

Discussion Questions for Mystery Tourism Novel **Missing in Mexico**

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CAUTION: The questions below reveal parts of the story. You should read these questions only after you've read the book.

**Write in your responses prior to gathering to discuss the book.**

1. What do you think Stan could have done to locate Sarah sooner?

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2. If you were Sarah's parent, what would you have asked her, or said to her, at the meeting in Guadalajara? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. If you were Sarah's parent, what would have been your reaction when told that you only had 30 minutes to meet with her? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. How involved in the mystery were you because of the tourism aspect of the story? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. How many times did you think you knew why Sarah was missing? What were they? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. How would you have liked for the book to end? \_\_\_\_\_

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7. What did you like most about the book? \_\_\_\_\_

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8. What did you like least about the book? \_\_\_\_\_  
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9. Complete this sentence: I would have liked Stan to have had more involvement with Carmelita because \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

10. Complete this sentence: Stan's character was believable because \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

11. Which story character could you most relate to? \_\_\_\_\_  
Why? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What do you think you would have done if you were that person in the book? \_\_\_\_\_  
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12. How would you describe Stan's emotional involvement with Sara ("no h") because her name was similar to the Sarah he was trying to find? \_\_\_\_\_  
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13. What did you think about the book's primary setting of San José del Cabo, Mexico? How real did the town seem to you? \_\_\_\_\_  
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14. If you went to Los Cabos, how likely would you be to visit some of the places mentioned in the book? Which ones? Why? \_\_\_\_\_  
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15. What would be your response if someone asked for your opinion of Los Cabos based on this book? \_\_\_\_\_  
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16. Where would you place Los Cabos on your list of places to visit? Why? \_\_\_\_\_  
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17. Was the Spanish used in the book (chapter headings and text) a help or a hindrance? Why? \_\_\_\_\_

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18. What was missing from the story that would have made it more connected? \_\_\_\_\_

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19. How comfortable would you be going to Los Cabos? Would you feel safe? Why? \_\_\_\_\_

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20. How does this book compare with other mysteries you've read in terms of its pace as well as pulling you from one chapter to the next? \_\_\_\_\_

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21. What part of the story pulled on your heartstrings? What did you feel as you read it? \_\_\_\_\_

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22. How real did the author make the story seem? Did you think he was the right one to write the book and tell you about Los Cabos? \_\_\_\_\_

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23. How did the tone of the writing match with the mystery that was taking place? \_\_\_\_\_

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24. What do you think you'll remember about this book in a year? \_\_\_\_\_

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25. What would you tell the author if he were sitting here in your group? \_\_\_\_\_

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