

Discussion Guide: Out of Temper

1. Have you ever been on a cruise? Would you go again? How do you feel about Felicity's complex relationship with the ocean?
2. How are Felicity's relationships with other people changing? Do you feel that she is beginning to see the flaws in the way she has dealt with people in the past?
3. What does this book have to say about belonging and family? Does knowing that the author is adopted change how you view this material?
4. This book draws a big parallel with *Murder on the Orient Express*. In what ways is that accurate? What are the biggest differences?
5. Did you feel that Flint was more complex than he seemed at first? Did you feel more empathy for him as the story unfolded – or did you find him more monstrous?
6. Have you ever interacted with a therapy dog? How does Satchmo compare with Knightley the bunny and Clive the Octopus (introduced in previous books in the series)? How is his role in this book different than these other animal companions?
7. Felicity is concerned about the impact events in this book are having on her small business. Do you think it takes courage to open a business? If you decided to start a new business, what kind of products/services would you offer?
8. If you went to the mystery-themed costume party described in the book, who would you go as and why?
9. At what point did you think you knew the outcome of the mystery? Were you right or wrong? If you guessed right, were you right about WHY the murder was committed? Were there any particular plot twists you enjoyed?
10. There's a lot of food mentioned in this book. Did any of it make you hungry? Would you try any of the food on this particular cruise ship? Anything Carmen bakes at Felicity's shop? What do you think of the fact that Carmen is now writing a cookbook?

