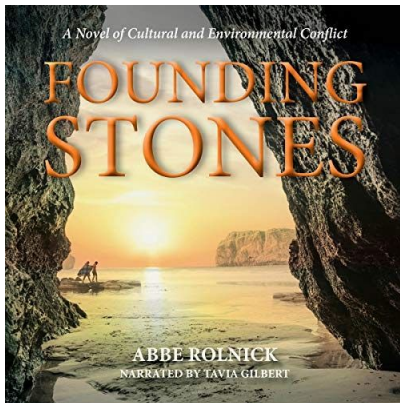


Reading Group Questions and Topics for Discussions

Founding Stones



1. Joseph, Hannah, and Luis have been abandoned. Each carries a past that ties them down. Discuss their loss and their history and how this binds them and sets them free.
2. Immigration is a complex topic. Discuss the reasons for people to migrate to another country. Do you know anyone not born in the same country as you? If you did Ancestry.com, where would your relatives have come from? Can you see their influences?
3. Joseph is fixated on stones. What do they represent to him? Why does he believe each has a message?
4. Hannah is coming of age. How does she find her voice? Why has she kept silent in the past?
5. Culture is often separate from one's everyday life—something shared on occasions. Luis, even though he is away from his family and their influences, still exhibits his Mexican heritage. How does his heritage come through?
6. Russian history follows Joseph, although he has never set foot in that country. How is the past connected to the present? Joseph feels pressures, are they real or self-inflicted?
7. In a world that uses technology, can being off the grid make a difference? What skills does Joseph have that allow him to endure during difficult times? What limits does his education and his lifestyle prevent? Who are the educated? How does Joseph blend the worlds?
8. Do you think that Mr. and Mrs. Henderson were correct in protecting Hannah from the problems at the farm? Do you think the loss of their other daughter influenced their behavior?
9. Music, dance, and art are universal languages. How does this bring the community together? How did they save Hannah?
10. Rosie has been in all three of the books from the Generation of Secrets Series. She plays a minor role in Founding Stones. Why is she so important? What does she bring to the story? Who in your own life returns, either in the flesh or in spirit, to help you move along?
11. Frank is loyal to Joseph. He is just coming into his own skin, even though he is in his fifties. What stops an individual from progressing to maturity? Hannah and Luis, in their teens, take each hurdle as a stepping stone to growth. Who in your life has not moved on?
12. What power do we have as individuals to make changes that affect other lives? When do we move beyond our own security? How do we make a pathway to be inclusive and balance the rights of all?
13. If you listened to the audiobook, did you like the narrator's voice and presentation choices?