



Colorado Book Club Resource

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR 11/22/63 BY STEPHEN KING

1. Time travel is a central theme in the novel. How does King approach the concept of time travel, and what rules or limitations does he establish for it? How does the character of Jake Epping navigate these rules as he attempts to prevent the Kennedy assassination?
2. The novel explores the idea of whether altering historical events can have unintended consequences. What examples from the book illustrate this idea, and how does Jake grapple with the ethical implications of changing the past?
3. King vividly recreates the atmosphere of the late 1950s and early 1960s. How does he bring this historical period to life through descriptions of setting, culture, and social attitudes? What details did you find most immersive or evocative?
4. The character of Lee Harvey Oswald is a complex and enigmatic figure in the novel. How does King portray Oswald, and what insights does he offer into Oswald's motivations and mindset leading up to the assassination?
5. The novel incorporates elements of romance and personal drama alongside its science fiction and historical elements. How does Jake's relationship with Sadie Dunhill add depth to the story, and what challenges do they face as a couple?
6. The Yellow Card Man serves as a mysterious and ominous presence in the novel. What role does he play in Jake's journey through time, and what is the significance of his warnings and appearances?
7. King explores themes of fate, destiny, and free will throughout the novel. How do these themes manifest in Jake's quest to change history, and what conclusions does he ultimately draw about the nature of time and causality?
8. Reflecting on the ending of the novel, how does King resolve the various storylines and character arcs? Were you satisfied with the resolution, or were there aspects you found unresolved or ambiguous?
9. The novel raises questions about the nature of heroism and sacrifice. How do Jake and other characters demonstrate courage and selflessness in their efforts to change the course of history?
10. How does *11.22.63* compare to other works of historical fiction or time travel fiction you have read? What sets it apart, and what aspects of the novel did you find most memorable or thought-provoking?

Discussion questions generated by ChatGPT.



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