

Book Club Questions

Kiss Me in the Rain
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1. Savannah moved to Toronto, away from the life she knew, to have a fresh start. Do you think a different environment can help or hinder an individual grappling to move forward from an upsetting event? How so? Has there been a time in your life when you wanted to physically put distance between you and your past? Did it work? What did you learn?
2. Gabe accepted a job with CSIS to help him pay off his archaeology university student loans. He was a successful agent, though his preference was archaeology, not law enforcement. Has there been a time in your life you pursued a sensible-on-paper path and shelved a deeper dream?
3. Dallas has gone through a character arc before the story starts. When he solicits Gabe's help, while withholding important information, he creates an ethical dilemma: is lying justified when your intentions are pure? Has there ever been a time in your life you had to make a similar choice? Did it work out?
4. Savannah was offered a lucrative book deal to write an exposé on the industry her father is a kingpin in. Do you think there are shades of right and wrong, and good and bad? Should she have written the book? When in your life have you had to make a choice that would impact other people? Did that raise the stakes and make the choice harder, or easier, to make? Explain.
5. Gabe holds himself emotionally distant from his siblings. For him, it is isolating and exhausting, but for decades, he felt necessary. Are there people in your life you care about but remain distant from? What role does physical distance (i.e. geographical) play in emotional closeness?
6. Samantha's actions, born from hurt, are alienating her adult children, and when relationships dissolve, the fallout can be wider than expected. When have you found it difficult to forgive someone's actions? What had to shift to change your mind? Or did it?
7. Meredith is struggling to develop meaningful relationships with her adult step-children. In your own life, is there anyone you struggle to find a meaningful connection with? In your experience, does it help or hurt when others provide opinions on who you should have relationships with?
8. Both Maggie and Andy are candid with Savannah and Gabe, respectively. Who are the uncensored people in your life? Who do you trust to be supportive and brutally honest with you? How does their candidness help you thrive? Is it ever too much? How did you nurture that relationship to create that space?
9. Bruce's actions are unconscionable and he is designed as an irredeemable villain. When in your life have you butted up against a villain, big or small? Did it provide you an opportunity to learn anything about yourself? If so, what? Have there been times you realized you were stronger or wiser than you expected? Explain.



10. Savannah unpacks why she lied to her dad and told him she was a banker, something she assumes he would value more than her true career. Has there ever been a time you haven't told the truth because you didn't feel you would be supported or valued? Have you ever been unsupportive to another's career path?
11. Gabe finds it hard to take the advice he gives Dallas. When in your life has it been easier to give advice than take it? Why do you think it is so hard to put our own advice into practice? What could we do to change that?
12. Savannah comments that Gabe can see the different sides to an argument. When have you seen different sides? How did that help? Did it hinder anything?
13. During the wildfire, Savannah tapped into reserves of strength she didn't realize she had. Has there been times in your life you realized you were capable of more than you thought? Explain.
14. In the story, Maggie and Andy know Savannah and Gabe, respectively, better than they know themselves. Are there people in your life who know you like that? Do you know others with that same depth of insight? What impact do intimate relationships like that have on us?
15. Savannah and Gabe have a grand adventure. If you could go anywhere with anyone, where would you go, and with who? What is it about that location that calls to you? How would your choice of travel companion impact your journey? How long would you go? Why haven't you gone yet?