

Reader's Guide

The Son of the House by Cheluchi Onyemelukwe-Onuobia

Questions for Discussion

1. Which plays the most critical role in the way the characters develop? Gender or social class?
2. The novel is set in Igbo land in Nigeria. Did the setting resonate with you? Do you think the patriarchal attitudes depicted in the book are universal?
3. Which of the characters do you find yourself thinking about often?
4. What did you make of the choices facing Julie and the choices she made?
5. Do you see any similarities in Julie and Nwabulu?
6. What did you think of the end of the book? How does the story actually end?
7. The Son of the House explores female friendships and women helping each other. What did you make of this? How does this play out in real life?
8. The Son of the House is a book primarily about women. What is the significance of the title?
9. If you got a chance to meet the author, what would you most like to ask her about the book?
10. Overall, what feelings did this book evoke for you?



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