

Book Club Discussion Questions

A Glasshouse of Stars – Shirley Marr

1. How is friendship presented in the novel? How do Meixing's friendships help her navigate the New World?
2. Bullying is a key theme in the novel. What do you think of the way the bullies were dealt with? Do you think the school could have done more to help Meixing and her friends?
3. After the death of her father, Meixing seems to become more of the parent figure than her mother, how do you think this impacts Meixing in terms of the other issues she's facing?
4. Meixing feels very out of place in the New World. How does the second person narrative help to show this?
5. Language barriers play a key role in Meixing's experience in the novel. What issues does this cause her? How does it shape her relationships with others?
6. What role does the house play in the novel?
7. How is Meixing able to help Kevin?
8. Why is it so important to Meixing's mother that Meixing gets a good education? What do we learn about their family history?
9. Meixing's Aunty Ailing plays a key role in the novel. What did you think of her as a character and the way other characters treated her?
10. Does the story leave you feeling hopeful for Meixing? What do you think happens next to her?