

Rock, Paper Tiger by Lisa Brackmann Book Club

1. What do you think of the 1<sup>st</sup> person narration?
2. How does the setting add to the story?
3. Does this book make you want to visit China?
4. This book was published in 2010, does it feel dated?
5. Do you like Ellie, why or why not?
6. Lao Zhang is an artist who claims he only cares about art not politics, do you believe him? Why or why not?
7. Why do you think everyone's nationality is part of their name at the ex-pat bar?
8. Did you expect Ellie to get drugged and what did you think of what happened to her?
9. What did you think of the KFC versus McDonald's scene?
10. How does Ellie's drinking affect the story?
11. Who is your favorite character and why?
12. Who is your least favorite character and why?
13. Is this book a mystery, why or why not?
14. What is the mystery?
15. What do you think of Ellie's flashbacks to her time in Iraq?
16. Were you surprised when she revealed everything she witnessed?
17. Why do you think she and Trey got married?
18. Many different groups seem to be chasing Ellie, which one do you think is the scariest?
19. Ellie travels to many different parts of China, which is your favorite?
20. What do you think of the video game as a meeting place?
21. Why do you think it was the Americans who kidnapped Ellie?
22. Ellie's mother never really appears in the book, how does affect the story?
23. What do you think of Ellie becoming Lao Zhang's art representative?
24. Did you like the ending?
25. Would you read more in the series?