



## Northeast Book Club

**The Secret Life of Lobsters by Trevor Corson**

8:00-9:00 PM ET on Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### Meeting Schedule

Date	Chapters	Number of Pages
5/11/23	Chapter 5: Sex, Size, and Videotape <i>Part Three: Fighting</i> Chapter 6: Eviction Notice Chapter 7: Battle Lines Chapter 8: The War of the Eggs Chapter 9: Claw Lock	74
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### 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 that Carol, our facilitator, came up with as she read Chapters 5-9 last week.

#### 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?

*Part Three: Fighting*

## **Chapter 6: Eviction Notice**

This chapter discussed how lobsters 'evict' other lobsters from homes. How does the scientists' work discussed in this chapter address concerns regarding [sustainability in lobster fisheries](#)? Do you think other issues impacting lobster populations, such as habitat conservation, deserve greater focus in this chapter?

## **Chapter 7: Battle Lines**

Life of Little Cranberry Island is described in this chapter. What are the benefits and drawbacks of living in an isolated location such as this island? Would you be able to or do live in a similar place?

## **Chapter 8: The War of the Eggs**

So far in the book we have read much about the battle between government scientists and the Maine Lobstermen's Association to protect the lobster population. With all the reports and research, do you think hard scientific research should be used more or less in controlling the laws?

## **Chapter 9: Claw Lock**

Again, we read information on how lobsters fight for their territory. Do you think the Maine lobstermen had to 'lock claws' with the government? There are two sides to every discussion, which side would you be leaning towards and why?