

Book Club Discussion Questions

for *The Miraculous, Spectacular Courtyard Pond*

By Damien M. Casey

1. Which character did you connect with the most - and why?
2. What was your first impression of the pond community? How did that perception change by the end of the story?
3. How would you describe the tone of the book - whimsical, serious, satirical, or something else? What moments shaped that for you?
4. The story is full of layered themes like leadership, friendship, and responsibility. Which theme stood out to you most, and how was it expressed through the characters?
5. Do you think Sir Filbert and Sir Kingston Koi were good leaders? Why or why not? What makes a leader effective in this world - and in ours?
6. The book seems to reflect real-world issues using fantasy and humor. What allegories or parallels did you notice between the pond and society today?
7. How do Gilford and Vernon grow throughout the story? What are their main challenges, and how do they respond to them?
8. Were there any characters you saw differently by the end of the book? What caused your change in perspective?
9. What was your favorite imaginative detail in the pond world (a setting, tradition, or custom)? How did these details enhance the story?
10. If you could spend a day in the Courtyard Pond, what would you do - and which characters would you spend time with?
11. What lesson or message from the book stuck with you the most? How could it be applied in real life?
12. Do you think this book would resonate differently with children versus adults? What do you think younger readers might take away from it?