

## The Lost Heir ~ Discussion Questions

1. Rather than a contemporary setting, this book ventures into the past around the Regency era in England...with references to other real historical events like the Mutiny on the Bounty. Is there a time period in history you would like to learn more about? Would you like to see a particular event from a different perspective?
2. Books give us the opportunity to visit other countries and experience their cultures. This book is set in a quiet Yorkshire village where the woolen industry is trying to transition to more modern methods. Have you ever been to England? What part of their culture would you be most interested in experiencing?
3. Which character in the book did you relate to the most? Why? Did you have a favorite scene?
4. Kathleen grew up in a vicar's household and then overnight was taken to relative castle-like setting. It was almost like a fairy tale where the commoner becomes a princess. There's something about fairy tales that capture our imaginations and many have since been retold in various ways. Did any part of *The Lost Heir* remind you of another story? How was it similar and how did it differ?
5. Kathleen had a box of keepsakes that contained clues from her past along with a few precious letters. Is there something from your childhood or younger days that you kept? Does it trigger fond memories of a simpler time or remind you of a difficult choice? Do you have a special box or place to hold those items or are they scattered around?
6. The story was set during the rise of machinery to weave wool and Reuben struggled to adjust to the changes while still holding on to what made their quiet village special. Would you have made different choices than he did? Why or why not? Is there a situation in our modern culture where you might have to make a similar choice?
7. At various times, Kathleen compared the men she met in London to her childhood friend and their village. Meanwhile, Reuben felt the sting when thinking of her the company of wealthier and more-titled men. How often do you compare yourself and your situation to those around you? How do you counteract the feelings of envy, covetousness, or jealousy when they arise?
8. The concept of inheritance played a critical role in the story as the mystery of the earl's lost heir unfolded. The Bible says that believers are adopted to become children of God and joint heirs with his Son. As a child of the true King with an inheritance, are there responsibilities that come with that gift? How does this truth impact your daily life?