

You Came Here to Die, Didn't You

Book Club Discussion Questions

Chapter	Discussion Questions
Introduction Pages xiii to xviii	What are you willing to die for? What criteria would you use to decide if you would take part in a march, a sit-in or voter registration? What part did the new television technology play in the effectiveness of the tactics of the Civil Rights Movement?
In the Beginning Pages 2 - 13	Under what conditions would you be nonviolent? How would you argue in favor of the Civil Rights Act of 1964? How would you argue against?
A Lesson in Etiquette Pages 14 -16	What steps would you take to help a new “outsider” become comfortable in your world? Why is it important to be able to adjust to different cultures?
Waiting on the Lord Pages 17 – 25	How does the DuBois quote apply to black Americans today? Who is responsible for providing health care for people like Mrs. Gadsden today? Who is responsible for education of the nation’s children equally? Or is this an idea which is no longer applicable considering immigration?
Aha So That’s How It Feels Pages 26 to 28	When have you had an “ah ha” moment about someone else?
The Roadblock Pages 29 to 35	How would you respond to such a roadblock today? How far can a local community go to protect themselves from outside agitators?
A Visit from the Klan Pages 36 to 38	What are your criteria for a terrorist organization? Is the KKK a terrorist group? If so, how far can they go legally to promote their beliefs?
What if I fail? Pages 39 to 43	Many women who were civil rights workers felt they were treated as second hand citizens in the Movement.

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Why do you think this is so?

What was the purpose of the NAACP? What were their chief strategies?

I Have a Dream:
Alienation
Pages 44 to 46

If a student is under age, when is it appropriate to ask him/her to go against his/her parents' rules?

Pennies from
Heaven
Pages 47 to 49

Why were churches so important to the Civil Rights Movement?

I Have A Dream:
New Comer
Pages 51 to 55

How will you decide what school your children will go to?
Some parents choose to wait in line to get their children into the "best" schools?
Shouldn't all schools be equally good? Why aren't they?

Hogshead Stew
Pages 56 to 59

What's the worst thing you've ever eaten?
What would have to happen to make you eat it again?

We Don't Go By
That Law Down
Here
Pages 60 to 66

When should states' rights overrule federal rights?
How are human rights related to states rights and federal rights?

Pass the Bedpan,
Please
Pages 67 to 69

How important is being neat and clean when you are dealing with other people?
How can you be clean if you don't have the facilities to do so?
How would being clean influence trying to get a job?

The Problem with
Hormones
Pages 70 to 76,
and 84 to 85

It was dangerous to date outside one's race in the South. What reasons might a parent use to convince his or her child to only date within his/her own race, religion, or ethnic group?

A Line in the Sand:
Canvassing,
Registration Day
and Promise
Pages 77 to 83,

Is it responsible for people to vote if they can't read and write?
What were people trying to accomplish by registering and voting?

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In God's Hands
Pages 86 to 91

How often have you or your children had to go to new schools?

How easy is it to just blend in with other students?

How hard would it be to go to a school where you were of a different race?

Bullying is a problem that needs to be dealt with. How would you do so?

We Don't Serve
Colored: Test and
Politics

Pages 92 to 94
and 117 to 119

What were the constraints of the Civil Rights Act of 1964?

Shouldn't an owner have a right to keep anyone out of his business?

Go Away So
Nobody Knows
Page 95 to 98

How far would you go to protect someone in a dangerous situation?

So Much for the
Hippocratic Oath
Page 99 to 102

Did the doctor do anything illegal when dealing with Florence?

When should personal opinion influence the way you do your job?

Fireball in the
Night
Pages 103 to 106

The Klan is growing in the United States today along with other hate groups.

Why do you think the Klan is still around – and growing?

On the Outside
Looking In
Pages 107 to 109

Should the word "nigger" be used by black persons?

By white persons?

What does it really mean?

Some folks want to have "nigger" changed in all historical documents and books. Should this be done – rewriting history?

Riding the Wave
Page 112 to 116

What is one situation in the country you would like to see changed? Why?

What steps are you willing to take to make it happen?

Between Two
Worlds
Pages 120 to 125

The world seems like such a violent place. Is it possible for people to get along and how can they?

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Looking Back
Pages 126 to 129

What strategies might the Movement have used other than civil disobedience?

Would they have had different consequences?

Would civil disobedience work in dealing with the problems facing the nation today like gay rights, immigration, the economy, and others? Why or why not?

Appendix H
Pages 171 to 173

Why do so few people vote today? What might we do to get more people to vote?

Should voting be mandatory as it is in some countries like Australia?

If there are questions you think I should add, please contact me on my website at sheriabeddis.com