

Discussion Questions

- The book is clear about how Ginny felt about leaving the farm and moving to the cotton mill village. What do you think were the hopes and fears of her other family members as they made the move?

Have you ever been faced with moving to another town? How did that go?

- Rowena has a limp. What do you think about how she was treated? What do you think about how kids with disabilities are treated today? What are some of their challenges?
- Ginny asks for Rowena's forgiveness after their argument at the village picnic. Mrs. Bell asks Ginny to forgive her for having to expel her from school. How important has forgiveness been in the book? How important has it been in your life?
- What do you think led up to Priscilla's decision to apologize to Ginny?
- The young people in this book often say "yes, ma'am; no, ma'am; yes, sir; and no, sir." Is that very common these days? Why or why not?
- Does your family have a garden at home? What do you grow, and what is your role? What have you learned from that experience?
- If you were to write a sequel to this book, what would your first two to four sentences be? Remember that a sequel can continue the existing story, feature other characters in the book, and can even take place years later. Be creative!