



BOOK CLUB QUESTIONS

for *Between Worlds: An Expat's Quest for Belonging*

Here are 10 thought-provoking book club questions for *Between Worlds: An Expat's Quest for Belonging* by Inga Aksamit (available from Amazon).

1. **Identity and Belonging:** How does Inga's experience of moving between cultures shape her sense of identity and belonging? Can you relate to her struggle to find "home"?
2. **Cultural Misunderstandings:** What are some moments in the book where cultural misunderstandings stood out? How do these moments reflect broader themes of connection and division?
3. **Childhood Resilience:** Inga experiences war zones, political unrest, and personal challenges. How does her resilience as a child influence her story?
4. **Parental Roles:** How do Inga's parents navigate raising a child in such a dynamic and often dangerous environment? What do their decisions reveal about their priorities and values?
5. **Historical Context:** How does the backdrop of the 1960s and the regions Inga lived in influence her story? What did you learn about that time and place?

6. **Moments of Fear:** Inga recounts harrowing experiences like being lost in Tokyo as a small child or facing military police in her home. How do these moments highlight the challenges of living as an expatriate child?
7. **Expatriate Privilege:** The family often lives with household servants and in protected compounds. How does this dynamic complicate Inga's experience and perspective?
8. **Universal Themes:** Although Inga's story is unique, it explores universal themes like family, identity, and belonging. Which themes resonated most with you?
9. **Vivid Descriptions:** The memoir is rich in sensory details. Which descriptions brought the story most vividly to life for you? Did any particular scene stay with you?
10. **Comparisons to Similar Works:** The book is compared to *Reading Lolita in Tehran* and *Don't Let's Go to the Dogs Tonight*. How does it align with or differ from these works? Would you recommend it to fans of those books?