

Discussion Questions

The Rose Code

1. Did you know much about the codebreakers at Bletchley Park prior to reading this novel?
2. Could you have worked as a codebreaker back then? Why or why not?
3. Why was working as a codebreaker the right path for Osla, Mab, and Beth? What did each woman hope to achieve at Bletchley Park?
4. We see the trio become good friends but in 1947 they are enemies. Why do you think the author decided to tell the story in the two timelines? Did it impact how you read about their friendship in the early 1940s?
5. Mab's relationship with Francis is sweet but then tragic. The author spends a lot of time talking about Francis' PTSD from fighting in WWI. Why was it important for the author to include those sections about the harsh realities of war?
6. Throughout the novel, we know there was a traitor at Bletchley Park. Who did you think it was originally? Were you surprised by the reveal?
7. Did your opinion of the book change as you read it?
8. If you could talk to the author, what burning question would you want to ask?
9. The Rose Code will be made into a TV series. Who do you think should play the main parts? What do you hope is included in the show and expanded upon?
10. What did you think about the book's ending?

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