



## Book Club Questions

1. What role does the historical backdrop of 1938 America play in the story?
2. How does Woody Nickel evolve as a character throughout the story?
3. What do the giraffes symbolize in the story?
4. Why is the journey across the country so significant for Woody?
5. How does the relationship between Woody and Riley (the Old Man) develop?
6. What do the giraffes teach Woody about life?
7. How does the book balance historical fact and fiction?
8. How does the author use nature to enhance the story?
9. What does Woody's bond with the giraffes reveal about his character?
10. What challenges do the characters face on their journey?
11. How does the book explore the theme of loss?
12. Why is Riley's character so significant to the story?
13. How does Augusta Red contribute to the story?
14. What role do the giraffes play in bringing the characters together?
15. How does Woody's narration as an old man affect the story?
16. What message does the book convey about perseverance?
17. Why do you think the author chose giraffes as the central animals?
18. How does the journey mirror the larger societal struggles of the era?
19. What emotions did the book evoke for you while reading?
20. How does the ending tie together the themes of the story?

