

Beaufort Scales Book Club Questions

1. To open: What drew you to this book? What made you want to share it with the group, and what are your initial feelings on finishing it?
2. The books are told from multiple points of view. How does this serve the story? Or does it detract from it? How would it change to be told from a single point of view?
3. Having the point of view of Mortimer offers an outsider's perspective on the human world. How does that affect the story? What does it offer, to have a non-human view? And how does the presence of dragons serve the cozy mystery trope, or does it detract from it?
4. What are your thoughts on the writing style and description? Do you have any favourite passages? (Perhaps each person could read their favourite aloud.) How does this particular passage relate to the story as a whole? Does it reveal anything specific about any of the characters or their way of viewing the world, or does it speak to the themes of the book?
5. The cozy tropes of small towns, tea parties, and ladies of a certain age are very present in the Beaufort books. What do they bring to the story? Or do they detract from it?
6. How important is the mystery to the story? At what point did you think you knew the outcome? Why? Were you right or wrong?
7. How important is the setting to the story? Could you imagine these stories set in a different environment?
8. The Beaufort books are heavy on humour. How do you feel that serves the story? Or does it detract from it? How would the story be different if it was told more seriously?
9. Who was your favourite character? Why? Who was your least favourite character? Why? How did they grow and change through the book, if they did?
10. What questions do you have at the end of the story? How do you imagine them being resolved in future books?

Thank you for choosing to feature Beaufort! If you and your book club would like to be featured in [The Toot Hansell Auxiliary Facebook group](#), send your thoughts on the book to kim@kmwatt.com. I would also love to share a photo of you, so if you have one of the group you fancy sharing, do send it along with your email.

And happy reading!