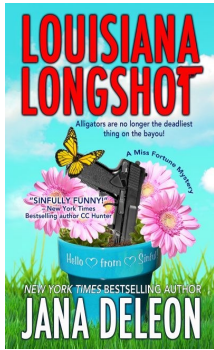




# Discussion Guide



## About the Book:

***Louisiana Longshot: A Miss Fortune Mystery***

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## Questions for Discussion

1. What were your general impressions of this book?
2. DeLeon's work would probably be categorized as a cozy mystery. Does this fit into that category? Why or why not?
3. This novel takes place in Louisiana. What has been your experience of Louisiana? Where have you visited and/or lived in that state? Have you experienced the swamps? Talk about your perceptions of Louisiana and how the book resonated or diverged from those.
4. Did this book make you laugh out loud, or at least chuckle? If so, what were some of the humorous scenes?
5. Would you say this is a feminist novel? Why or why not?
6. From Fortune/Sandy's work as a CIA agent, to the ladies' short lived careers in the military, the female characters are certainly handy with guns. Does this seem to be a departure from the norm? Was there too much violence for this to be a cozy mystery?
7. This book gives old ladies a good name. Which of the characters did you enjoy and why?
8. How is domestic violence handled in this book? Do you think this common? Explain.
9. Did you figure out who committed the murder? If so, at what point?
10. Jana DeLeon has been quite prolific. Have you read any other her books? If so, how did this compare and would you read more? Why or why not?
11. What do the MAMs have to say about the book? Whom do you agree with?

About Jana DeLeon. New York Times and USA Today bestselling author Jana DeLeon was raised in south-west Louisiana among the bayous and gators. Her hometown is Carlyss, but you probably won't find it on a map. Her family owned a camp located on a bayou just off the Gulf of Mexico that you could only get there by boat. The most important feature was the rope hammock hanging in the shade on a huge deck that stretched out over the water where Jana spent many hours reading books. Jana and her brother spent thousands of hours combing the bayous in a flat-bottom aluminum boat, studying the natural habitat of many birds, nutria and alligators. She would like you to know that no animals were injured during these "studies," but they kept makers of peroxide in business. Jana has never stumbled across a mystery or a ghost like her heroines, but she's still hopeful. She now resides in Dallas, Texas, with the most spoiled Sheltie in the world. I (Nancy Flinchbaugh) tried to interview, but her assistant responded, "Jana's husband unexpectedly passed away in December. She is taking an undetermined amount of time away from publishing to restructure the rest of her life."



**NANCY:** A cozy mystery with a unique cast of comical ladies constantly doing the unexpected, getting into trouble while outsmarting their bumbling male counterparts. Never a dull moment, introducing CIA agent Fortune Redding in hiding out in a small southern town with enough intrigue to keep life interesting.



**ABIGAIL:** What a crazy little southern town Jana Deleon created. Great characters and a lot of stuff there to explore in future books. I especially enjoyed Fortune aka Sandra. And the old ladies were a hoot. This was her first book and I counted she's got a total of 51 in just 12 years. Prolific, funny writer. I'll be reading more of hers.



**SALLIE:** Where were the kids in this town? Seems like there were mostly old codgers, and the police force. I grew up in a small town, a farming community, but we had similar characters. Fun read for these difficult times. The sort of book you can lose yourself in and forget about what's happening for awhile.



**MOLLY:** You know, ladies, after reading this book I'm starting to think we should take up a detective business on the side. Sort of like the Thursday Murder Club we also read about? We could change our name to Mysteries Addressed by the MAMs? It seems like old folks have a special knack for this sort of thing. Should we give it a try?



**PRISCILLA** Molly, you are too funny. We don't have time to do any more than we are already doing! Heavens! With the FARM, the Solar Power House, and our regular meetings, don't you think we have enough already? And I'm still working full-time. Count me out



**JANE:** Loved this cast of characters and their hysterical sleuthing escapades! First, masquerading a CIA agent as a beauty queen. Then the little old ladies in the southern town with military backgrounds, to boot. Way to write a strong book with women calling all the shots and solving the crime!



**KATHARINE:** These ladies were something else! What an imagination, this author! I'm not sure where this fits into the college curriculum, but maybe for a literature class a great example of a cozy mystery? Everybody needs to laugh once in a while .