

Sew Sweetness Book Club 'The Quilter's Apprentice' by Jennifer Chiaverini

1. "She couldn't see a quilt without thinking of her grandmother and without feeling a painful blend of love and loss."

What does sewing remind you of?

2. In the book, Bonnie said, "Most people stop by, hear the price [of the quilt], then head straight to some discount store for a cheap knockoff." The woman signed and shook her head. "People who don't know quilts can't detect the obvious differences in quality of materials and workmanship."

Has your work been undervalued before?

3. "If your points don't line up, I'll make you take them out."

What do you think about Sylvia's precision? As a sewist, are you more like Sylvia or her sister Claudia?

4. Describe the relationship that develops between Sylvia and Sarah. What does each woman get out of this friendship?

In what ways does Sylvia remind Sarah of her own grandmother?

5. When Sylvia was showing Sarah the log cabin blocks, they talked about the Underground Railroad. Sarah asked, "wouldn't bounty hunters see the quilts with the black center squares hanging on the line?" Sylvia said, "Why, who pays attention to women's work? Laundry hanging on the line?"

How does that make you feel?

6. What is your favorite quote from the book?

7. What kind of changes do Sarah and Sylvia go through by the end of the book? What have they discovered about friendship, acceptance, loyalty, and love?

8. What did you enjoy about the book?