

A Curious Beginning by Deanna Raybourn Book Club

1. What do you think of the 1<sup>st</sup> person narration?
2. Is Veronica's guardian's funeral a good place to meet her?
3. What do you think of her reply to the vicar's wife's attempt to marry her off to a widowed father of six?
4. Do you like Veronica?
5. Even if he saved you, would you go off with Baron Maximilian von Stauffenbach?
6. What do you think of Stoker?
7. Did you expect the death of the baron?
8. What do you think of the little foreshadowing bits?
9. What do you think of the traveling show that Stoker decides to hide within?
10. What do you think of Salome nee Sally?
11. How would you feel about being the target for a knife throwing show?
12. Does this book seem to have a large number of hidden aristocrats?
13. Were you surprised that Victoria had malaria?
14. Does this book feel like it is full of mysteries?
15. Does the Belvedere sound amazing?
16. Were you surprised that Edmund de Clare was Victoria's uncle?
17. When Victoria describes the butterflies do you want to look them up to see them?
18. Which is the real mystery, Victoria's birth or the baron's murder?
19. Were you surprised that Victoria's father was Prince Albert?
20. What do you think of the twist that Victoria as a legitimate Catholic heir of Irish descent could topple England?
21. Should Veronica and Stoker have brought everyone together?
22. Do you like Stoker risking his life for his dog?
23. Should Veronica have taken the money?
24. Is turning Belvedere into a proper museum with Veronica and Stoker the staff a good idea?
25. Did you like the book?
26. Would you read more in the series?