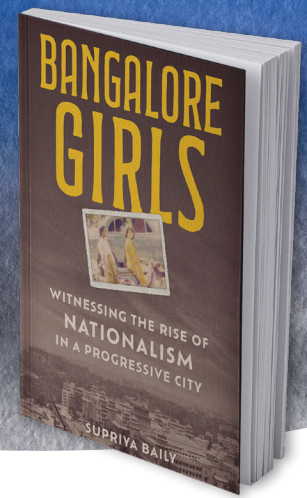


Suggested Questions For Book Club Discussions



- 1 What could the city of Bangalore represent to author and the subjects of the story?

- 2 How does the author use the past to guide the present?

- 3 Did the author's writing style contribute to the book's impact?

- 4 What part of the book's subject matter is still relevant today?

- 5 Did the book make you reflect on your own experiences?

- 6 Did the book inspire you to take any actions or make any changes?

- 7 What event(s) triggered the author's return to India?

- 8 Describe some of the different experiences the "Bangalore Girls" shared about their lives.

- 9 How has modern day Bangalore changed since the author left?

- 10 How does the rise in Hindu extremism and nationalist policies affect the feminist struggle for justice and gender equality in India?

- 11 Are there parallels with how the education system in India was affected by cultural and political forces to examples from your experiences or readings?

- 12 Can we hold conflicting points of view on our government – in which ways do the women in the book do this?

- 13 Do the "Bangalore Girls" hold "critical hope" for the future of their country? How does the idea of "critical hope" translate to where you grew up?
