

“Balmy Darlings and Deaths”  
Book Club Questions

Some women go to great lengths to look beautiful. How is beauty represented in “Balmy Darlings and Deaths?”

Of the characters in the book, how are they striving for their version of beauty?

How is the Chinese-American culture in the book different or similar to your culture?

In this installment, the reader gets a glimpse of how the Chinese culture notes someone’s passing. How do you note someone’s passing in your culture/family? Do you feel this is sufficient?

For some people, their greatest achievement or tragedy is high school. Have you seen examples of this in your life, and how does this affect the person?

In “Balmy Darlings and Deaths” Raina’s friendship with Eden is put to the test. Is there anything else she could do to save the friendship? Or do you feel she should have ended the friendship earlier? Why?

How do you feel about Po Po’s involvement in the investigation? Is she a hindrance or help? Why?

Have you read other similar books to “Balmy Darlings and Deaths?” How are these books also different?