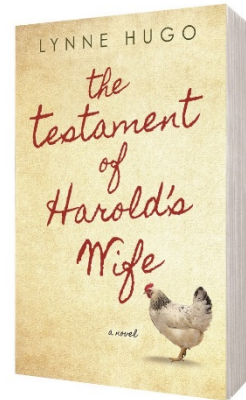


## ***The Testament of Harold's Wife* by Lynne Hugo** **Book Club Reading Guide: Discussion Questions**



1. What is your image of a woman in her late sixties or early seventies? In what ways does Louisa challenge or confirm that?
2. How did you assess Gary? Did he evoke sympathy, anger, or some other emotion?
3. What was your reaction to CarolSue? Do you have a relationship with a sibling or very close friend who has a similar role in your life? Do you think this sort of relationship is unique to women or do men develop it with other men too?
4. Did your reaction to Gus change during the course of the novel?
5. How do you see the different notions of religion and/or spirituality in this novel? Do any of them fit with your own?
6. Louisa is extremely bothered by trophy hunting. How does this match your own feelings about hunting for the purpose of sport as opposed to hunting for food? Do you have thoughts or feelings about the notion of animal rights? If so, how do you define them and what do they mean?
7. Do you prefer a novel that has a few "loose ends" or do you like one that ties everything up neatly at the close? What do you imagine will happen after Louisa came home from visiting CarolSue?
8. What do you imagine to be the author's intention as she wrote *The Testament of Harold's Wife*?