

Book Club Questions

1. What was your initial reaction when you first started reading this book? What was your reaction after you finished this book?
2. Margaret kept secrets from her father and brothers. Have you ever kept a secret from your family that was later misconstrued?
3. Cecil Calvert changed the Brent family's life. Have you ever had a relative that changed your life?
4. Margaret could not leave a wrong not righted. Have you ever stepped out of your comfort zone to make something a little better?
5. If you had to move away with no chance of replacing what you leave behind, what would you select?
6. Were there scenes that stayed in your mind?
7. What did you take away from the importance of the settings?
8. Did this story feel unique or original?
9. What prior knowledge did you have of the English conflict between Protestant and Catholics during the 1600s?
10. How did traditions, events, and concerns that occurred in England shape Maryland's landed gentry and society?
11. Cecil Calvert, the Second Lord Baltimore, found it necessary to remove some traditional responsibilities from the church. He also insisted Protestant and Catholic could equally participate in governing. Several years after the first Maryland settlers arrived, the head-right system brought about consequences Lord Baltimore never expected. How did these three actions give rise to the founding of our nation and the Great American Dream?
12. Often ending of stories are not what we would wish or expect. Considering the historical facts, can you see another choice for Margaret?