

Book Club Guide for The Blue Clay Pot

1. The Blue Clay Pot takes place in two very different time periods. What does Martha discover about the people of the past that gives her insight into the present? What about the future?
2. The Blue Clay Pot is a story of the complex relationships Martha has with her family members and the new relationships she develops with the ancient people. She feels each of these “dream” relationships can be compared to those in her “real” life. Do you agree with her analysis? Could she have it wrong?
3. Before Martha comes to the Canyon she has certain ideas about parenting. How does she change under the influence of the ancient people? Were these better parenting techniques or not? Why does Martha teach the people of the canyon to speak English?
4. Glen feels guilty about Martha’s unconscious state. Was he the cause of what happened?
5. Jack is the son we all dread. How does this change of the course of the book? Would it have made a difference if Martha and Glen were different kinds of parents?
6. Outwardly Vince is the perfect son. But is that really the truth?
7. Clarice struggles with her mother’s unconscious state. What emotional triggers have led her to be so adamant?
8. Naomi provides Martha with many things, some very clear and others quite subtle. What do you see as the primary influence?
9. If your spirit guide led you back to a different time period where would it be? What would you learn from the people in that time?
10. Did Martha betray Glen? (Not just when she is in the past living with Sen-tshe, but for the years that follow her return.)
11. How do Glen, Vince, Clarice and Jack change? What about Glen as a parent?
12. The people of the canyon have to make life changing decisions, not only with daily needs, but with their spiritual beliefs. Has there been a time in your life when you’ve had to make such decisions? What influences how you make a choice?