



Discussion Guide

Dare to be Dirty

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Dirty Girls Book Club series, Book 2

[See also Book 1, *The Dirty Girls Book Club* (Georgia's story)

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Now, let's talk about *Dare to be Dirty*. I suggest you skim through the questions and pick the ones that interest you the most.

1. *Kim's story*. Did you read *The Dirty Girls Book Club*, the first book in this series? If so, did you have any expectations as to what kind of hero and romance might be in store for Kim? Did this book surprise you, or was Ty Ronan the kind of man you'd have picked for Kim?
2. *Who is Kim?* Who is Kim Chang at the start of the book, and how has she been shaped by her upbringing? What are her strengths and weaknesses? What do you think of Kim's relationship with her parents? Is she too respectful of their wishes, or not respectful enough? How much influence should parents have on their adult children's lives?
3. *Who is Ty?* Who is Ty Ronan at the start of the book? How has he been shaped by his upbringing? Why did he choose rodeo over ranching, and then later buy a new Ronan Ranch and invite his parents to come and run it with him? Describe his relationship with his parents. How does it compare to Kim's with her parents? What about his birth mom? How has she influenced him?
4. *Happy marriages?* Who do you think has a healthier, happier marriage, Ty's parents or Kim's? What's your idea of the perfect marriage?
5. *Ride Her, Cowboy*. How does the club's choice of book affect Kim's life? Does the book have any impact on other club members' lives? What do you think of the club's discussions about the book?
6. *The book club*. How does the club influence Kim throughout the story? What do you think of the other club members and the way the various members interact? Do you see the relationships within the club developing over the course of the book?
7. *The perfect mate*. At the start of the book, both Kim and Ty envision getting married. What kind of man does she see as being her perfect mate? What kind of woman is Ty looking for? What formed each of their notions of that perfect mate?

8. *The hook-up.* What first attracts Kim to Ty, and Ty to Kim? Why does Kim do something so out of character as have sex with a man she just met? How does each of them feel afterward? Do you think it's slutty to sleep with someone you've just met?
9. *A small "r" relationship.* Why does Ty contact Kim after that first hook-up? Why does she agree to see him again? What are each of them hoping for? Do either envision the possibility of a big "R" Relationship? Then, after they sleep together again, how do they both feel? What do you think of Kim's idea of Chinese *rumspringa*? Why doesn't she tell her parents about Ty? What's his parents' opinion of her?
10. *Kim's ex.* What role does Kim's ex-boyfriend Henry play in the story?
11. *Passion.* The characters talk about finding that thing you're passionate about, that you're born to do. What does that mean for Kim? For Ty? Have they each found their special thing? Have you found yours? Do you think most people have something like that?
12. *The turning point.* At some point in the story, Ty and Kim develop serious feelings for each other. When do you think that happens for her? For him? What leads each of them to feel that way?
13. *Conflict.* In a romance, the reader knows the heroine and hero will end up together. But at the start of the book, the heroine and hero sure don't know that. They usually think it's pretty much impossible. Why do Kim and Ty think that? Over the course of the book, what brings them together and what keeps them apart?
14. *Taking the risk.* Why do Kim and Ty break up? Later, each realizes that they can't let the relationship go. What leads her to that realization, and how does she feel about it? How about him?
15. *UmbrellaWings.* What do you think of Kim's career goals at the beginning of the book, and then her choice of UmbrellaWings as the way to meet those goals? If you were her parent, would you support her business plan?
16. *Two different worlds.* In the beginning, Kim is convinced she and Ty come from two different worlds. What are those worlds? How do they begin to explore each other's worlds? Is it believable to you that the two of them can find or create a "world" that they'll both be happy living in?
17. *Character arc.* In most novels, the protagonists change and grow, and in a romance that growth is often at least in part a result of meeting that special person they're attracted to. How do you see Kim and Ty changing, and how do those changes come about?
18. *Wings.* In what ways do wings form a theme in the book? How does the concept of wings and flight affect Kim's final decision to stay in Vancouver?
19. *Marty and Dirk.* Did you enjoy the sections from *Ride Her, Cowboy*? The club members don't agree as to whether Marty and Dirk will live "happily ever after." What do you think?
20. *Story structure.* How did you enjoy the structure of the book, where bits of *Ride Her, Cowboy* are interwoven with Kim and Ty's story, and the club uses *Ride Her, Cowboy* as a starting point to discuss relationship issues?
21. *A happy ending?* Do you think Kim and Ty will have a "happy ever after" life together? What challenges will they face and how do you think they'll deal with them?

I'd love to hear your thoughts on some of these questions and issues! Email me at susan@susanlyons.ca. And don't forget to drop by my website: www.savannafox.ca. I'm also on Facebook at www.facebook.com/SusanLyonsFox.