



Book Club in a Bag

Discussion Questions

“Unflinching: The Making of a Canadian Sniper” by Jodi Mitic

1. What does freedom mean to you? Would you risk your life, as Mitic did, in order to defend what your beliefs?
2. What is the significance of the title?
3. Mitic describes, in detail, the amount of planning a sniper must do before each shot. He states, “shooting is actually one of the easier parts of the role.” Does this surprise you?
4. Do you think the methodical planning of a shot will help to minimize the emotional impact of taking a life?
5. Mitic’s funny and witty writing style often criticizes things that he believes do not make sense. Did you find the humour contributed or distracted from his message?
6. Mitic discusses the contradiction between the detailed planning that takes place prior to a mission and the necessity to improvise during a mission when things do not go according to plan. Were you surprised that missions rarely go according to plan?
7. Mitic briefly discusses the struggle between soldiers being required to always follow orders and the necessity to improvise. When soldiers improvise and the mission goes well, they are praised. When the mission goes poorly, soldiers are disciplined. Why do you think the military reacts this way?
8. Discuss one aspect of the memoir that you thought was inspirational.
9. Discuss one aspect of the memoir that you thought was shocking.
10. Do you think Canada offers enough support for veterans?

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