



## Pulitzer Discussions

### Inclusion Questions for All Pulitzer Fiction Winners

Does this novel feel authentic? Does it reflect the diversity, roles, and behavior of people during the time and in the place where the book is set?

What thoughts does this Pulitzer Winner trigger about:

Diversity: who is represented and how

Equality: how fairly people are treated

Inclusion: the respect people show to each other regardless of race, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, class, religion, heritage, political affiliation, physical ability or other characteristics

What was role and importance of the setting – both time and place where novel took place?

Is bigotry a part of this Pulitzer? In what way?

How are characters affected by bigotry? How do they respond?

Why does experiencing bigotry in literature matter?

How can literature play a role in creating a more inclusive society?

Why is talking about inclusion in the context of fiction apt to generate candid, meaningful conversation?

What's the benefit of thinking about inclusion while reading a novel with a plot that does not focus on bigotry or oppression?

What can an individual do to respond to a problem related to inclusion that is present in this Pulitzer winner?

What does our society need to do to address that problem?

What organization do you admire that does work to create a more inclusive society?

### Pulitzer-winning questions

*"For distinguished fiction published in book form during the year by an American author, preferably dealing with American life"*

Why do you think this book won the Pulitzer Fiction Prize?

What makes it "distinguished"?

What does it reveal about American life?

Are you likely to remember this book a year from now? Ten years from now? Why/why not?

Did you enjoy reading this novel? Why/why not?

Are you glad you read this book? Why/why not?

Did you see some aspect of yourself or someone you know in this novel?

What aspect of the story was most compelling?

What did you think of the writing style/technique?

How has this Pulitzer winner changed your thinking?