

Discussion Guide: Something Borrowed, Something 90% Dark

1. How do you feel about books that make references to other books? Or that compares the protagonist to standards of the genre? Felicity receives a copy of *The Thin Man* from an unlikely source. How does this book help her make the epiphanies needed to solve the case? How is the tone of this book different from the noir inspiration?
2. Felicity finally makes the choice needed to close her love triangle. Do you think she made the right choice? Why is it difficult to write the resolution to a love triangle without alienating readers?
3. Kleptomania plays a role in this book. How did this complicate figuring out what the crime was really about? Why is it necessary to portray a character suffering from this issue with sensitivity? How does the way Felicity feels about this character change over the course of the book?
4. How has Felicity arced since the first book in the series? How does this change how she reacts to her best friend getting married? How does this allow her to be complete enough to choose the future she wants (as exemplified by choosing a love interest, among other things)?
5. Cozy mysteries in general are often built on a sense of community. How did you feel about Felicity's friends and acquaintances? Would you be friends with any of them? If so, who?
6. Have you ever interacted with a goat or other livestock animal? How would you feel about eating cheese made from the milk of an animal you had met? How does Princess Buttercup compare with Knightley the Bunny, Clive the Octopus, Satchmo the Therapy Dog, Renoir the Cockatoo, and Ruffles the Emotional Support Cat (introduced in previous books in the series)? How is her role in this book different than these other animal companions?
7. Felicity is working to expand the scope of her small business, so her interaction with Nathan could have gone very differently. Do you feel that it is always best for small business owners to encourage other independently owned businesses? Do you think Felicity's agreement to work with Nathan will benefit both businesses? If you spent a day in the world of this series, what kind of coffee or tea would you order from his shop?
8. How does introducing the wedding add a ticking clock to the plot of this novel? Would you feel at home at Autumn's wedding? How do you feel about the elaborate nature of contemporary weddings?



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? Anything from the wedding expo? What about Autumn's wedding cake? Would you ever attempt to bake something that elaborate?