

A Stranger in the Clearing Book Club Questions

- 1. What makes Pi special?**
- 2. The author uses several settings in the book. What are they? How are they alike and different. Why is this important to the reader?**
- 3. Every character in the book is different. What character are you most like and why?**
- 4. The author explains that Pi has run away from home. Why is this important to the story? Do you know of anyone who wanted to run away from home?**
- 5. Besides Pi's color, what makes her different from other deer?**
- 6. Do you think Pi was brave? Why?**

- 7. Hunters have always hunted in forests and woods for food. Do you think a hunter should hunt a piebald deer? Why or Why not? Why in the story do the hunters NOT hunt in the Woods?**
- 8. King Deer is the leader in the Woods. Why do you think he is the leader?**
- 9. A Stranger in the Clearing is similar to another famous “deer story.” Do you know which one? Why are they alike and how are they different?**
- 10. Why do you think the author made this “picture book” for older readers? How do you know it is for older readers?**
- 11. Young children love this book even though they cannot read it. Why do you think that is?**

- 12. Why do you think the author named the finches Tattle and Merry?**
- 13. The illustrator is from Brazil, South America. Do you think she has ever seen any of the animals from In The Woods, and if not, how did she know how to draw them?**
- 14. What is your favorite illustration in the book and why?**
- 15. The author and illustrator worked very hard to make certain the animals, insects and environment looked as close to real as possible. Why do you think they did this?**
- 16. On the page where all the animals gather, which of those animals are herbivores? How do you know?**
- 17. On the page where all the animals gather to hear what Sequoia has to say to Pi, there is a government**

protected animal . Do you know which one it is? Why is it important to know which animals are protected, endangered and extinct?

18. Why do you think the author placed a non-fiction page at the back of the book for the reader?

19. Why do you think this author wrote this book? What do you think the moral of the story is?

20. Why do you think the author includes the golden retriever Sequoia in her books about the Woods?