

## Rebel by Beverly Jenkins Book Club

1. What do you think of the 3<sup>rd</sup> person narration with shifting perspectives?
2. How do you feel about the book beginning with Valinda teaching recently freed people in New Orleans?
3. Why do you think it's important that Valinda is from New York City?
4. What do you think of the contrast between Drake working in the Freedmen's Bureau office as a volunteer and Valinda worrying about getting paid as a teacher?
5. How do you feel about the world creation of New Orleans during Reconstruction?
6. What do you think of the history in the book?
7. How familiar were you with this time period before reading the book?
8. This is the 1<sup>st</sup> book in the Women Who Dare series but there are 3 books in the Le Veq Family trilogy, do you feel like you missed anything having not read those three stories?
9. What do you think about the villains who burned Valinda's books, destroyed her classroom and attacked her?
10. Who is your favorite character and why?
11. Who is your least favorite character and why?
12. Why do you think Georgine evicted Valinda?
13. What do you think of the Le Veq family?
14. How do you feel about the developing feelings between Drake and Valinda while she's engaged?
15. What do you think of Drake being a true believer in love while Valinda is the one who hasn't witnessed love?
16. Do you think reading can change people's lives? Why or why not?
17. What do you think of Drake knocking down the barn when the man refused to pay the full amount?
18. How do you feel about some of the Creoles threatening the nuns for supporting schools for former slaves?
19. What do you think of the justice administered to Liam Atwater, the former slave owner?
20. Why do you think Valinda asked Drake to tutor her?
21. How does Cole's relationship with Lenny affect his potential marriage to Valinda?
22. What do you think of Drake's response of allowing his own house to be attacked while he defends his mother's place?
23. Why do you think Valinda asked Drake to marry her?
24. How did you feel when she said it was temporary?
25. What do you think of the confrontation with Valinda's father?
26. Did you like the book?
27. Would you read more in the series?