

ESL Book Club 2024 – August Discussion Questions

The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo by Taylor Jenkins Reid

Discussion Date: Aug 2, 2024, 10:30 am – 12 pm in Central Park Library – Sycamore Room

- 1) What were you expecting going into this book?

- 2) What were your initial impressions of Evelyn? How did that change throughout the book?

- 3) The book explored lots of themes—sexual orientation, gender, partnerships, friendships, domestic abuse, the cost of fame to name a few. Which theme did you think about the most?

- 4) What chapter did you find the most interesting?

- 5) What do you think of Evelyn’s views on beauty? What would it be like to have your career and life so dependent on your beauty?

- 6) Late in the book, Monique observes that “I hate Evelyn, but I think I like her very much”.
What about you? Did you like Evelyn? Did you hate her? Both?

- 7) Who was your favorite character? Why did you like them the most?

8) Several times, Evelyn mentions having cosmetic surgery. What was your reaction to this? Why do you think Evelyn continues to dye her hair at the end of her life?

9) Evelyn says she doesn't regret anything. Do you think this is true?

10) Who was your favorite husband? Who was your least favorite husband?

11) Where do you hope the story takes Monique next?

12) What did you think about the ending?

13) What is the most important message that you took from this book?

14) Did you find the author's writing style easy to read or hard to read? Why? How long did it take you to get into the book?

15) Rate this book on a scale of 1 to 10, with 10 being the highest.

