

QUESTIONS FOR BOOK CLUBS: THE LIONESS OF LEIDEN

- 1. What part of the novel did you like best?
- 2. When the Third Reich invaded the Netherlands, Hetty immediately joined the Dutch resistance. Do you know any young people today who would show such courage in similar circumstances?
- 3. Did you find it believable that a couple trying to escape from the Nazis were prepared to leave their young son behind?
- 4. Could you leave your child behind in similar circumstances?
- 5. Was the presentation of the relationship between Hetty and her brother realistic?
- 6. Did the portrayal of the German antagonists seem real to you?
- 7. What are your thoughts about Hetty's father?
- 8. What do you think happens to Hetty after the novel ends?
- 9. Did the narrative at the end written by the real Hetty help you to understand the story better?
- 10. Hetty visits her friend in 1982. Why do you think she waited so long?