

# **The Spoon from Minkowitz**

## **DISCUSSION GUIDE**

1. Why do you think the author was so interested in Minkowitz when she was a child?
2. Was there something that intrigued you when you were young? If so, were you encouraged or discouraged about pursuing your interest?
3. Do you have a sense that you have a mission or destiny in life?
4. People seem to show up when the author needs them. How do you explain this?
5. Is there a particular ancestor to whom you feel drawn? Do you know why?
6. Do you think we owe anything to our ancestors?
7. What is your legacy as a future ancestor?

8. What are the different kinds of love explored in the book?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
9. What behaviors or traits have been passed down in your family and how did they impact you?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
10. Why do you think the author didn't give up her quest?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
11. Have you ever been on a quest? Did you find what you were looking for?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
12. Did you have the kinds of parents you needed?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
13. If you could say one thing to your ancestors, what would it be?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
14. Would you want to visit the place your ancestors came from?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
15. Do you think it is possible to communicate with those who are deceased?