

Discussion Guide Love Somebody Like You: A Caribou Crossing Romance by Susan Fox (a.k.a. Savanna Fox and Susan Lyons)

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Now, let's talk about *Love Somebody Like You*. I suggest you skim through the questions and pick the ones that interest you the most.

- 1. *Sally's secret.* If you read *Love Me Tender*, did you notice Sally Ryland as a secondary character? Did you have any idea that she was keeping a big secret from her friend Dave Cousins and from everyone else she knew?
- 2. *Swept off her feet.* How did Sally get involved with her ex-husband, Pete? Sally had been popular with men, so what was it about Pete that was so different, or was it just that magical thing called love? Have you ever met a larger-than-life person who swept you off your feet with charm and romance? How did it work out for you?
- 3. *Spousal abuse*. Have you ever experienced spousal abuse or had a friend or family member who experienced it? In Sally's case, what did it consist of? When did it start, and should she have seen warning signs before she married Pete? What did her husband do over the years and why did he do it? Do you think he really loved her?
- 4. *To leave or not.* Why didn't Sally ever leave Pete? If you'd been in her situation, would you have left? When, and how?
- 5. *Pete's death.* Do you blame Sally for not trying to save Pete's life? Do you understand why she behaved as she did? Was she right to feel guilty afterward?
- 6. *Love of place.* Sally loves her part of the country and the business she and Pete built up, even though her marriage was a very unhappy one. Do you think it's possible to separate things out that way, so that the good part isn't horribly tarnished by the bad things that happened?
- 7. *Sally and Dave*. What was Sally's relationship with Dave Cousins? Why was he the one man she'd allowed herself to trust, even a little?

- 8. *A man from the past*. Sally knew Ben many years ago on the rodeo circuit. How does this contribute to their current-day relationship?
- 9. *Attraction of opposites?* In what ways are Sally and Ben opposites? In what ways are they similar?
- 10. *Sally's insecurities*. Describe Sally as she is at the start of the book, in terms of her work life and her feelings about herself. How did she get to be this way?
- 11. *Ben's insecurities*. As Ben's relationship with Sally develops, he has some insecurities of his own. What are they, and do you think they are justified?
- 12. *Character arc*. How does Sally grow as a person over the course of the book? How does this happen—e.g., are there certain catalysts; how does Ben help? What events demonstrate steps in her growth?
- 13. Ben's growth. Does Ben also grow as a person? How so?
- 14. *Family*. Describe Sally's relationship with her family: first, when she was young; then when she married; then after Pete's death; and then over the course of the book.
- 15. Sally's chickens. What role do they play in her life and in the book?
- 16. *Going to town and having friends*. Why has Sally almost never gone to town? Why is she so wary about doing it? Why doesn't she have close friends? How do her views and her behavior change over the course of the book, and why?
- 17. *Only a fling*. Why do Sally and Ben initially agree to only have a short-term fling, and to keep it a secret? Did it make sense that he returned to the rodeo circuit, or should he have stayed with her? While they were apart, what happened for each of them to make them think about getting back together in a more serious relationship?
- 18. *Winning the woman.* What was Ben's plan once he'd decided he wanted to woo and win Sally? What do you think of that plan?
- 19. *Title*. What does the title of the book refer to? Have you ever known someone who was so wonderful that you could easily imagine loving someone just like them? Or was it really that person you loved?
- 20. Favorite scene. What is your favorite scene in the book, and why?
- 21. *Happily ever after?* Sally feels very settled at Ryland Riding, whereas Ben's been happy riding on the rodeo circuit. Do you think the two of them really belong together? Can they build a life together that will make both of them happy?
- 22. Epilogue. Some people don't like epilogues. Did this one work for you? Why or why not?

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