



***The Jane Austen Society* by Natalie Jenner
Discussion Friday, 18 April at 10:00 am.**

1. Are you a fan of Jane Austen? If so, what's your favorite Jane Austen book? Why do you think her books have such a lasting impact and influence? If you're not a fan of Jane Austen books, or haven't read them, did that impact the story for you in any way?

2. The characters we follow include: Dr. Gray, Adeline, Mimi, Andrew, Frances, Evie, Adam and Yardley. Which storyline and characters were you most engaged with? Which ones the least?

3. Each character in this novel has a favorite Jane Austen story and character. What did you think about how they discussed Jane Austen books in this story? Why do you think these characters were so drawn to her stories?

4. Why do you think it was important for these characters to start the Jane Austen Society?

5. What did you think about Mimi's Hollywood storyline? Why do you think the author decided to include an American actress in the story?

6. What were some of the key themes that you picked up on in this story?

7. Adam Berwick has to make an important decision—one that will not only affect the Society but his family as well. Do you think he made the right decision? Why?

8. Would you ever want to visit the Jane Austen Museum in Chawton, England?

9. Several of the characters are living with—and, to differing extents, dealing with—the grief of losing a close loved one. Did you find yourself sympathizing with one of them more than the others? What about their story touched you the most?