



Discussion Guide

Ring of Fire: A Caribou Crossing Romance

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Now, let's talk about *Ring of Fire*. I suggest you skim through the questions and pick the ones that interest you the most.

1. *Female fire chief.* What do you think about Lark's career path? Can you relate to a woman being in this kind of position? Can you imagine what it must have taken for her to achieve this position?
2. *Who needs a man?* Lark doesn't think she does, for anything except occasional no-strings sex. Why does she believe this? Do you think she's over-reacting to the Cantrell "curse" and her bad experiences with her ex-husband?
3. *Career soldier.* Why is Eric's army career so important to him? How much influence did his father have?
4. *Who needs a wife and kids?* Why is Eric so convinced that his army career is incompatible with having a happy family life? Do you agree with him?
5. *Danny boy.* What impact has Sergeant Danny Peller's death had on Eric? How do his feelings about it change over the course of the book? What factors influence that change?
6. *Eric versus the ex.* In what ways does Eric differ from Lark's ex-husband, and how does their relationship differ from hers with her ex?
7. *Abuse?* Do you think that what Lark experienced with her ex, or what her mother Mary experienced with Lark's father, amounted to domestic abuse?

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8. *The same or different?* In what ways are Lark and Eric similar? In what ways do they differ? How do these various factors affect their developing relationship? How do you think they'll affect their future together?
9. *Insecurities.* Eric's a strong man, but he's insecure about certain things. What are they and how does he deal with them? How about Lark? On the surface, she also seems very strong. Do you think she has insecurities, too? What are they, and how does she deal with them?
10. *Character arc.* Lark and Eric both change and grow over the course of the book. In what ways, and what factors contribute to their growth?
11. *If they'd never met.* If Lark and Eric never met, what would their lives be like?
12. *Jayden.* What is Jayden's role in the book? Do he and Eric in fact help each other, as their physiotherapist hoped might happen?
13. *Riding therapy.* Jayden needs physical therapy, but Eric has already developed the physical strength and ability to cope with having a prosthetic leg. Both of them need other kinds of therapy, as well. How do horses and riding help them both?
14. *Parents.* Describe Eric's relationships with his mom and dad. How do they compare to Lark's relationships with her mom, Mary Cantrell? How about the relationship between Mary and Eric? Do you think Lark is a good parent? Has she been overprotective of her son or is there some other reason she hasn't brought men friends home? Do you think Eric will make a good parent?
15. *Eric's sister.* What do you think of Quinn? How about her relationship with her parents? Her relationship with Eric? Do you see any growth in Quinn? How does she influence Eric?
16. *Only a fling.* Why do Lark and Eric initially agree to only have a short-term fling? How does their relationship develop into something more?
17. *The women in her life.* How do the women in Lark's life influence her over the course of the book?
18. *The widow.* Discuss Eric's relationship with Ellie, the widow of Danny Peller, over the course of the book.
19. *Ring of fire.* Does the title of the book work for you? Does it reflect themes in the book?
20. *Favorite scene.* What is your favorite scene in the book, and why?
21. *Happily ever after?* At the beginning of the book, Lark is convinced she doesn't want a man in her life, and Eric is convinced that he shouldn't have a wife and kids. At the end of the book, they've made a commitment to each other. Do you think things will work out for them? Why, or why not?

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.susanlyons.ca. I'm also on Facebook at www.facebook.com/SusanLyonsFox.