

MEET ME IN MONACO Book Club Questions

1. There's something about iconic women who are surrounded by tragedy. What is it, do you think, that captivates us about them? What other women, whose lives were shrouded in tragic circumstances, have fascinated you over the years?
2. Do you believe Grace Kelly gave up too much to marry Prince Rainier? Would you have followed your heart and done the same, or chosen a different path?
3. Scent is closely associated with memory. Can you think of a time you smelled a fragrance that whisked you away to a moment in your past? What scents transport you, typically?
4. The paparazzi was just becoming rampant in the 1950s. Would you say their coverage has changed in the last 70 years? How so? What would you consider appropriate versus inappropriate news to report? Have you been a consumer of paparazzi photos and articles?
5. Meet Me in Monaco focuses on Grace Kelly's life from first meeting Prince Rainier to her tragic death in 1982. Which aspects of her story especially surprised, or resonated with you?
6. Grace and Rainier were said to be charmed by each other during their first meeting, and got to know each other through the letters they wrote in the following months. Do you believe in love at first sight?
7. Many relationships come with a sacrifice, and James and Sophie's relationship is far from straightforward. How did you respond to their blossoming romance?
8. James and Sophie's lives change dramatically after their interactions with Grace. Have you ever met a celebrity, or know of anyone who has? If so, what happened?
9. Grace Kelly's wedding is still remembered as one of the most iconic events in modern times. Her wedding dress also regularly tops the list of most beautiful wedding gowns. Have you watched any modern royal weddings, such as Kate and William, or Meghan and Harry? Why do you think we are so fascinated with royalty, and celebrity?
10. The golden age of Hollywood left us with an incredible legacy of women whose style, elegance and newsworthy lifestyles have captured our imaginations for decades. Which Hollywood stars - living, or dead - would you invite to a dinner party, and why?