

*Sweet Hollow Women* suggested book club questions and discussion topics:

1. What were some themes of *Sweet Hollow Women*?
2. Which character or characters did you most relate to? Which characters' choices did you most agree/disagree with?
3. How did the time period in which a character lived affect his or her life? How might Louisa or Maggie's lives have been different if they'd been born decades later?
4. Some people believe our lives are mostly pre-determined, whereas others believe we create the life we live. What do you think?
5. For many years, Rhonda had little or no contact with Carasine. Then later in life she gave her up again, when she returned to Sweet Hollow. What do you think this says about Rhonda? Are her actions forgivable?
6. What did you think of Big Daddy and his spider canopy dreams?
7. There can be pressure on women to be sweet and easy-to-get along with; to go with the flow and not make waves. Living like this can make a person feel very empty and fake. Which of the characters in the book were sweet? Which were hollow?
8. While it's easy to divide people up into categories of good and evil, most people fall somewhere in the middle. Would you say Walt and Winslow were good men, evil men, or something else?
9. What unanswered questions from the book still remain?