

Book Club Discussion Guide for No Paved Road To Freedom

Discussion topics among book club members

1. On a scale of 1 to 10, how would you rate this book?
2. Did any of your families come from a communist country or have a similar escape story?
3. What part of this book inspired you in some way?
4. What event from the book stood out to you?
5. Did you learn something you didn't know before?
6. Do you feel as if your views on a subject have changed by reading this story?
7. Have you had a life changing revelation from reading the book?
8. What major emotion did the story evoke in you as a reader?
9. At what point in the book did you decide if you liked it or not? What helped make this decision? Name your favorite thing overall about the book. Your least favorite?
10. If you could change something about the book what would it be and why?
11. Describe what you liked or disliked about the writer's style?
12. If you were in that situation would you have accepted that way of life, fought it, and/or tried to escape?
13. Would you have had the courage and determination to keep trying to reach freedom despite setbacks?
14. Do you see any parallels to what is taking place in America?

Questions for the author, Sharon Rushton

1. Why did you decide to write Cornel's story?
2. Tell us about your experiences while writing the book?
3. Why is the book categorized as fictionalized when it is a true story?
4. What were Cornel's and his families' experiences when they returned to Romania?
5. What is Cornel doing today?

Questions for the subject of the book, Cornel Dolana

1. Tell us about your experiences when you returned to Romania?
2. If you had it to do over again and knowing what you went through, would you still try to escape?
3. What was it like when you first came to the U.S.?
4. What are you doing today?