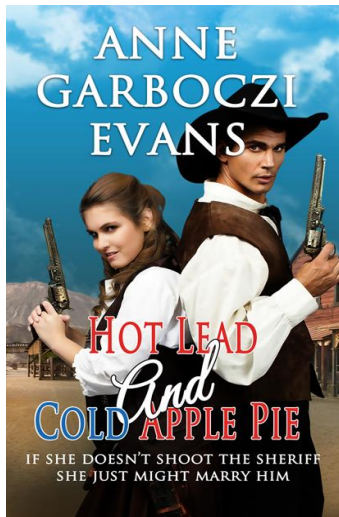


Discussion Questions



HOT LEAD AND COLD APPLE PIE

Lawmen and Suffragettes

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About the Book

Jenny Thompson takes great pleasure in her job as secretary to the sheriff. He consults her on cases, and, contrary to what the sheriff thinks, Jenny's convinced she single-handedly protects the town. Then, college-educated lawman Cal Westwood arrives to combat a notorious outlaw and his gang. Determined to run Cal out on a rail before he can take over her sheriff office, Jenny will stop short of nothing.

Initially, Cal's attracted to Jenny's elusive green eyes, but that's before she convinces the town flirt and the entire temperance league to aim their ire at him. He has a gang to catch, his fallen comrade to avenge, and he's not going to let one interfering woman ruin it for him. But he might have underestimated Jenny.

Will hot lead and quick trigger fingers ignite not just shootouts, but love? Or will their feuding give the outlaw the opportunity he needs to kill them all?

TITLE: Hot Lead And Cold Apple Pie
Discussion:

Question 1: How were gender expectations in the 1890s different than today? What factors influenced those changes to occur?

Answer 1:

Question 2: How did gender expectations affect Jenny's goal of becoming sheriff of Gilman as well as Cal's reactions to that goal? Do you think Jenny would have been happier in modern America where she could have pursued a law enforcement career? Do you think Cal would have been happier?

Answer 2:

Question 3: What did you think of Sheriff Thompson? Do you think 1890s gender attitudes affected what he wanted for his niece or could you see a modern uncle behaving similarly?

Answer 3:

Question 4: Temperance leagues were a driving force behind getting women the vote both in Colorado and the nation. How did the Gilman temperance league advance the cause of women or did it?

Answer 4:

Question 5: Historically, John Clinton was a silver prospector who founded Gilman. Cal said he wouldn't have expected a prospector to have a wife like Mrs. Clinton. When you think of the women who settled the west, what do you think they were like? Do you think any were like Mrs. Clinton?

Answer 5:

Question 6: What do you think Jenny most admired about Cal?

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Question 7: What do you think Cal most admired about Jenny?

Answer 7:

Question 8: Was Cherry right that Jenny never would have been happy with Peter Foote? Do you think he knew that Jenny had considered marrying him?

Answer 8:

Question 9: What do you expect the future to hold for Jenny and Cal? Do you think that Mrs. Clinton will continue to meddle in their lives?

Answer 9

Question 10: How did Cherry change and grow from her initial appearance in the book to the ending? Do you think Cal judged her correctly or do you think she has a deeper side than the town gives her credit for?

Answer 10:

