Ink and Shadows

A Secret, Book, and Scone Society Novel

Reader’s Guide

1. When Nora Pennington first meets Celeste Leopold, she’s bending over a fallen statue. What is Nora’s first impression of this newcomer to Miracle Springs?
2. Celeste’s statue is mentioned many times throughout the course of the novel. In what ways is it significant?
3. CBD products have become extremely popular. Have you ever used any? What are your thoughts on these products?
4. Nora recommends several books to a man whose wife is losing her sight. What book would you add to Nora’s list?
5. The Powerful Women window display creates conflict between Nora and The Women of Lasting Values Society members. Could you defend any reasons for changing the display or leaving it alone?
6. It’s clear from the start that Bren Leopold is a troubled young woman, and Nora and her friends jump to several conclusions about her. Where they wrong in their thinking? Did you make similar assumptions?
7. Festival season is busy time in the state of North Carolina. What are the biggest festivals in your neck of the woods? Have you ever traveled to attend a specific festival?
8. Secrets are a central theme in Ink and Shadows*.* Which secret caused the most damage? How have old secrets affected one of the main characters?
9. Sheldon Vega provides a welcome dose of comic relief. What other attributes does he have? What would it be like to share a house with him?
10. Jed and Nora go through a rough patch in Ink and Shadows. Do you think the experience will bring them closer as a couple or drive a wedge between them? What are your thoughts on the relationship between Nora and Sheriff Grant McCabe?
11. Hester believes that Lazarus Harper deserves sympathy. June disagrees. Would you side with Hester or June?
12. Wolfgang Beck seemed to have two sides to his personality. If a man devoted to art was one side, what was the other?
13. Several different foods, handmade items, and hands-on activities are mentioned in Ink and Shadows as a way of providing comfort. Which one would mean the most to you?
14. Every chapter starts with a quote. Which one was your favorite?
15. If you could add a book to the Books I’m Thankful For window display, what would it be?