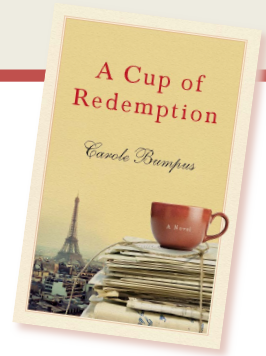


Reading Group Guide

A Cup of Redemption by Carole Bumpus

Discussion Questions



1. What does *A Cup of Redemption* mean within the story?
2. What does the final 'Cup' signify?
3. Marcelle calls her daughter Sophie back to France and makes a deathbed request: "Find my father!" Discuss the significance to the family.
4. What did Marcelle sacrifice in order to survive Nazi Occupied Paris during World War II? What lasting impact did it have on her?
5. Why did Marcelle leave André behind in Paris? How is finding him late in life important for her?
6. Marcelle's friend, Sophie-Marie Chirade, holds an important secret. Would it have mattered if she had revealed it during the war?
7. The three main characters – Marcelle, Sophie and Kate – each have hidden a part of their pasts. How does this keep them apart, or bind them together? What are the internal and external barriers to love for each?
8. Sophie's nightmares have plagued her since her teen years. What drives her to find the cause and resolution?
9. Sophie's brothers Theiry and Gérard each learn hidden truths about their fathers. Why are their responses so different?
10. Kate is ashamed of giving a child up for adoption. Was this past experience what drove her passion to know more about Marcelle?
11. When Kate runs to France to help Sophie, she is avoiding something. In the end Kate embraces the family complications around an unexpected wedding. Do you think she was able to accept the relationship her long-lost daughter offered?
12. Marcelle's husband is cruel, yet she remains in the marriage in hopes of giving her children 'family'. Why is this so important to her? What strengths allow her to live with unhappiness and yet thrive?
13. Did you find this novel satisfying? What other stories regarding questions of birth or lost identity have you read? Were those who were separated ever reunited?
14. Did this novel give you new understanding of women and families in times of war? Did it change your perspective about the people of France?
15. A shared cup of coffee or cooking for family and friends helps Marcelle, Sophie and Kate each cope with past sorrows. Did you find the connections between women, food and family important?

Are you interested in trying your hand with some of the recipes in this novel?

Download a sample or order *A Cup of Redemption: Companion Cookbook* at

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