



RING OF SECRETS

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1. In a time when intelligence work was considered filthy as well as dangerous, Winter risked working with the Culper Ring out of obedience to the Lord and to help her father's cause. Has the Lord or your family ever asked you to do something dangerous or questionable?
2. One of the primary themes in *Ring of Secrets* is truth—man's version versus God's version. How do you see these playing out in the book, and what are your thoughts on "truth" and truth? Are there ever times when we must hide something from others in order to obey the Lord?
3. Who is your favorite character and why?
4. Bennet and his brother Archibald have a complicated relationship—loving but not always friendly. How would you react to a brother like Archie? How do you feel about how Ben treats him?
5. When Winter meets Viney in the ironically named Holy Ground, she comes to a realization about innocence. What are your thoughts on this?
6. Do you feel Winter behaves fairly in regards to Colonel Fairchild? What would you have the same or differently?
7. In a society where appearance is very important and style very extravagant, both Winter and Bennet have a fondness for simplicity that sets them apart. What similarities do you see between society in 1780 and society today? Where do you fall in the spectrum and why?
8. As George Knight observes, many Americans during the Revolution based their loyalties not on what cause they believed in, but on which side they believed would be victorious. What would you have done if you were alive at the time? Would you risk your life or livelihood for a cause that seemed destined for failure?
9. By the end of the book, Bennet can review the events of the year and see the Lord's guidance. Do you have a story from your life of when all seemed confusion or coincidence at the time, but upon looking back you could discern God's hand?
10. At the end, Fairchild says that "nothing means what it once did." How has he changed through the book, and how do you feel about him by the conclusion?