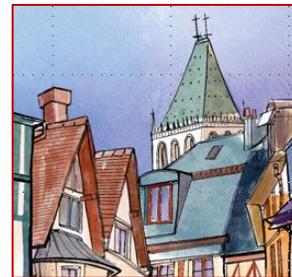


BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION GUIDE – *Misfits Abroad*

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1. This book introduces people in 66 vignettes. Who was your favorite character? Which one would you most like to meet?
2. What was the most surprising or interesting story in this book?
3. What made the book especially readable for you?
4. What is unique about the author's voice or tone?
5. Does the author treat her subjects fairly, avoiding stereotypes?
6. Does reading about international cultures change your appreciation of the range of languages and cultures found in your own country? How so?
7. Consider a negative experience such as the writer's loss of her passport. How should travelers put such events into perspective?
8. What is the difference between touring and traveling?
9. What's the best age for spending a year abroad?
10. What value is there in visiting historic sites and memorials of war crimes?
11. Does the writer express mixed emotions about leaving her hometown? What do you think of this range of reactions?
12. In which ways does the author change her attitude concerning life overseas during the course of these short portrayals?
13. How do the writer's feelings about leaving home compare and contrast to her feelings about returning many months later?
14. What are some situations that can put stress on relationships?
15. How does traveling or moving make us reevaluate the importance of possessions?
16. What are some of the benefits and challenges faced by bilingual families?
17. Do we tend to treat our international acquaintances differently than our other friends? How so?
18. What are some positive ways to interact with people who have customs that are new to you?

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