine's shocking discovery. Could you relate to this experience or do you know someone who has been through a similar situation?
2. How did you feel about Katherine's initial reaction to the shock, and the support and advice she received from her mother, Andrea and Molly? Who was most helpful or would you say the combined effort was most effective?
3. The character of Elisabeth is actually based on the author's late mother-in-law. Did you relate to the mother/daughter connection? Has caring for an aging parent been part of your life experience? Or Part (b) to question 3 ~ Has your family history been recorded in one way or another to share with future generations?
4. Are you familiar with the concept of home exchange or was this something new to you? Would you ever consider trying it?
5. Did you think Kat was making the right decision to go off to Provence by herself? Would you?
6. Have you visited the south of France? If so, were you familiar with the area Katherine visited in her first exchange there or her second? How did you feel about that part of the world?
7. Was there any one incident that occurred during the exchange in Provence that struck you as a particular "aha moment" for Kat? Something that was truly significant in her search for change?
8. The planets all aligned when Katherine considered the second exchange request. (Author's note ~ I'm attempting to avoid a spoiler here.) Have you experienced a time in your life when a window of opportunity opened, as it did for her?
9. There is a strong theme of friendship in this story. Would you say that women have a special capacity for lifelong friendship such as Molly and Kat's? Did you feel this was an important thread through the story?
10. Did you anticipate the ending and feel that Kat was strong in her decision? Was there a moment when you thought it might be different?

