

Me, Frida and the Secret of the Peacock Ring discussion questions

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After reading *Me, Frida and the Secret of the Peacock Ring*, use these questions to start a discussion with your students or book club about the book. Questions may also be used as writing prompts.

1. The novel starts out with Paloma leaving her hometown to live in Coyoacán, Mexico for four-weeks. She is not exactly thrilled by it. Have you ever moved to another state or country for four weeks or longer? If so, where? How did that make you feel? Were you nervous like Paloma? Or were you excited? Please explain.

2. In the novel, Paloma's all-time favorite book character is Lulu Pennywhistle, teen-sleuth. Do you have an all-time favorite book character that you admire? If so, who is it? What makes this character so special to you? _____

3. Throughout the book, Paloma is trying to learn Spanish. Have you ever wanted to speak another language? What language? Why? Do you already speak multiple languages? If so, which languages do you speak? Were they tough to learn?



4. Paloma keeps a "memory box" that she fills with photographs, mementos and notecards to capture facts about her deceased father and remember her time in Mexico. If you had a memory box, what would you keep inside it? Why? _____

5. In the book, Paloma discovers the truth about her new friends, Gael and Lizzie. She struggles with whether or not to forgive them and help them. What would you have done? Would you have continued to help them? Why or why not? _____

6. Toward the end of the novel, Tavo writes Paloma a long note. In it, he says he hopes that they'll meet again. Do you think they'll meet again? Would you like them to meet again? Why? _____

