

**Reading Group Guide for
Sea Rose Lane
by Irene Hannon**

(Spoiler alert—these questions assume you've already read the book)

1. When the story begins, Eric has just lost his job. Have you or a loved one had this experience? How did it make you feel? How did you cope?
2. Eric's father tells him that good may come out of the traumatic event. Have you found in your own life that sometimes things that initially appear negative turn out to bring positive results? If so, give an example.
3. BJ feels guilty because she believes she failed her grandmother. Do you think she did? What do we owe those who loved us . . . sacrificed for us . . . raised us?
4. For most of her life, BJ was heavy—and her social life suffered. Have you ever been—or do you know someone who is—overweight? How did that affect your/their life? Do you think there's a stigma attached to obesity? If so, why?
5. What did you think of Charley? In one word, describe how you felt about him by the end of the book and explain why you chose this word.
6. Eric's father deferred his dream of owning an inn until late in life, putting practicalities first in deference to his wife's wish for security. Do you think he did the right thing? Why or why not?
7. Do you have a dream you'd like to pursue? What has held you back?
8. Luis has lost everything that mattered to him, and at one point is on the verge of taking his life. How did you feel about his decision? How do you think God would have viewed his choice had he followed through?
9. Eleanor presents a happy face to the world, but her heart is sad and her life is lonely. Do you know any older people who live similar isolated lives? How might friends and neighbors brighten their lives?
10. Eleanor worries about having to go into an assisted living facility, as BJ's grandmother did. Do you have a relative in such a facility? What process did you and your family go through in making that decision?

11. When BJ asks Eleanor to participate in her prototype companion program, the older woman realizes she's always been prejudiced. Have you ever learned something about yourself that was an unpleasant surprise? How did you deal with it?
12. Describe BJ's character in three words. Do the same for Eric. Do you think these two were a good match? Why or why not?
13. As is demonstrated in this book, small acts of kindness can have a significant—and lasting—impact. Give an example from your own experience where an act of kindness made a difference in someone's life.
14. Near the end of the book, when Eric is offered his dream job, he discovers that it isn't what he wants after all. What happened during his time in Hope Harbor to give him a new perspective?
15. Do you think Eric will be happy long term in Hope Harbor? Why or why not?
16. Did you think the romance between BJ and Eric was depicted realistically? Why or why not?
17. Who was your favorite secondary character in the book? Why?
18. Who do you think changed the most during the course of this story? Why did they change? Give specific examples of *how* they changed.
19. What was the most touching scene for you? Why?
20. Did you think the plot of *Sea Rose Lane* was well constructed and credible, and the characters believable? Why or why not? Talk about your impressions of the book from a literary standpoint—its strengths and weaknesses. If you were the author, would you have done anything differently?



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