

Just the Nicest Person Book Club Questions

1. Andi Slade undergoes a significant journey throughout the novel. How does her background as a disbarred attorney influence her actions and decisions? How does her character evolve from the beginning to the end of the story?
2. Duke McAllister is driven by his search for his missing fiancée Celeste. How does this mission shape his identity and interactions with others? Do you think his unwavering loyalty to Celeste is admirable or limiting?
3. Tommy Palmer presents himself as a community advocate but is revealed to be the murderer. What makes him an effective villain? How does his distortion of religious principles make him particularly dangerous?
4. The “Arctic Circle Murder Club” forms organically from a diverse group of strangers. Which character did you find most interesting or relatable, and why?
5. There are several red herrings in the novel, including Joe Prospector and Obadiah Blanco. Were you misled by any of these false leads? Which suspect did you find most convincing?
6. The discovery of Celeste’s bracelet in Craig’s cabin creates a significant subplot. How does this mystery thread enhance the main storyline? Were you satisfied with how this element was addressed?
7. The author uses natural elements like snowstorms and the Arctic landscape to create tension. Discuss how the setting functions almost as another character in the novel.
8. The novel explores the dangers of religious fundamentalism when taken to extremes. How does Tommy Palmer’s distortion of religion contrast with more healthy expressions of faith in the book?
9. The novel highlights how isolation can both hide evil and foster community. Discuss this paradox as it relates to the trading post and the Alaskan setting.
10. The author uses multiple perspectives to tell the story, including brief chapters from the killer’s point of view. How did these perspective shifts affect your reading experience?
11. True crime podcasts and amateur detective work feature prominently in the novel. How does the book comment on our culture’s fascination with true crime?
12. The novel blends elements of thriller, mystery, and romance. Which genre elements were most effective? Which would you like to see developed further in future installments?