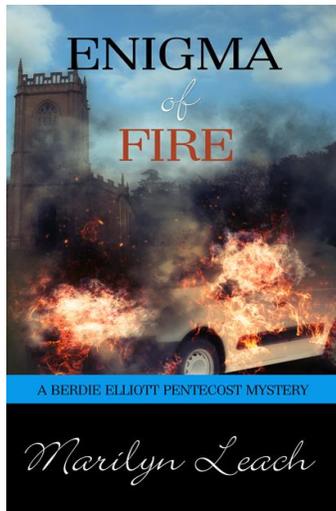


Discussion Questions



ENIGMA OF FIRE

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About the Book

As the season of Pentecost approaches, Berdie Elliott's husband, Aidan Kirkwood's village vicar, prepares for the Whitsun Long Weekend Regatta boat race.

But one amongst them is in a van explosion that puts Berdie right in it. The shock of the blast sends her whirling, and when the Yard arrives, fingers point to a profiled suspect that ignites village fears.

Who would think that business vans, one heroic dog, mistaken identity, an evocative book, and enduring friendships could help solve the crime?

Berdie must recapture her investigative brilliance, sift the ashes, and ascertain who's responsible.

Will the enigma of fire be laid bare? This mystery sizzles.

TITLE: Enigma of Fire
Discussion:

Question 1: What initially aroused Berdie uneasiness that her sleuthing gift was not up to par?

Answer 1: The early stages of collateral fallout from the blast gave her a headache and a hit to her reasoning processes. Ch. 3

Question 2: What goaded Berdie, in Chapter 8, as the investigation went on, that made her question if she was losing her gift altogether?

Answer 2: When Lillie challenged Berdie, saying she wasn't using a broad perspective because she was too close to the case, and Berdie admitted to herself that it held truth.

Question 3: When did Berdie, late in the game, decide she could solve this case?

Answer 3: When she bumped into Chief Inspector Kent on the High Street where he admitted things seemed a paper chase, and Berdie possessed something he didn't have: local knowledge. Ch. 11

Question 4: At what point did Berdie genuinely acknowledge that her hesitations concerning her sleuthing gift was in the past?

Answer 4: When speaking to Mrs. Hall about the case at the Whistsun Regatta. Ch.15

Question 5: When speaking with Chad at Dave's flat, how did Berdie blend her role as a church woman with her sleuthing nose?

Answer 5: She actively listened to Chad. She asked him careful questions. She challenged him concerning forgiveness and the real freedom it can bring. Ch. 7

Question 6: How did Lillie, as a faithful friend, save Berdie from an untimely display of bile at the Copper Kettle in Chapter 6?

Answer 6: Lillie encouraged Berdie to look about and consider the appropriateness of her actions, even after making a scene upon entry.

Question 7: Think on Berdie's experience in Slough. She was ready to give up on searching for Sundeep when the Lord "pulled a rabbit from a divine hat." Has that ever happened to you?

Answer 7: open ended answers

Question 8: Did you at any time suspect the real culprit who planted the explosive? When?

Answer 8: open ended answers

Question 9: Do you now, or have you ever known anyone who serves, or has served, in the military? Tell us about them.

Answer 9 open ended answers

Question 10: Not all of us can solve a case that involves military service people like Berdie did. But, what gifts or abilities do you posses that you could use to show appreciation to those who serve/served?

Answer 10: open ended answers

