



# Book Club in a Bag

## Discussion Questions

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### *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng

1. Shaker Heights is almost another character in the novel. Do you believe “the best communities are planned?” Why or why not?
2. There are many types of mother/daughter relationships in the novel. Which relationship did you find most interesting?
3. The fate of Mayling/Mirabelle is a multilayered and heartbreaking debate. Who do you think should raise her?
4. How is motherhood defined throughout the novel?
5. What, ultimately, bothers Elena most about Mia?
6. Pearl has led a singular life before arriving in Shaker, but once she meets the Richardson’s, she has a chance to become normal. Is that a good thing?
7. What do you think about the conclusion of the book? Were you shocked by the ending?
8. The book is written from the perspective of different characters. How does the change of narrator affect the reader's experience of the novel?
9. Izzy chose, “this be the verse” to sum up her life. Based on Izzy’s experience is the poem accurate?
10. What does the title and book dedication mean to you?

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