



## Southeast Book Club

The World of the Salt Marsh by Charles Seabrook

8:00-9:00 PM ET on Monday, March 27th, 2023

### Meeting Schedule

Date	Chapters	Number of Pages
3/27/23	Chapter 15: The Ultimate Price Chapter 16: Living on the Edge Chapter 17: The Last Season Chapter 18: The Beloved Land	58

### Discussion Questions

As you read, you will most likely come up with questions of your own. Jot them down and share them with us! Here are the questions our facilitators came up with as they read Chapters 15-18 last week. This being our last set of questions, I'd like to give a big shout out to our two amazing facilitators, Brad and Sam, for their insightful work!

#### Chapter 15: The Ultimate Price

1. Reflect on how America's push for innovation and technology over the years has invertedly impacted our ecosystems. (DDT, Race for Space). How has this impacted both humans and wildlife that live in the salt marsh? In your region? How do we balance science advancement and protection of the estuary?
2. Revisit the encounter with Gibbons. He states that "these ghost traps can do endless harm to diamondback terrapins and other marsh wildlife." What impact have these traps had on salt marshes? What do you think can be done to help eliminate these traps?

#### Chapter 16: Living on the Edge

1. Toxaphene was the alternative for DDT, but still had a negative impact on humans and the environment. What regulations do you think should be in place before chemicals like these are considered for use in the environment?
2. What are your overall thoughts about superfund sites? What long term impacts do you see them having in the salt marsh or in your region?
3. The former Linden Chemical and Plastic (LCP) plant is one of the worst Superfund sites in the nation according to Seabrook. Do you think sending the toxins and waste to a landfill was the best solution? What are the lasting impacts of toxic waste production?

### **Chapter 17: The Last Season**

1. When shopping, how do you manage the farmed or wild dilemma in your search for [sustainable seafood](#)?
2. Throughout the book, Seabrook provides a spotlight on people in each region. How does the profile of Larry Credle add to your understanding of the wild caught shrimping industry? Which character in the book was most memorable for you?

### **Chapter 18: The Beloved Land**

1. What is your biggest takeaway from having read this book?
2. If you got the chance to ask Seabrook one question, what would it be...or...What research would you like to conduct to further your understanding of a topic?