

## Book Club Discussion Questions for *The Wild Part*

1. How does the story suggest the jungle is in some ways like the Garden of Eden?

2. How do Rosita and Don "fall" from innocence?

3. What are some of the ideas various characters have about the nature of God?

4. What events and circumstances cause Rosita and Don to decide the jungle became an evil place?

5. In what ways does the novel deal with the idea that belief creates reality?

6. Which characters talk about belief creating reality, and how does each think belief can create reality?

7. Which of the main characters do you prefer (and why): Don or Rosita?

8. Examine the minor characters; these include:

El Loco	Mr. Moustache	Mr. Martin	Conchita
Carmen	Simón	Julio	Alfonso
Mamacita Moreno	Sylvia	Sam Dean	
Pepito	Julio	Juanita	

Pick one of these characters you would most like to meet and explain why. If you are less inclined to meet certain characters, explain your reasons.

9. What evidence in the book can you find to support or refute this statement:  
While this is a novel about children, it is not a children's book.

10. What evidence can you find in the novel to support or refute this statement:  
While this is not a children's book, young readers might mistake it for one.

For the discussion to result in enlightening analysis, please do not give brief or one word answers. Always point to details in the story to explain your response.

