

Crazy Rich Asians Book Discussion Questions

1. Did you read only the book, only see the movie, or both? If you read the book and saw the movie, which was first?
2. Look at the family tree at the beginning of the book. It is on more than one page. Discuss the somewhat humorous footnotes such as #1, which reads, "This is what happens when you get a face-lift in Argentina." How do the tree and footnotes compare with that of an ordinary (not rich) family?
3. The Cousins, chapter one, is a paradigm-shifting scene. How did this set the stage for the rest of the book?
4. Explain why Rachel Chu was unaware of the social standing and economic resources of Nicholas Young? How did she find out, only after arriving in Singapore?
5. What was your initial impression of Eleanor? Compare this to the ending of the book.
6. Tell about the Bible Study session and how it advanced the plot.
7. The footnotes throughout the book are informative and may seem humorous – did any stand out as memorable? Share at least one example.
8. How did the parties before the wedding differ from ordinary bachelor and bachelorette festivities?
9. Who was kind to Rachel during most of her time in Singapore? How did her friend from college help her when she was depressed?
10. What did Rachel learn about her father after her mother arrived? What else did she learn about her extended family?
11. Which sentences from the book that showed Astrid really love her husband?
12. Who was the real gold-digger in the story?
13. What was the importance of Eleanor's ring to the book ending?
14. Share something you learned about Asian culture.



Crazy Rich Asians Movie Discussion Questions

1. What happens on the first night Rachel arrives in Singapore? How does this fit with her expectations?
2. Why is her job as economics professor not appropriate for her fiancé's family? What is wrong with it? What are the sacrifices Eleanor expects from her son's future wife?
3. Why do you think Nick did not tell Rachel who he really was before the trip to Singapore? Did her college friend (Goh Peik Lin) do the same thing? Did she know about Nick's family before Rachel arrived in Singapore?
4. How is the dumpling making scene important? How does this reveal Grandmother's personality?
5. Rachel attends a wedding and the women of Nick's family confront her. What do they say and what is the result?
6. At the Mahjong parlor, what does Rachel say to Eleanor?
7. At the Mahjong parlor, Eleanor tells Rachel something that shows she looks down upon Rachel. What did she say?
8. Why does Astrid move out, and what does she tell Michael?
9. Rachel and Kerry board a flight to fly back to New York City. Did you feel this would be the ending of the film?
10. What about Nick's proposal on the airplane "seals the deal" and why does Rachel change her mind about finally marrying him?

