

Bayou Magic by Jewell Parker Rhodes Book Club (Do not put online)

1. What do you think of the 1st person narration?
2. Who is your favorite character and why?
3. Who is your least favorite character and why?
4. How do you feel about the setting of the bayou?
5. What do you think of the imagery in the book?
6. What do you think of the ending?
7. Did you like the book?
8. Do you want to read more by the author?
9. From <https://sppl.org/blogs/post/discussion-questions-bayou-magic/>
 - a. Grandmère tells Maddy “Do good and it’ll fly right back to you.” What does this phrase mean? How is it seen in the community of Bon Temps?
 - b. When Grandmère asks Maddy who she wants to be, Maddy replies: a hero. Does she become a hero or does she allow the mermaids to become heroes?
 - c. Grandmère says that one can only become a hero when something bad happens. Do you agree or disagree with that statement? What are ways you could become a hero for the environment in your community?
 - d. Who is Mami Wata? What is her place in Maddy’s family history?
 - e. The book’s author, Jewell Parker Rhodes, gives three reasons for the disappearance of the wetlands. What are they?
 - f. If the building of levees plays a part in erosion of the wetlands, how can the mermaids’ construction of levees help the situation?