



Northeast Book Club

The Secret Life of Lobsters by Trevor Corson

8:00-9:00 PM ET on Thursday, April 27th, 2023

Meeting Schedule

Date	Chapters	Number of Pages
4/27/23	<i>Part One: Trapping</i> Chapter 1: A Haul of Heritage Chapter 2: Honey Holes <i>Part Two: Mating</i> Chapter 3: Scent of a Woman Chapter 4: The Man Show	65
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6/8/23	<i>Brooding</i> Chapter 15: Gathering the Flock Chapter 16: Victory Dance Chapter 17: Fickle Seas Epilogue	62

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 Carol, our facilitator, came up with as she read the first four chapters last week.

Prologue: Setting Out

On a scale of 1 to 10, rate how much you knew about lobsters before you started reading this book. (1 being very little and 10 being you are a lobster expert)

Chapter 1: A Haul of Heritage

Chapter 1 discusses the economic perils of lobstering as a living, why do you think so many children followed their parents into this line of work?

Chapter 2: Honey Holes

Finding that great 'honey hole' could be compared to fishermen finding their spot. Do you think anyone should be able to 'claim' a spot in the ocean as theirs?

Chapter 3: Scent of a Woman

This chapter goes into detail on how the lobsters reproduce. Was there anything that surprised you?

Chapter 4: The Man Show

The lobster 'love dance' is described in this chapter-were you surprised to learn that the female takes the lead more than the male? What about the male that was devoured by the others?

Chapter 5: Sex, Size, and Videotape

Please share your thoughts on the different experiments that were discussed in this chapter. Would you change any of these experiments and if so, which one(s) and why?