



Pig Candy: Taking My Father South, Taking My Father Home

by Lise Funderburg

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Reader's Guide

1. For the person who chose *Pig Candy*: What made you want to read it? Did it live up to your expectations? Why or why not?
2. Why did Lise Funderburg give the book the title, "Pig Candy?" In what ways does that term relate to her father and to Monticello, Georgia, the place he was from?
3. What do you think motivated the author to share this story? How did you respond to the author's voice?
4. What are the themes of this book? Which of them resonated with you? Why? What events in this book did you find to be the most interesting? What, if anything, surprised you?
5. How did American history influence George Funderburg? How did he influence it?
6. What did you learn about the time period in which the book is set? Discuss the period in history each person in the group enjoys reading about most.
7. Has reading this book inspired you to do further research or reading on the subject and the time period discussed?
8. Discuss the book's structure and the author's use of language. How does the author draw the reader in and keep the reader engaged? Does the author convey her story with comedy, self-pity, or something else?
9. Were there any instances in which you felt the author was not being truthful? How did you react to these sections?
10. Compare this book to other memoirs your group has read. Is it similar? Did you like it more or less than others you've read? What do you think will be your lasting impression of it?