

Book Club Questions – A Piece of Heaven

There were a number of themes in *A Piece of Heaven*, such as second chances, life lessons, and loneliness. Which one do you think was strongest? What did you like/not like about this part of the story?

Which person's loneliness tugged at you the most? Whose do you think was the hardest to overcome?

Luna has endured a long and difficult struggle in her life. Do you think she would have been able to work through so many of her difficulties if Joy hadn't come to live with her? Or do you think Thomas is the one to help her move forward? Could it be the presence of one of these character's in Luna's life, or do you think her evolution required the presence of both?

Each of the female characters in this book have experienced tremendous loss. What, do you think, gets them through their days? What, do you think, helps them heal?

Did you identify with any characters in this book? Which one(s) and why?

Do you believe in second chances? When people make bad mistakes, do you think they can get over them and move on with their lives?

A Piece of Heaven is set in New Mexico and Barbara O'Neal paints the book with descriptions of vibrant cultural sights, aromas and sounds. Did you like the setting in this book? What did you like most about it, or not like?

How do you feel about the subplots in this book? Readers have commented that they have either loved them or hated them. What did you like or not like about them?

A Piece of Heaven has a large supporting cast, where the characters have traits that mirror those found in Luna and Thomas. Is there a secondary character whose story you would like to read? What is it about that character makes you want to learn more? (There are no plans for a follow up to this book, but it is fun to contemplate!)

Barbara O'Neal has set many of her books in the same part of the country as this one - New Mexico or Colorado – and it is evident that she knows the area and the different ethnic groups native to the area very well. She is able to bring a distinct voice to each group of very distinct people that inhabit this area in a way that brings the people and the region alive. Have you read other books set in this part of the country? How do they compare?

Were you satisfied with the ending of this book?

A Piece of Heaven is a classic story of learning to let go of the past to embrace new beginnings and possibilities, but at the same time it was just so...different. What do you find that's different about it?

Barbara O'Neals books have inspired her readers to travel and experience new places. Have you ever read a book and felt so inspired by the setting that you planned a trip to experience that place? Which book, and where did you go?