

Gobbelino London 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. Gobbelino has an outsider's view of the human world. In what way does that give a different perspective to the story than if it had been told from a human's point of view? How does his experience of the world colour the story?
3. 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?
4. While the Gobbelino books aren't strictly mysteries, they do always take place around a mystery of some sort. What does that bring to the story? At what point did you think you knew the outcome of the mystery? Why? Were you right or wrong?
5. How important is the setting to the story? Could you imagine these stories set in a different environment?
6. The Gobbelino books eschew romantic elements for the most part, but do feature strong friendships. How does this change the book? Would it be the same with romantic elements? Do you feel it was missing something, or do you feel friendship is as satisfying as romance? Why?
7. Reflecting on the world of Folk and the magic system of Gobbelino's world, do you feel any parts served as a reflection or metaphor for the human world? In what way?
8. The Gobbelino 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 Gobbelino! 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!

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